



## CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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To: East Cambridge Residents and Property Owners

From: Cambridge Historical Commission

The Cambridge Historical Commission is studying the possibility of enacting a neighborhood conservation district in East Cambridge and solicits your participation.

The Historical Commission decided in October 2019 to initiate a neighborhood conservation district (NCD) study for the portion of East Cambridge shown on the attached map. This action was taken in response to a petition filed by long-term property owners and residents concerned about the effects of recent development on the character of the neighborhood.

Neighborhood conservation districts (NCDs) are enacted by the City Council to protect the architectural and historic character of the city while allowing for appropriate change and growth. The East Cambridge NCD Study Committee began public meetings in January 2020 but paused deliberations in March due to the COVID-19 public health crisis. Because of this, the Cambridge Historical Commission voted in September to renew the study to allow the process to continue.

An East Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District, if enacted, would regulate demolition, new construction, and certain alterations of existing buildings with the goal of protecting the community's heritage and character while allowing appropriate change and development. The study will assess the history of East Cambridge, aspects of the neighborhood that are valued by its residents, and the jurisdiction and boundaries of a potential district. The study will conclude with the drafting of a report and recommendations to the Historical Commission; enactment of the district will be up to the City Council.

The Historical Commission's webpage at: <https://www.cambridgema.gov/historic/districtsHistoricProperties/eastcambridgencdstudy> describes the neighborhood conservation district study process and the schedule for meetings of the study committee. All meetings will be conducted virtually via Zoom, and all will be open to the public. Due to the importance of outreach and the desire for increased participation from all neighborhood residents and stakeholders, meetings will be broadcast on 22-Cityview for those who cannot view the meetings online.

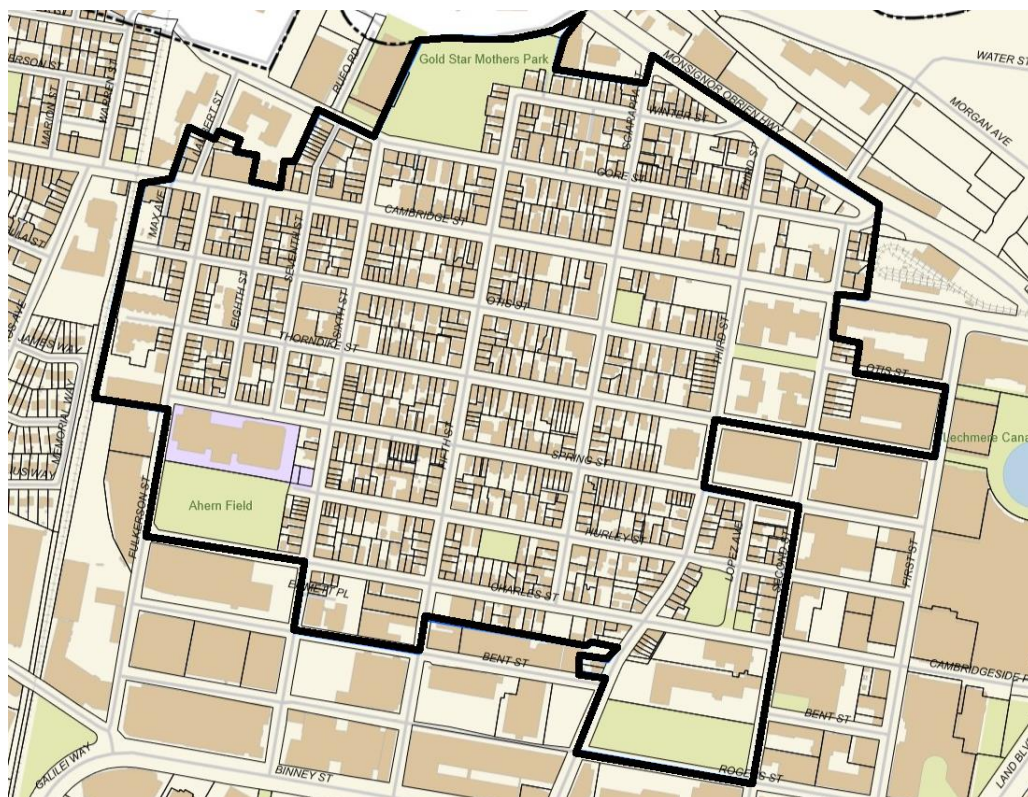
Contact Eric Hill at the Cambridge Historical Commission at [ehill@cambridgema.gov](mailto:ehill@cambridgema.gov) or by phone at 617-349-4688 with any questions or to be included in email notifications on future meetings.

East Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Study Committee Meeting Schedule  
6:00-7:30 PM

Meetings held virtually via Zoom and on CCTV on the **third Wednesday** of every month, unless otherwise noted  
Dates and topics subject to change, please check CHC website for updates

- January 20**    Introductions and updates  
                  Purpose and objectives; options for continuing the study
  
- February 17\***    Boundaries and sub-districts  
                  East Cambridge neighborhood goals and objectives
  
- March 17**        Residential area goals and guidelines for alterations, demolition, and new construction
  
- April 21\***        Residential area goals and guidelines (continued)
  
- May 26**          Commercial area goals and guidelines  
(Fourth Wednesday)
  
- June 16\***        Commercial area goals and guidelines (continued)
  
- July 21\***        Review draft preliminary report of the study committee
  
- August 18**      Finalize draft preliminary report

\*Decision points at which public testimony will be taken



East Cambridge Conservation District Study boundary. A larger version can be seen on our website.