

# FAQS



## WESTPORT HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY

### **What is a Historic Resource Survey?**

A Historic Resource Survey is a process that identifies and evaluates properties that reflect important architectural, cultural, and historical themes in the City's history. During a survey, preservation consultants will document a building's appearance and history in order to determine whether or not it qualifies for listing in the Kansas City or National Registers of Historic Places.

### **What was the focus of this survey, and who conducted it?**

The Westport Historic Resource Survey was prepared by Rosin Preservation, on behalf of Historic Kansas City, in support of the Westport area planning initiative. It focused on all buildings (historic and modern = 406 resources) located in the Westport area, roughly bounded by 39th Street, Main Street, 43rd Street, and Southwest Trafficway (Summit Street). Part of the survey also included the preparation of a historic context statement and examined the area's history and the various property types associated with that history. The context statement helps inform decisions about the significance of properties and the integrity thresholds necessary to register them as historic resources.

### **Why was the survey conducted?**

The Survey was conducted in order to identify individual historic resources and eligible historic districts, as well as to identify resources that are not register-eligible. The identification of historic and non-historic resources will significantly aid the Westport planning process and will also bring greater transparency to property owners and other interested parties.

### **How was the survey paid for?**

The survey was paid for by generous contributions from "Help Save Old Westport" GoFundMe contributors, the Kemper Fund for Kansas and Missouri of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the City of Kansas City, Missouri.

### **What are the results of the survey?**

Historic resources that may be eligible for listing in the National and/or Kansas City historic registers were identified. In addition to the resources that are currently listed, an additional fifteen individual resources may be eligible for register listing, along with five potential historic districts, and two areas that warrant additional study.

### **What are the benefits of the survey?**

This survey helps us recognize and understand the assets that contribute to Westport's unique character, and provides information that will allow property owners, planners and other interested parties to capitalize on the synergy of old and new to maintain the vitality of Westport and move toward change in a positive manner. In short, survey data saves time and money during the planning and development review process. Historic buildings that are formally listed on the National Register may qualify for state or federal financial incentives.

Although surveys identify and evaluate resources that may be eligible for designation, no actual designation results directly from survey activity. The survey simply amounts to data collection and analysis. Designation by the City of Kansas City and nominations to the National Register are separate processes, which include property owner notification and public hearings. No action is required of property owners, and there are no changes to permitted uses, zoning of their property, to tax assessments, or code enforcement because of the survey.

For more information about the survey, see our website at:

[www.historickansascity.org](http://www.historickansascity.org)