

# Underrepresented Communities History Project



The Metropolitan Historical Commission (MHC) is currently undergoing a survey of Nashville's mid-20<sup>th</sup> century districts associated with local African American history.

We have identified several Davidson County neighborhoods tied to prominent African American entrepreneurs and professionals, districts with significant collections of mid-century architecture, and areas developed to provide housing for African American residents displaced by interstate construction, redlining practices, and other forms of racial discrimination. MHC is working to record these histories and resources through field survey, research, and community engagement. This project is funded by a National Park Service Underrepresented Communities grant, a program that works towards diversifying listings submitted to the National Register of Historic Places. At the end of our project, one neighborhood will be nominated for this honorary designation, which has no impact on how owners may use their property.

Throughout late 2024 and early 2025, our survey teams will be visiting these neighborhoods to record architectural resources; this work involves obtaining current photos of buildings and streetscapes and taking field notes. If you see our survey team in your area, please feel free to ask them questions about the project.

If you have historical information on your house (date it was built, builder, first owner, etc.) or your neighborhood, please contact us. We are also working to plan community meetings and public outreach events, so check MHC's monthly newsletter or our social media for other ways to get involved in this project!



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