



CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

RESOURCE and RESEARCH GUIDE

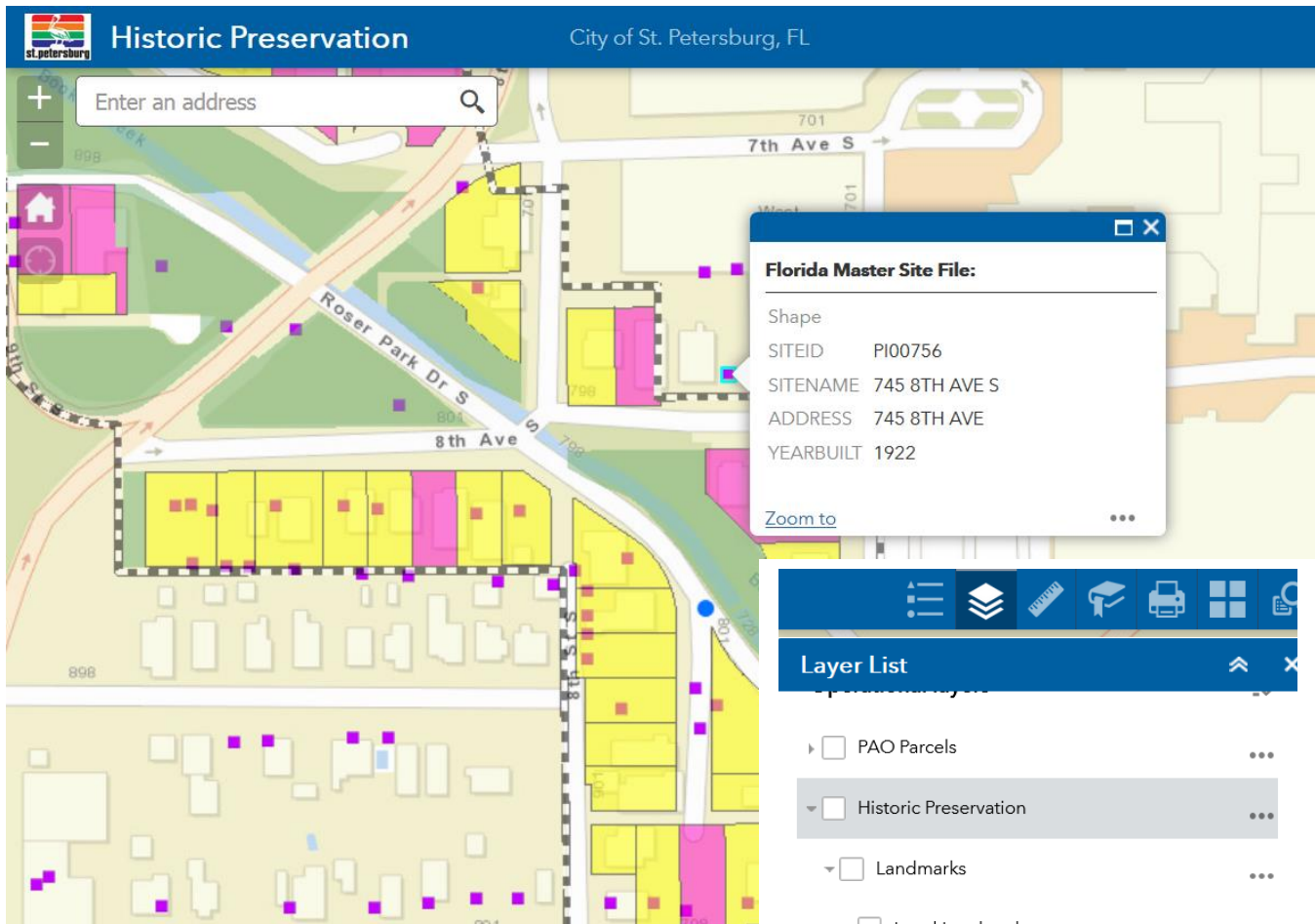
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION MAP MODULE



In order to identify the status of your property, please visit the City of St. Petersburg's Historic Preservation map module, an interactive mapping feature:

1. [Link to the Historic Preservation Map](#)
2. Click on the following icon to reveal information layers: 
3. Click on the small arrow to the left of each check box reveal additional sub-layers of information
4. Click on the checkbox to activate a layer for viewing on the interactive map
5. Enter your street address into the search box at the upper left corner or zoom tools

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

The National Register of Historic Places, the “official list of the Nation’s historic places worthy of preservation,” is administered by the National Park Service. In order to be eligible for listing in the National Register, a property must meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation. During this evaluation, the resource’s age and historic integrity are examined, and the property must be shown to hold association with events, activities, or trend’s that were important to the past. The listing of a property in the National Register does not place restrictions on a private owner’s future alterations, unless Federal assistance is involved in the project.

[List of St. Petersburg Resources in the National Register of Historic Places](#)

ST. PETERSBURG REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

The St. Petersburg Register of Historic Places is a local program created by the Land Development Regulations of City Code and administered by City staff. Eligibility for the St. Petersburg Register, often referred to as “local landmark designation,” is established through a set of criteria that are closely modeled after the National Register Criteria for Evaluation.

Unlike listing in the National Register, a resource’s designation as a local landmark in the St. Petersburg Register of Historic Places provides properties with a degree of protection from demolition or unsympathetic alterations by private owners. Historic preservation staff conducts reviews of proposed changes to locally designated properties through the issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness.

[List of St. Petersburg Historic Places](#)

[Local Register Brochure](#)

ST. PETERSBURG’S DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR HISTORIC PLACES

Titled *St. Petersburg’s Design Guidelines for Historic Properties* (“Design Guidelines”), this important resource includes an introduction, architectural styles section, information relating to maintenance and repair, additions and alterations, and new construction, a description of community characteristics, and an appendix including specific information relating to each of the City’s local historic districts.

[Design Guidelines for Historic Properties](#)

HOW TO RESEARCH YOUR HOME

This guide is designed to help you better understand the origins and history of your home or place of business. Whether it is located within one of our districts listed in the National Register of Historic Places or St. Petersburg Register of Historic Places, is an individual landmark, or is simply a space that you love, uncovering the details of a building's evolution between then and now can be a rewarding exercise and might even reveal some remarkable connections to the city's social and developmental past.

[A Resident's Guide to Researching Historic Property](#)

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*Toolkit for Curious Citizens
of the Sunshine City, St. Petersburg*



visitors and winter residents, which can be helpful in narrowing a construction date range.

»»» **Historical photographs** are another way to determine that a building had been constructed by a certain date or earlier, and can also give you clues about dates of alterations or additions. Some good sources for such photos are listed in the Local & State Photo Archives section.

»»» **The Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Office Website** hosts a fully searchable database that includes each parcel's legal description, the original plat book and page describing the land's subdivision, recent sales, and construction date. This date can be somewhat unreliable for buildings dating to 1925 or earlier, so be sure to cross reference!



The Blocker House at 145 Fourth Ave. NE, Constructed in 1905 and photographed shortly thereafter

Learning about Previous Occupants

Getting to know the stories of the individuals who have dwelt in, worked in, and shaped the city's buildings creates connections between the past and present that are often delightfully unexpected. Take your research beyond previous occupants' names and dates to document occupations, travels, and interests; you might find you have something in common!





»»» Talking to **neighbors and former residents** might yield a surprising amount of information. Names and dates of ownership, anecdotes about previous occupants, and even historic photos have been revealed through something as casual as a friendly conversation.

»»» **Polk's City Directories** were published annually beginning in 1912 and can be used to confirm the existence and residents of historic properties. It

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Entry for the Blocker House in 1920 Polk's City Directory. City Directories can identify neighboring families, boarders, and occupants' professions as well as owners' names.

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 - [Driftwood](#)
 - [Jungle Prada](#)
 - [Pinellas Point](#)
 - [Euclid St. Paul](#)
 - [Historic Kenwood](#)
 - [Crescent Lake](#)
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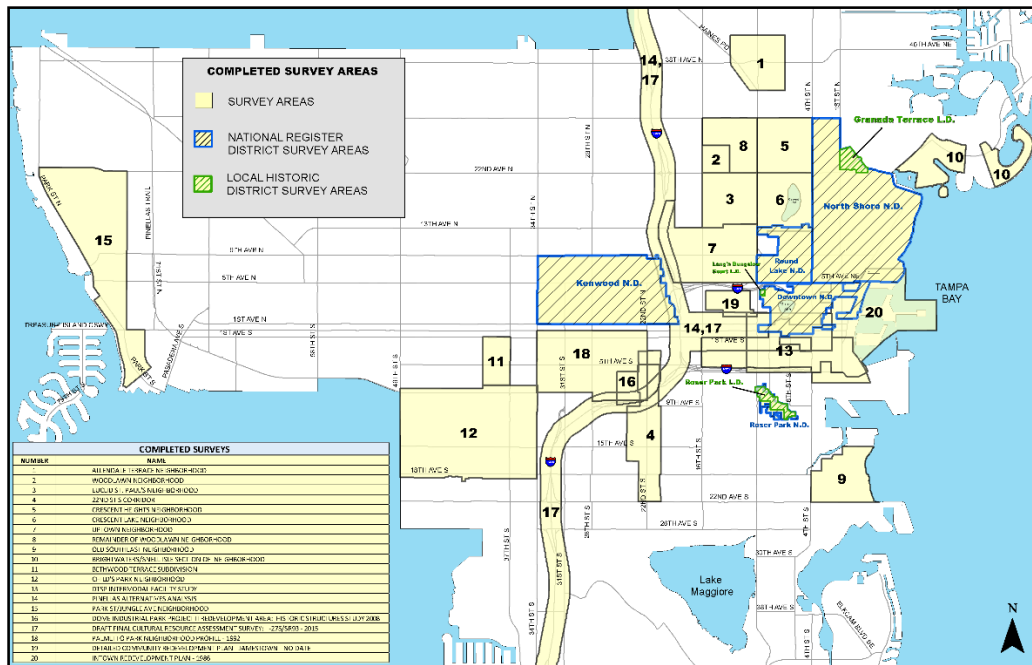


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HISTORIC, ARCHITECTURAL, CULTURAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT SURVEYS

Map of Survey Areas



- [22nd Street South – 2000](#)
- [Brightwaters Section of Snell Isle - 2000](#)
- [Child’s Park Neighborhood Profile – 1993](#)
- [Crescent Heights, Crescent Lake, Portion of Uptown – 1996](#)
- [CRAS Interstate 275 - 2015](#)
- [CRRS Downtown SP Intermodal Facility Study - 2009](#)
- [CRRS Pinellas Alternatives Analysis](#)
- [Dome Industrial Park - 2008](#)
- [Jungle Avenue, Park Street - 2000](#)
- [Kenwood – 1995](#)
- [North Shore, Roser Park, Portion of Round Lake – 1994](#)
- [Old Southeast - 1993](#)
- [Palmetto Park Neighborhood Profile - 1992](#)
- [Woodlawn, Allendale, Euclid St. Paul – 1997](#)
- [Woodlawn, Part II – 2000](#)



LINKS

Local Resources

- [African American History in St. Petersburg](#)
- [Pinellas County Heritage Village](#)
- [Pinellas County Genealogy Society](#)
- [Pinellas Pioneer Settlement](#)
- [St. Petersburg Museum of History](#)
- [Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps](#)
- [State Library and Archives of Florida](#)
- [St. Petersburg College, Digital Archive](#)
- [Tampa Bay History Center](#)
- [University of South Florida, Special Collections Library](#)
- [University of South Florida, Digital Archive](#)

National Organizations

- [Cultural Resources, National Park Service](#)
- [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)
- [National Trust Insurance Services](#)
- [Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Properties](#)
- [Teaching with Historic Places](#)

State Organizations

- [American Association of State and Local History](#)
- [Florida State Historic Preservation Office](#)
- [Florida Trust for Historic Preservation](#)
- [Florida Building Code](#)

Local Organizations

- [St. Petersburg Preservation](#)
- [St. Petersburg Museum of History](#)
- [American Institute of Architects, Tampa Bay Chapter](#)

Professional Information

[Association for Preservation Technology](#)

[Historic Roads](#)

[Old House Journal](#)

[PreserveNet](#)

[Recent Past Preservation Network](#)

[Society for Commercial Archaeology \(Roadside Architecture\)](#)

[Society for Industrial Archaeology](#)

[Traditional Building](#)