

# Holland's Historic Districts

Holland Historic District + Addition • Washington Boulevard • Keppel's Village

## Welcome to the Holland Historic Districts!

Holland is a diverse community located on the shores of Lake Macatawa in scenic West Michigan. Founded in 1847, today the City of Holland is home to four designated local historic districts. Churches, businesses, civic buildings, and nearly 400 residential structures call these areas home.

With a period of significance dating from 1871-1930, architectural styles including Greek Revival, Queen Anne, Italianate, Second Empire, Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, and Craftsman are found here. Local materials such as rustic Waverly stone and bold Veneklassen bricks are unique and defining features of the districts.

As stewards of their protected historic homes, district residents benefit from increased property values, access to state and federal tax credit programs, required Certificate of Appropriateness process, City design review services, preservation support, and more.

All questions about Historic Preservation in the City of Holland can be directed to:



### Community & Neighborhood Services

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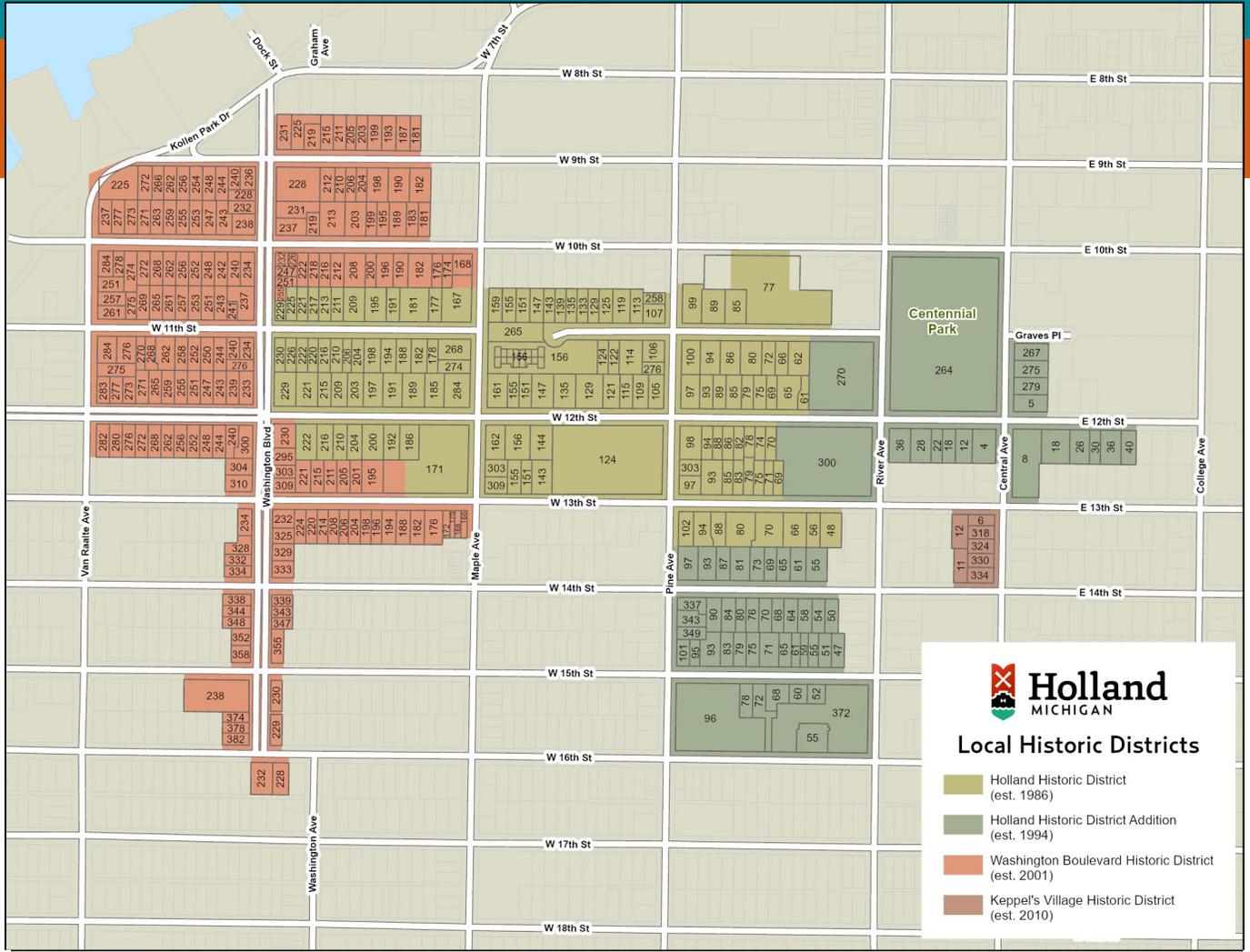
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- 1871**  
 Devastating fire destroys most of Holland's housing stock and businesses.
- 1876**  
 Centennial Park is established in Holland's former Market Square.
- 1897**  
 From 1890-94 the City's population grows by 60%, exceeding 9,000 by 1897.
- 1921**  
 First Street renamed Washington Avenue – with portion between 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> becoming Washington Boulevard in 1927.
- 1930**  
 City growth continues to expand south of 16<sup>th</sup> Street, with decreased amounts of new construction in downtown residential areas.
- 1983**  
 Holland Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- 1990**  
 Holland Historic District Addition, expanded to the east and south of previous boundaries, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- 2001**  
 Washington Boulevard Historic District established by local ordinance.
- 2010**  
 Keppel's Village Historic District established by local ordinance.

## TODAY

"The City of Holland will be a steward of Historic Preservation in our community, educating others about initiatives and opportunities to protect our historic resources."  
 - City of Holland, Master Plan



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### Certificates of Appropriateness: Design Review in the Historic Districts

Certificates of Appropriateness are required for all historic district homeowners. They protect our historic structures and neighborhoods, ensuring all proposed exterior repairs, alterations, and new construction are compatible with local guidelines and national preservation standards.

Areas of review include, *but are not limited to*, the following:

- Porches
- Doors
- Windows
- Garages
- Fences
- Masonry
- Roofs
- Siding
- Decks
- Chimneys
- Mechanical Equipment

*This list is not all inclusive, please consult with Historic Preservation staff for complete list of qualifying projects, guidelines, and fees.*

Scan here to access:



- Design Guidelines
- Historic District Ordinance
- Fee Schedules
- Property Research
- Meeting Schedules
- Tax Credit Information
- And more resources!

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