

# OEHA Opinion Survey: Local Historical Districts (LHD)

This survey is to be completed by property owners in the Old Enfield Neighborhood.  
(also available online at oldenfield.org)

## 1. What is your opinion of the following statement regarding the scale of houses and yards in our neighborhood?

*The Old Enfield Local Historic District (LHD) design guidelines should identify and quantify the setbacks, heights, and building mass relative to lot size generally used by contributing homes in the neighborhood, and provide standards for new construction so that the traditional proportions of landscape to improvements in the neighborhood are respected. It will encourage the traditional orientation of homes on lots, the open front yards customary in the neighborhood, and the preservation of mature trees.*

- STRONGLY AGREE       SOMEWHAT AGREE       NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE       SOMEWHAT DISAGREE       STRONGLY DISAGREE

PLEASE EXPLAIN MORE IF YOU LIKE:

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## 2. What is your opinion of the following statement regarding architectural design guidelines for our neighborhood?

In order to protect the historic integrity and feel of the Old Enfield neighborhood, we foresee new design guidelines defining set-backs, materials, height, and the overall design of new structures, and alterations to existing contributing structures. Our goals for these architectural design guidelines are:

- A. *That they encourage new construction that is respectful of and sympathetic to the traditional residential design in the neighborhood, while allowing for contemporary interpretations and style.*
- B. *That all new design guidelines be objective and measurable, so that it is obvious when a structure is in compliance and when it isn't. We are opposed to subjective guidelines that add uncertainty to the design and construction process.*
- C. *That the guidelines be simple and focus on big issues. They should not be 'fussy' or too detailed.*

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## 3. Historic Preservation

A "Contributing Structure" is generally a house that substantially retains its original appearance and is 50 years old or older. Based on previous work done as part of the National Register District process, we estimate that Contributing Structures would be about 60% to 65% of the houses in Old Enfield. If your house is over 50 years old, it is probably a Contributing Structure.

PLEASE EXPLAIN MORE IF YOU LIKE:

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3A. IS YOUR HOUSE OVER 50 YEARS OLD?  YES  NO  NOT SURE

3B. WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IS CLOSEST TO YOUR OPINION: AN OWNER OF A CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE SHOULD...

- ALWAYS BE ALLOWED TO DEMOLISH OR SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFY THESE HOUSES, SUBJECT ONLY TO EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- ALWAYS BE ALLOWED TO DEMOLISH OR SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFY THESE HOUSES, BUT NEW DESIGN GUIDELINES ARE NEEDED TO KEEP THEM FROM REPLACING CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES WITH NEW HOUSES THAT DON'T FIT INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
- HAVE TO GO TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION BEFORE DEMOLISHING OR SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFY A CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE, BUT THE COMMISSION SHOULD GIVE THE OWNER PERMISSION IF THE HOUSE IS NOT A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTOR TO OLD ENFIELD.
- NOT BE ALLOWED TO DEMOLISH OR SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFY HIS/HER HOUSE EXCEPT IN RARE CASES.

**SURVEY CONTINUES ON OPPOSITE SIDE**

CHOOSE ONE FOR EACH:

**4. When you think about the future of Old Enfield, what concerns you?**

VERY CONCERNED      SOMEWHAT CONCERNED      NOT CONCERNED

- Developers will start to build houses that are too big for the neighborhood.....*
- House values might decline if we over-regulate development .....*
- The unique character of the neighborhood is declining or is about to decline ....*
- We will lose too many of the old traditional houses in the neighborhood .....*
- It will take too long to get a Local Historic District in place, and the neighborhood will decline in the meantime.....*
- Building permits will take too long if we over-regulate things .....*
- I won't be able to add to my house the way I want or need to.....*

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OTHER: PLEASE SPECIFY: .....

**5. Based on what you know about what a Local Historic District (LHD) might mean to Old Enfield, which best describes your opinion. SELECT ONE**

- I will probably support an LHD for Old Enfield, no matter what the details.*
- I need to see the final details, but I lean toward supporting the LHD.*
- I just can't say. I need to know more.*
- I need to see the final details, but I lean toward opposing an LHD.*
- I will probably oppose an LHD for Old Enfield, no matter what the details.*

**6. What, if any, details concern you?**

VERY CONCERNED      SOMEWHAT CONCERNED      NOT CONCERNED

- Height limits and setbacks.....*
- Design guidelines for new construction .....*
- Design guidelines for remodels on contributing structures.....*
- Approval process for demolitions and new construction .....*

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OTHER: PLEASE SPECIFY: .....

**7. Based on what you know about the Old Enfield Homeowners Association's activities, which best describes your opinion. SELECT ONE**

- I think the Homeowner Association is being too aggressive in investigating LHD's for our neighborhood*
- I think the Homeowner Association is basically on the right track*
- I think the Homeowner Association should move more quickly to protect the neighborhood with an LHD*
- Don't know/no opinion*

**8. Your Home Location (for classification purposes only)**

Street name and block address: (ie. '2300 block of Windsor') .....

**\* END OF SURVEY \***