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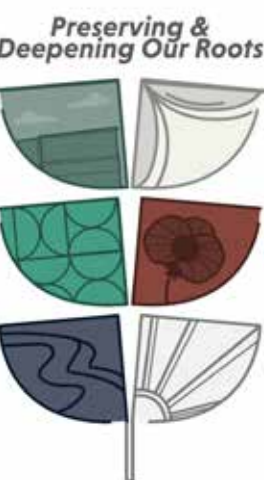
Manhattan Historic
Preservation Plan

Open House

February 26th, 2025



Station 1: Introduction



Plan Introduction

What is the Purpose of this Plan?

Historic places, buildings and stories make up the community identity and remind us of our shared history. To preserve and deepen our roots, and celebrate historical and cultural resources that represent Manhattan's History, the City of Manhattan is preparing a Historic Preservation Plan with the help of community residents and stakeholders.

As part of this plan, we will identify buildings, places and cultural assets worthy of preservation and protection, determine historic preservation's role in the economic development within the city, and determine actionable initiatives and goals to guide future preservation decision making. The City of Manhattan encourages and welcomes your participation and feedback in this planning process!

Project Timeline



Plan Objectives

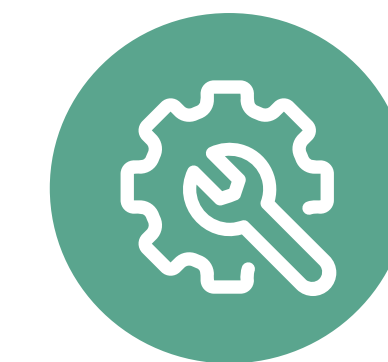
The Historic Preservation Plan objectives include:



Identify buildings, places and cultural assets worthy of preservation and protection.



Enhance the effectiveness of existing historic preservation programming, policies and enforcement.



Promote historic preservation as a tool for sustainability, resiliency, economic development and as a community asset.



Promote historic preservation investments to ensure historic and cultural resources remain as key elements of the community story.



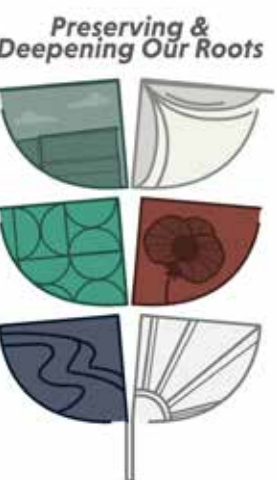
Tell the story of Manhattan, by elevating the historical and cultural assets.

Want more information?

Contact the City of Manhattan Community Development Department at (785) 587-2412 or visit the project website at www.cityofmhk.com/HistoricPreservationPlan



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What is a Historic Preservation Plan?

The Manhattan Historic Preservation Plan is a plan that plans the for the future of historical, cultural and heritage assets. The plan develops a vision, action steps and implementation strategies to ensure assets are protected, preserved and celebrated. It is developed through a community process involving residents, stakeholders and professionals through community conversations and engagement. These conversations provide insight into places and spaces of historical and cultural importance, community stories and histories and buildings and sites most at threat.

How Does it Benefit Manhattan?



Economic Vitality. Reuse and maintenance of Historic Buildings have many proven economic benefits including: increasing the value of real estate, preserving buildings and, revitalizing neighborhoods and downtowns. Reuse and rehabilitation of buildings allows for re-purposing of spaces that lead to new housing units, new jobs and uses that address community needs. Incentives and financing programs can help bridge gaps in funding for adaptive re-use and preservation projects, for example the Federal government through the National Parks Service offers many grants to support these projects.



Heritage Tourism. Heritage tourism encourages tourists to travel to sites and places where they can experience the stories of the past and recent histories. Tourists who seek out heritage, often stay longer and spend more money than other types of tourists. These tourism dollars help stimulate investment and employment in hotels, restaurants, retail stores and historic sites/attractions.



Environmental and Sustainability. The preservation and re-use of historic buildings helps conserve materials, reduce environmental impacts and, reduces the need for new building materials and energy. Historic buildings are adaptable and can address changing needs through modifications rather than building new. This is significant as one third of all landfill waste is from demolition of buildings.

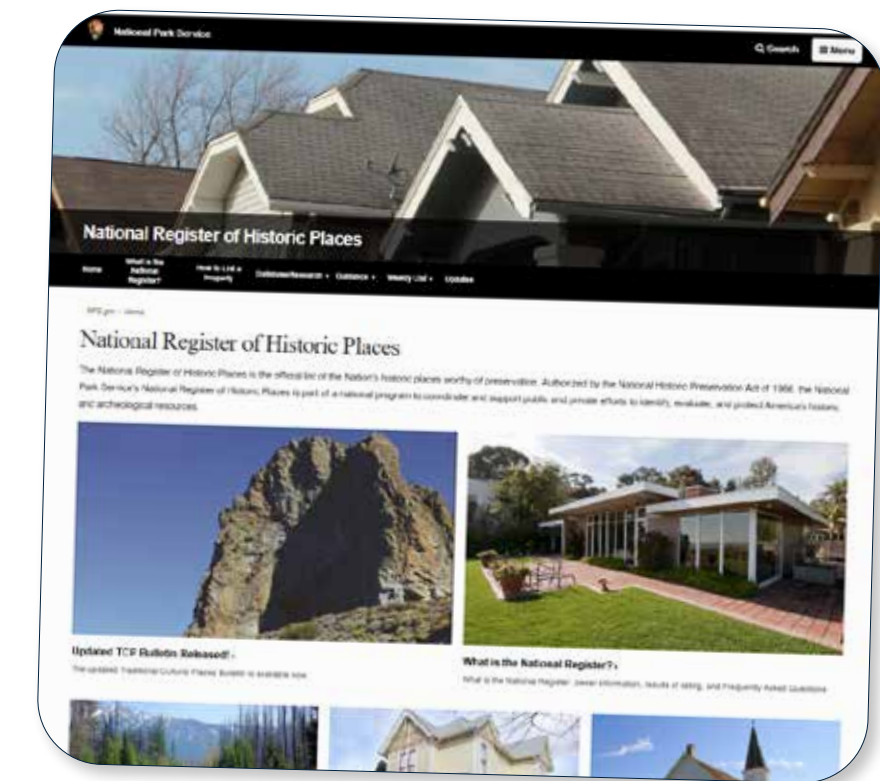


Quality of Life and Well-Being. Historic places contribute greatly to the city's design, character, stories and sense of place. They help in creating walkable environments, encouraging pedestrian activity, social interactions and, embody stories of the community. These places reflect the community's collective memory and demonstrate the important histories of place.

Local, State and Federal Historic Preservation

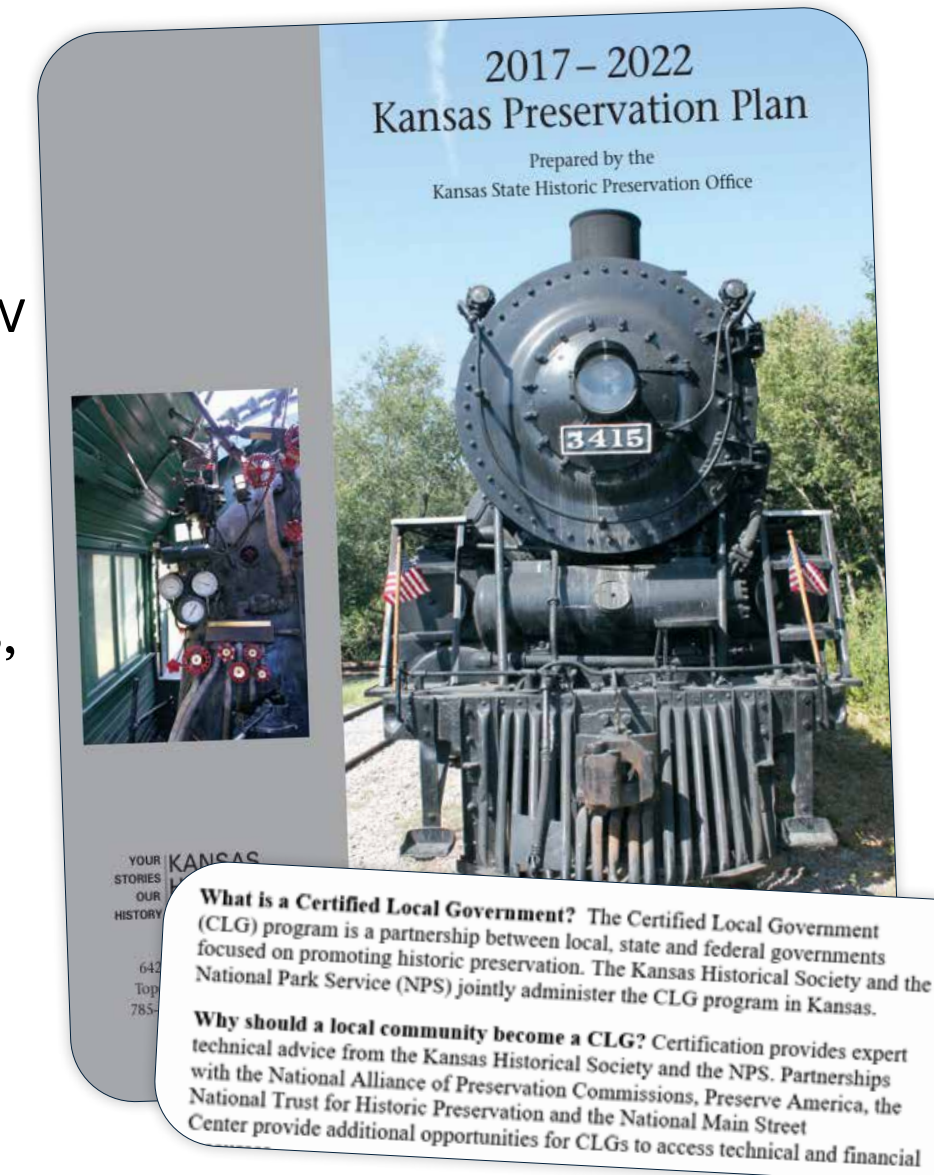
Federal - National Register of Historic Places

Historic preservation happens at the federal level through the National Register of Historic Places, administered by the National Park Service. The National Register of Historic Places recognizes and designates buildings and districts of significance at the local, state and federal level. Designations through this program is honorary, allows designees access to funding and requires review of projects for potential impacts on designated resources.



State - State of Kansas Historic Preservation Office

Historic preservation happens at the state level through the state historic preservation office (SHPO). SHPOs assist the National Park Service with review and compliance with historic preservation requirements and best practice. The Kansas SHPO (KSHPO) is with housed within the Kansas Historical Society and maintains historic preservation programming such as tax credits, historic sites, and archaeological resources. KSHPO hosts historic resource databases, helps property owners in historic preservation pursuits, assist in enforcement of state preservation law, manages certified local government programming, archaeological programming amongst other historic preservation efforts. The Kansas Historic Preservation Act (K.S.A. 75-2715-75-2725) establishes policies to preserve and maintain historic properties, requires state and local governments to review plans that may affect historic properties and protects historic properties on the Register of Historic Kansas Places and the National Register of Historic Places.

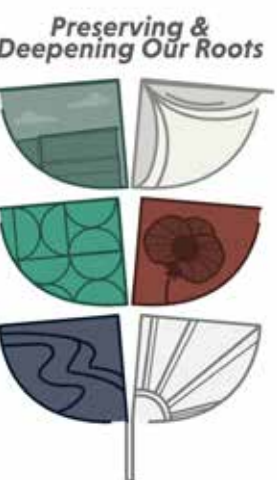


Local - City of Manhattan

Historic preservation happens at local level through the City of Manhattan Community Development Department and the Historic Resources Board (HRB). Through Kansas State legislation, the state gives local communities like Manhattan the regulatory authority to protect historic resources (as described above). The City of Manhattan, has also adopted ordinances that established the Historic Resources Board (HRB) that gives the board authority to review for historic compatibility, identify and conserve historic resources, encourage preservation and protection and make recommendations amongst other duties of the board.



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National Register of Historic Places Listings

As of February 2025, **35 properties** are listed in the National Register in Manhattan. The following describes each properties name, listing date, categories of significance, and reference number within the National Park Service's National Register inventory.



1. Anderson Hall, Kansas State University
(Kansas State University; Listed 1980; Significance - Event, Architecture/Engineering; NRR#: 80001471)



2. The Avalon
(417 Fremont; Listed 2019; Significance - Architecture/Engineering; NRR#: 100004453)



3. Bethel A.M.E Church
(401 Yuma St; Listed 2012; Significance - African American Resources; NRR#: 12000301)



4. Bluemont Youth Cabin (Goodnow Park Cabin)
(NE. of 5th & Bertrand Sts. in Goodnow Park; Listed 2014; Significance - New Deal Era; NRR #: 13001044)



5. Community House
(120 N 4th St; Listed 2006; Significance - Entertainment/Recreation; NRR: 06001051)



6. Downtown Manhattan Historic District
(Listed 2007; Significance - Event, Architecture/Engineering; NRR #: 06001240)



7. Mattie M. Elliot House
(600 Houston St; Listed 1995; Significance - Architecture/Engineering; NRR#: 95000672)



8. First Congregational Church
(700 Poyntz Ave; Listed 2008; Significance - Event, Architecture/Engineering; NRR #: 08001068)



9. Leslie A. Fitz House
(1014 Houston St; Listed 2005; Significance - Architecture, Agriculture; NRR #: 05000543)



10. Goodnow Memorial House
(2301 Claflin Rd; Listed 1971; Significance - Architecture/Engineering, Person; NRR #: 71000326)



11. Grimes House
(203 Delaware; Listed 1997; Significance - Architecture, Education, Economics; NRR #: 97000409)



12. Hartford House
(2309 Claflin Rd; Listed 2019; Significance - Social History, Architecture; NRR #: 100004452)



13. Houston and Pierre St Residential Historic District
(Listed 2009; Significance - Community Planning and Development, Architecture; NRR#: 09000031)



14. Samuel D. Houston House
(3524 Anderson Ave; Listed 2007; Significance - Exploration/Settlement, Politics/Government, Architecture; NRR#: 06001246)



15. Hulse-Daughters House
(617 Colorado St; Listed 2007; Significance - Education, Law, Commerce, Architecture; NRR#: 07000601)



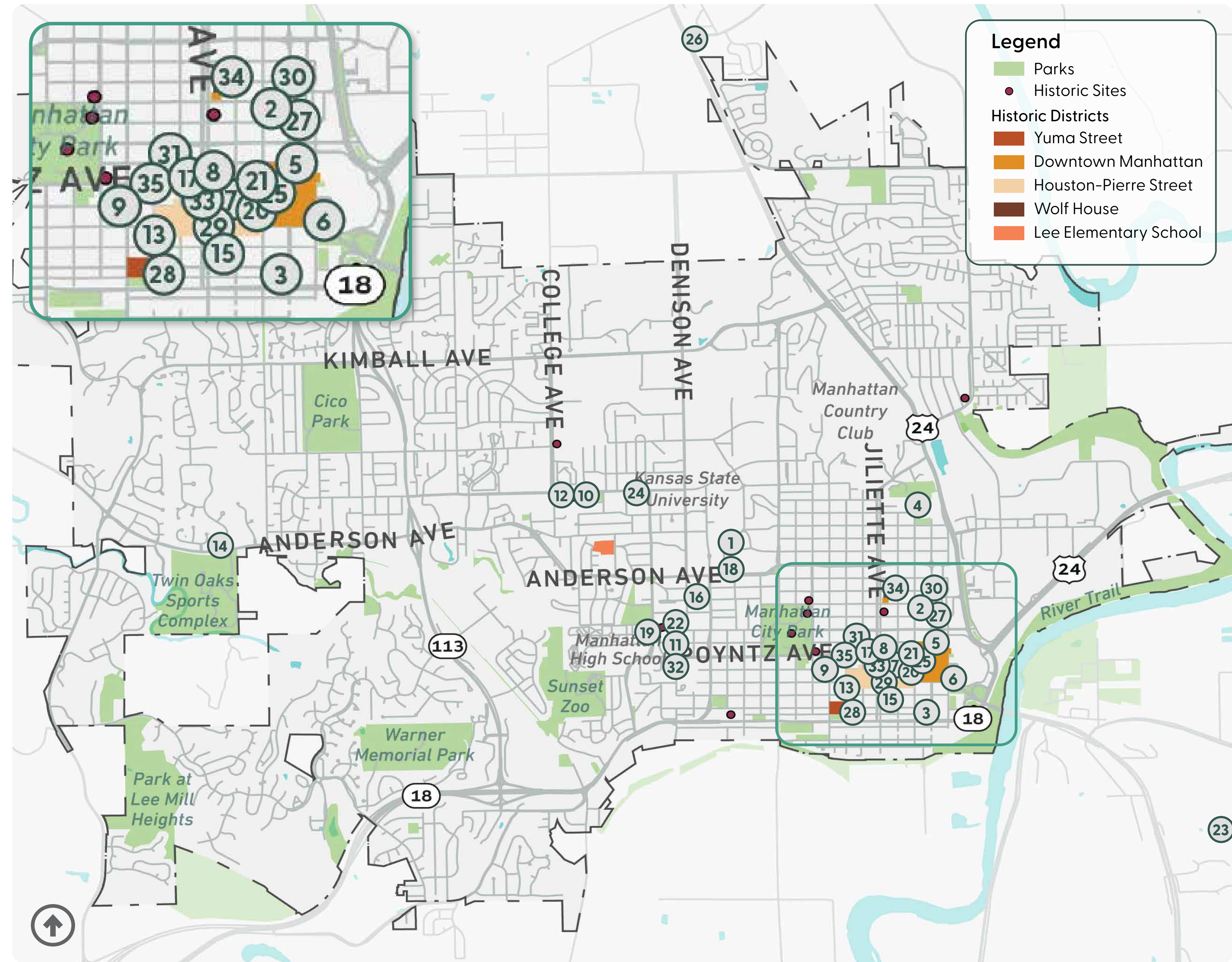
16. Jesse Ingraham House
(1724 Fairchild Ave; Listed 2014; Significance - Architecture; NRR#: 13001045)



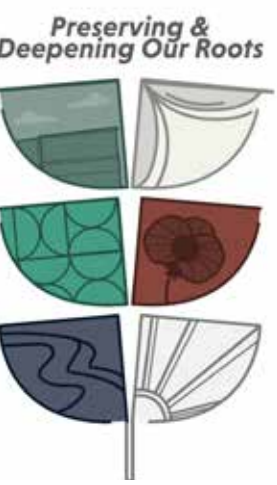
17. Francis Byron (Barney) Kimble House
(720 Poyntz Ave; Listed 2015; Significance - Architecture/Engineering; NRR#: 15000691)



18. KSAC Radio Towers
(Kansas State University Campus; Listed 1983; Significance - Event; NRR#: 83000437)



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National Register of Historic Places Listings Cont.

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19. Landmark Water Tower
(Sunset Ave and Leavenworth St; Significance - Event, Architecture, Engineering; NRR#: 100001704)



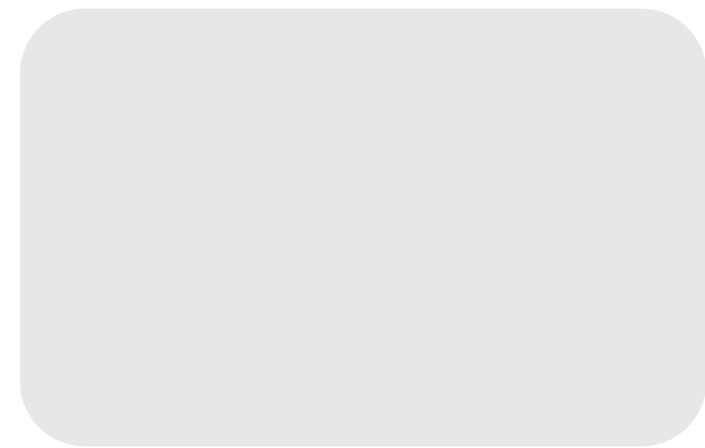
20. Lyda-Jean Apartments
(501 Houston; Listed 2004; Significance - Event, Architecture/Engineering; NRR#: 04000368)



21. Manhattan Carnegie Library Building
(Fifth and Poyntz; Listed 1987; Significance - Event, Architecture/Engineering; NRR#: 87000970)



22. McFarlane-Wareham House
(1906 Leavenworth; Listed 2004; Significance - Architecture/Engineering; NRR#:04000724)



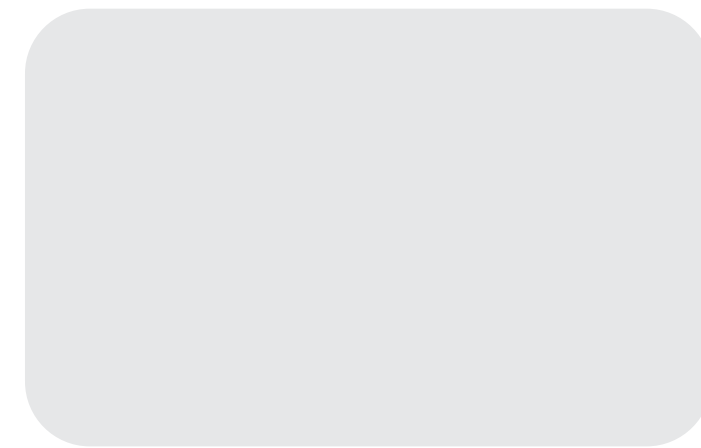
23. Persons Barn and Granary (Out of City Limits)
(2103 Highway 18; Listed 2009; Significance - Architecture, Agriculture, NRR#: 08001351)



24. Jeremiah Platt House
(2005 Claflin Rd; Listed 1981; Significance - Architecture/Engineering, Person; NRR#: 81000281)



25. Riley County Courthouse
(100 Courthouse Plaza; Listed 2005; Significance - Event, Architecture/Engineering; NRR#: 05001249)



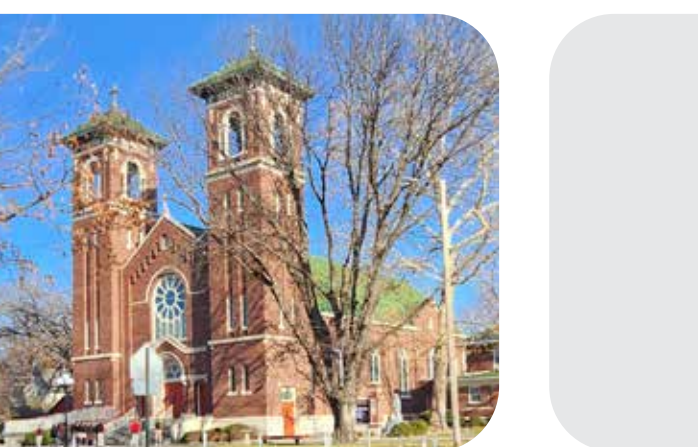
26. Rocky Ford School (Out of City Limits)
(1669 Barnes Rd; Listed 2012; Significance - Education, Architecture; NRR#: 11001033)



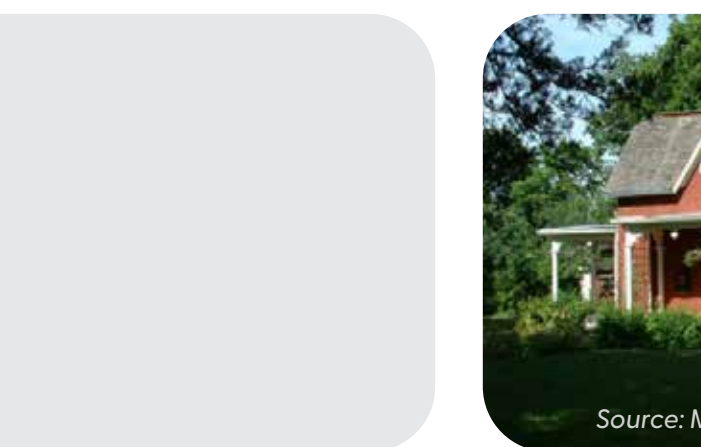
27. Damon Runyon House
(400 Osage St; Listed 2004; Significance - Literature, Performing Arts; NRR#: 04001282)



28. Second Baptist Church
(831 Yuma St; Listed 2012; Significance - Event; NRR#: 12000302)



29. Seven Dolors Catholic Church
(NE of Juliette and Pierre St; Listed 1995; Significance - Architecture, Religion; NRR#: 95001054)



30. Strasser House
(326 Laramie St; Listed 2010; Significance - Community Planning and Development, Architecture; NRR#: 10000431)



31. Robert Ulrich House
(121 North 8th St; Listed 1978; Significance - Architecture/Engineering, Person; NRR#: 78001287)



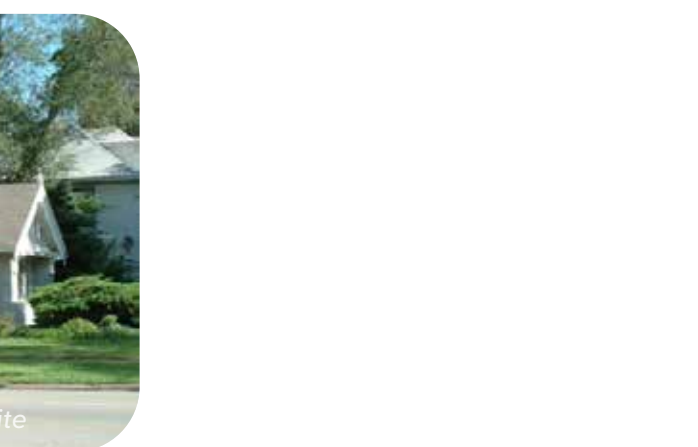
32. Daniel and Maude Walters House
(100 S. Delaware Ave; Listed 2012; Significance - Community Planning and Development, Architecture; NRR#:12000868)



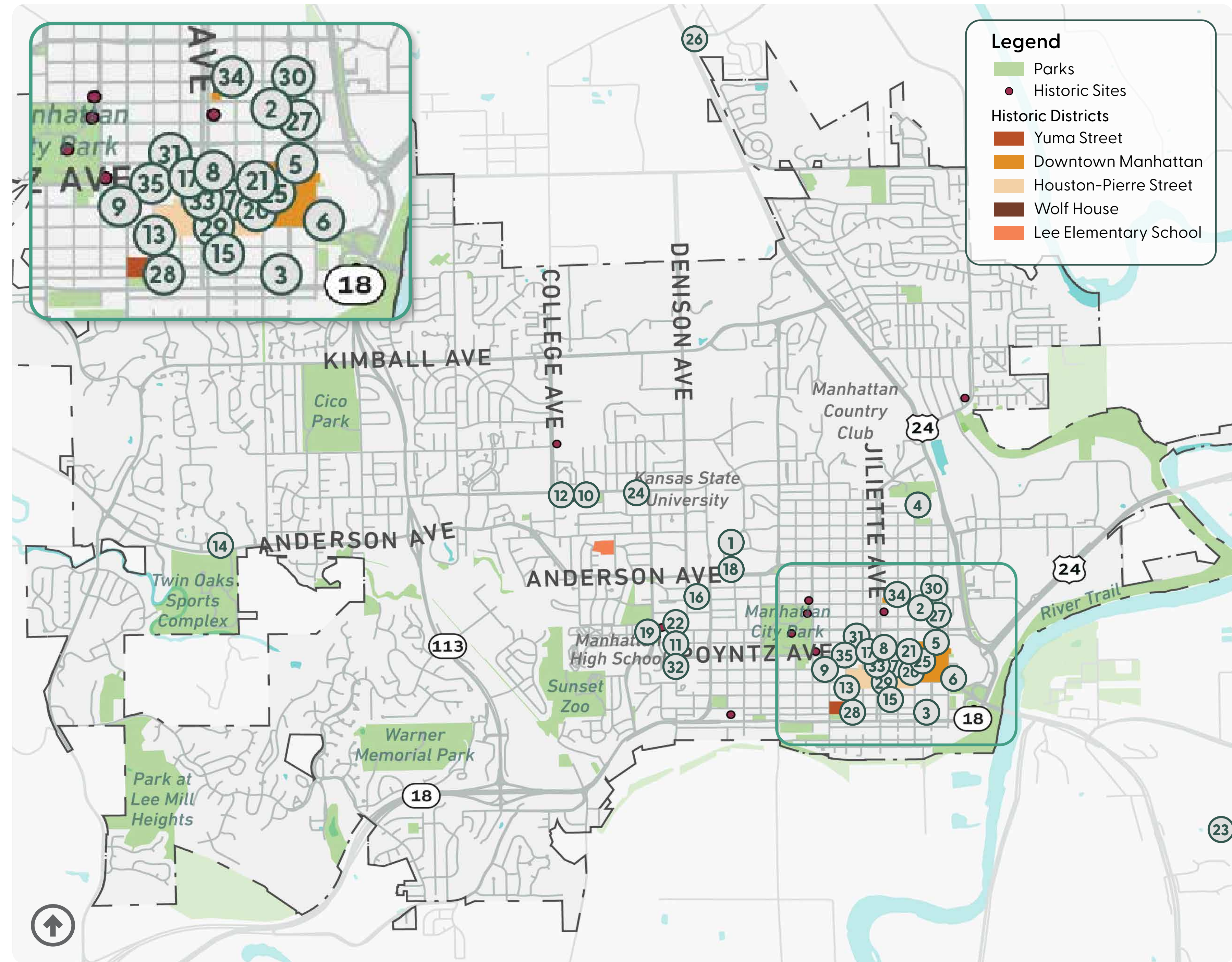
33. E.A. and Ura Wharton House
(608 Houston St; Listed 1995; Significance - Architecture; NRR#: 95000740)



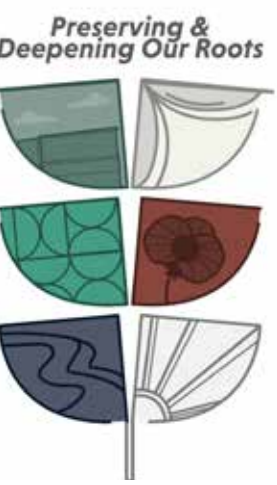
34. Wolf House Historic District
(630 Freemont; Significance - Event, Architecture/Engineering; NRR#: 100003425)



35. Woman's Club House
(900 Poyntz Ave; Listed 1980; Significance - Event, Architecture/Engineering; NRR#: 80001472)



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Kansas and Manhattan Register of Historic Places

As of February 2025, 11 sites are listed in the Kansas Register of Historic Places and the Manhattan Register of Historic Places. The following describes each properties name, listing date, categories of significance, and reference number within the register inventory.



1. Manhattan State Bank
(400 Poyntz; Listed 1979; Significance - Financial Institution; KHRI#: 161-3490-00004)



2. Riley County Fair's Floral Hall
(1101 Fremont St; Listed 2017; Significance - Fair; KHRI#: 161-3490-00040)



3. St. Mary's Hospital/Manhattan YMCA/Delta Sigma Phi
(1100 Fremont St; Listed 2019; Significance - Institutional Housing, Social)



4. Henry and Elenora Strong House
(1916 Beck Street; Listed 2009; Significance - Residential; KHRI#: 161-2080)



5. Union Pacific Depot
(First and Yuma; Listed 1978; Significance - Transportation; KHRI#: 161-3490-00041)



6. Washington & Julia Marlatt Homestead
(1600 College St; Listed 2006; Significance - Residential; KHRI#: 161-3490-00160)



7. Coons House
(1922 Leavenworth; Significance - Social, Cultural)



8. Log Cabin City Park
(City Park; Significance - Education)



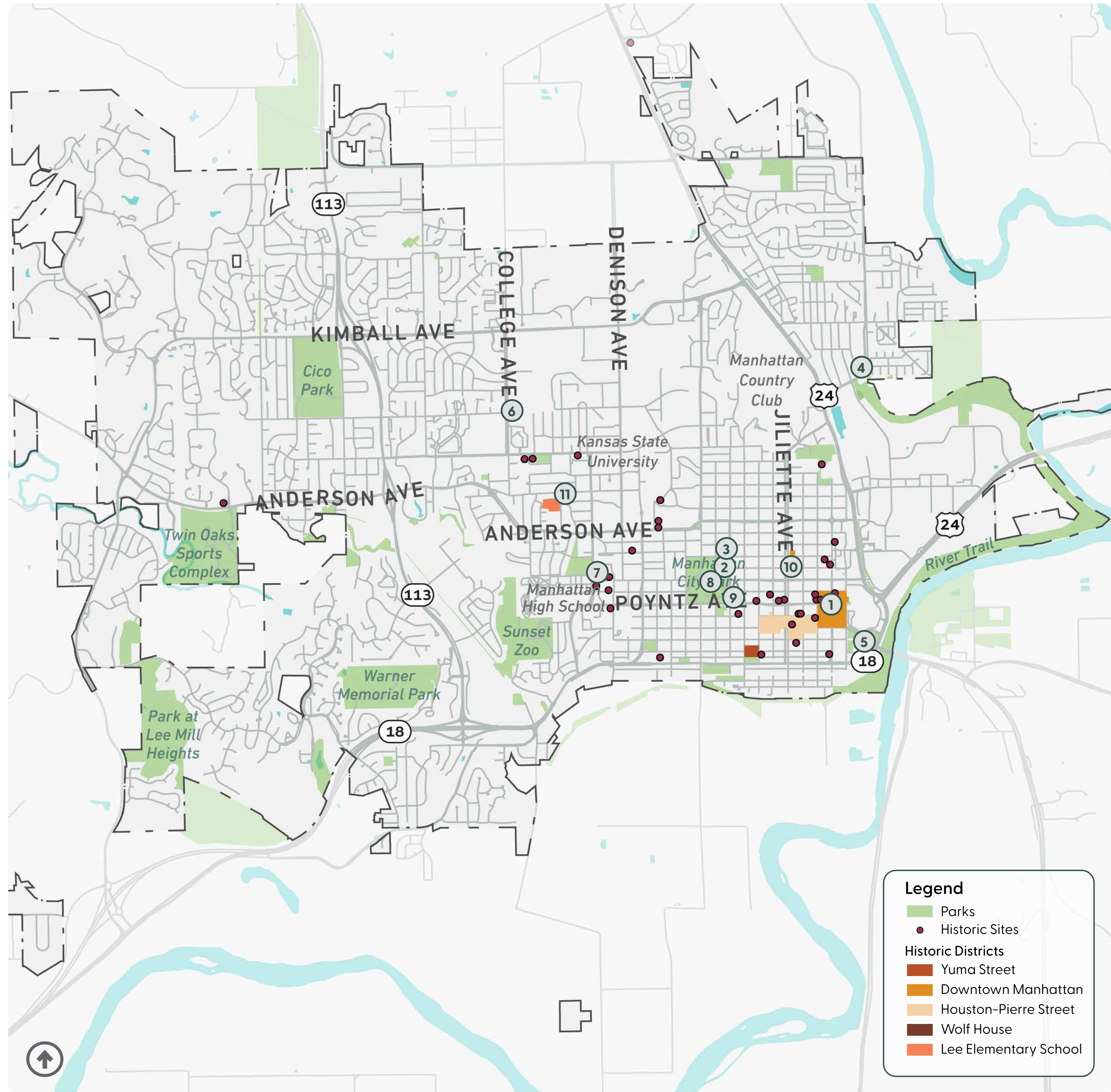
9. Dawson's Conoco Station
(Poyntz and 11th; Significance - Transportation)



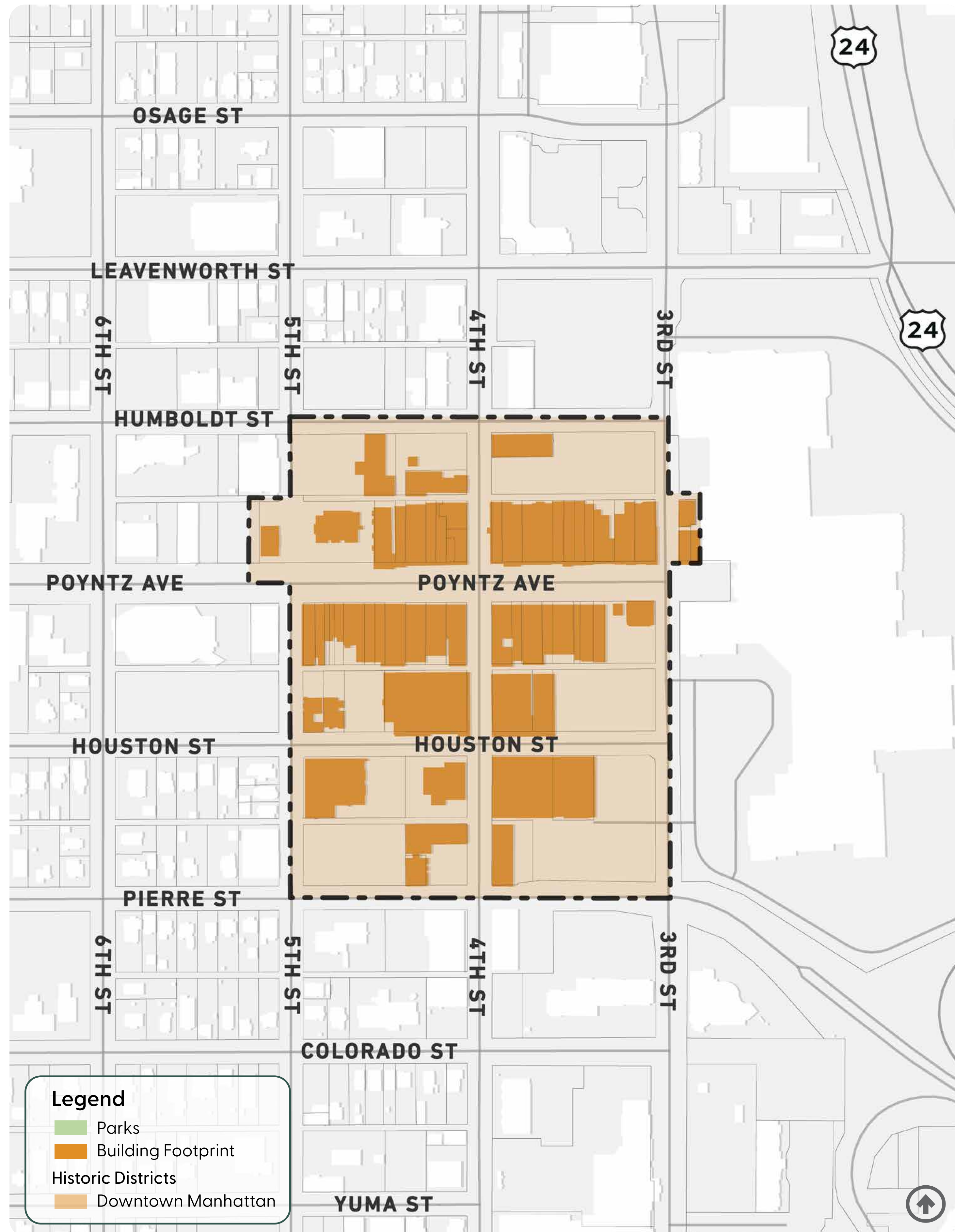
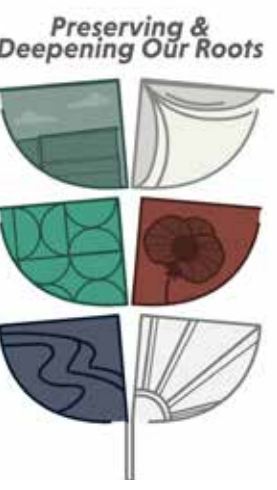
10. F.B. Forrester House
(410 Juliette; Significance - Aggieville, Cultural, Social)



11. Lee Elementary School Historic District
(Significance - Architecture, Education)



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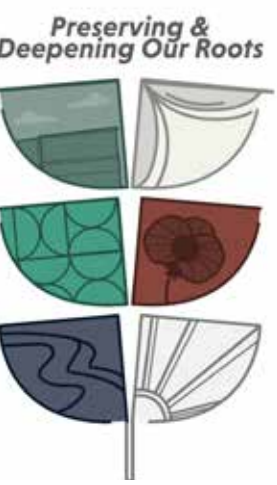
Downtown Manhattan Historic District

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2007 and established as a Certified Local Historic District in 1982, the Downtown Manhattan Historic District features just over six (6) blocks of historic resources. Construction of historic properties within this district range from the 1850s through to 1974, with many of the commercial buildings dating back to the 1880s. This district features architectural styles such as Late 19th and 20th Century Commercial Styles, Queen Anne, Italianate, Romanesque, Classical Revival, Art Deco, International and Contemporary. It is significant for its architectural and commercial retail history, and has been historically used for social uses, commerce, recreation, industry, transportation, residential, medical and government uses. This district demonstrates much of Manhattan's history of development, growth and redevelopment.

District Resources	Contributing	Non-Contributing
<i>Buildings</i>	48	15
<i>Sites</i>	-	-
<i>Structures</i>	-	-
<i>Objects</i>	-	-
Total	48	15



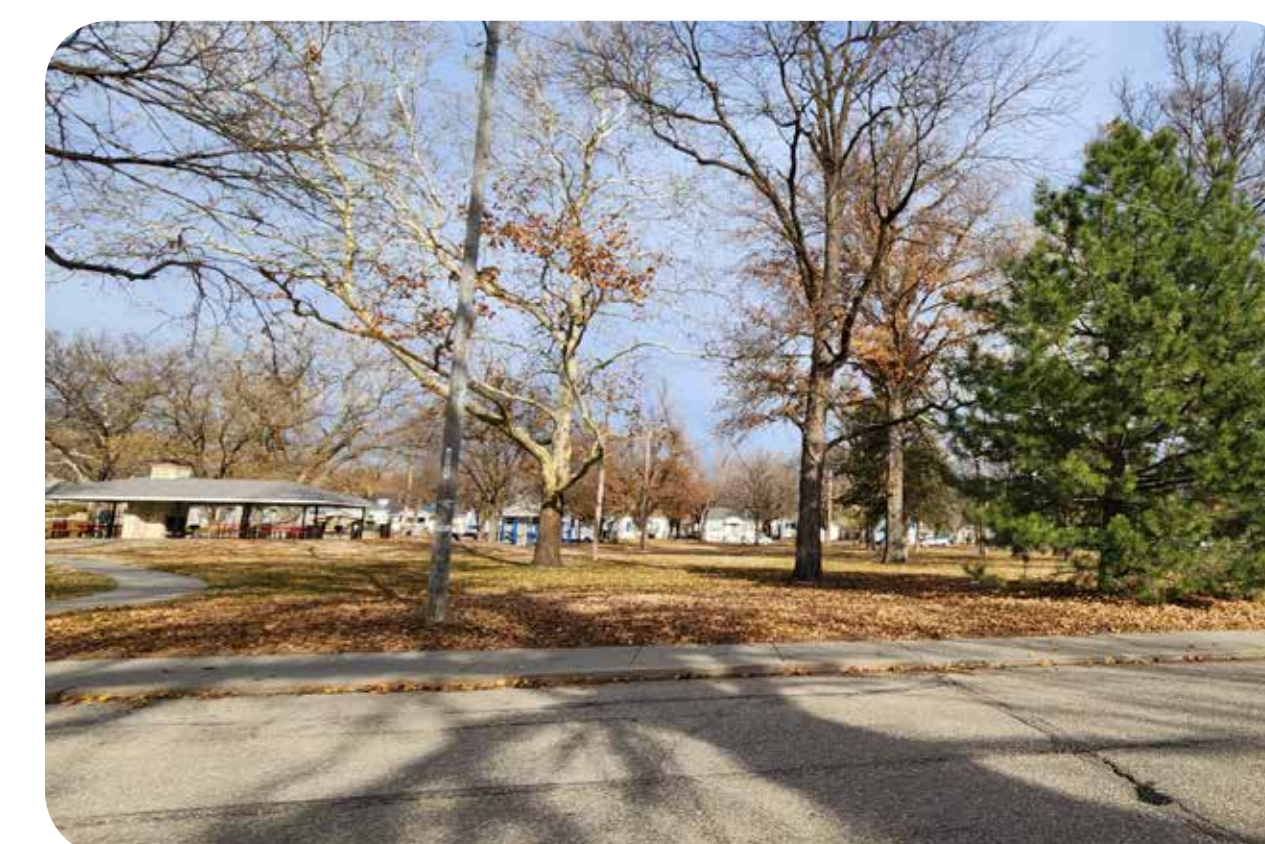
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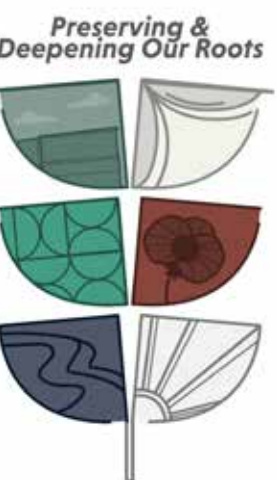
Yuma Street Historic District

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2022, the Yuma Street Historic District features just about one (1) block of historic resources. Construction of historic properties within this district were primarily constructed in the early 1900s. This district features architectural styles such as Late 19th and Early 10th Century American Movements, Romanesque, Gothic and Folk Victorian. It is significant for its Ethnic Heritage (African American) and Social History (Civil Rights), and has been historically used for Religious, Social, Recreation and Cultural uses. This district represents Manhattan's Black community hub and history.

District Resources	Contributing	Non-Contributing
<i>Buildings</i>	3	2
<i>Sites</i>	1	-
<i>Structures</i>	-	-
<i>Objects</i>	-	-
Total	4	2



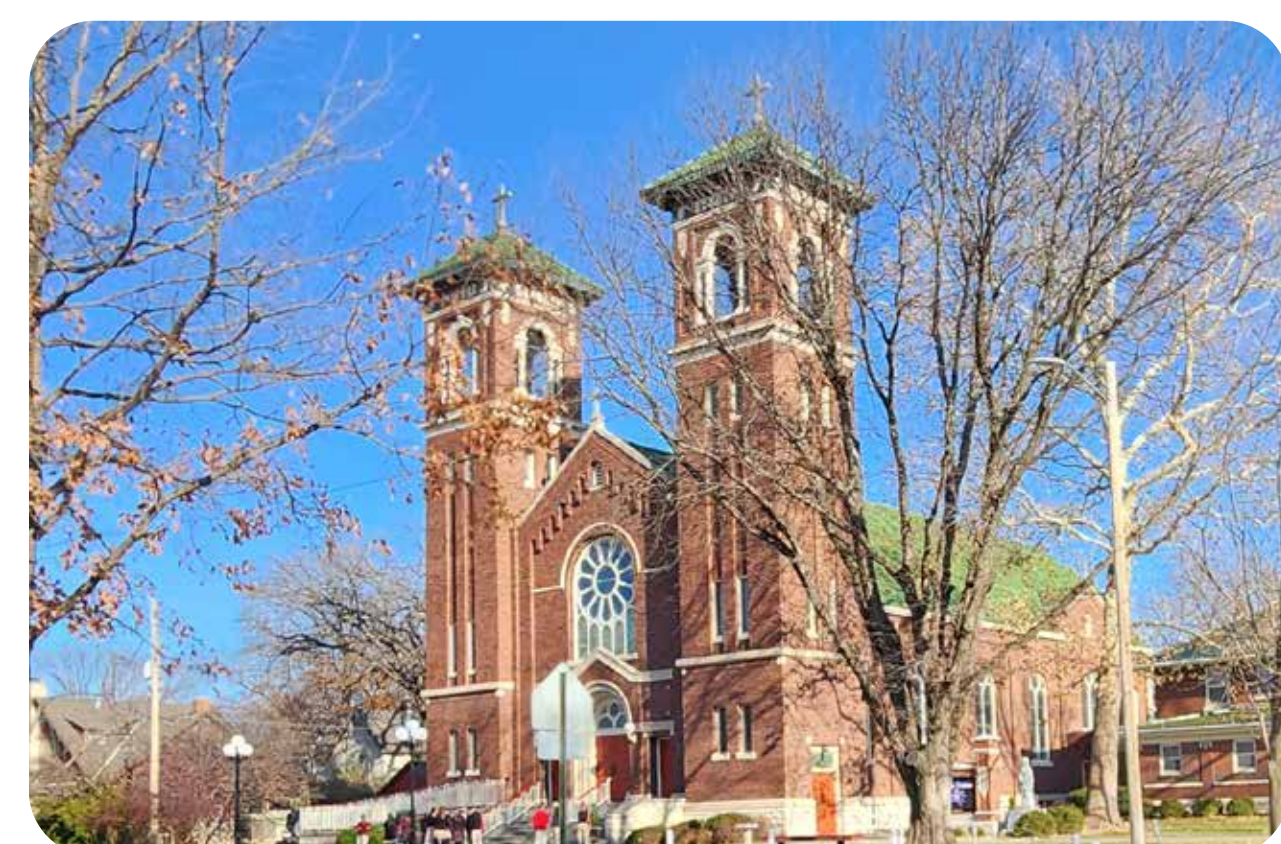
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Houston-Pierre Street Historic District

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2009, the Houston-Pierre Street Historic District features just over five (5) blocks of historic resources. Construction of historic properties within this district were constructed in the late 1800s through to the 1940s. This district features architectural styles such as Queen Anne, Bungalow/Craftsman, Gable Front and Wing Form, Prairie School and American Foursquare. It is significant for community planning and development and its architecture, and has been historically used for residential, government and religious uses. This district represents Manhattan's residential development and immense growth during this period.

District Resources	Contributing	Non-Contributing
<i>Buildings</i>	61	50
<i>Sites</i>	1	-
<i>Structures</i>	1	-
<i>Objects</i>	-	-
Total	63	50



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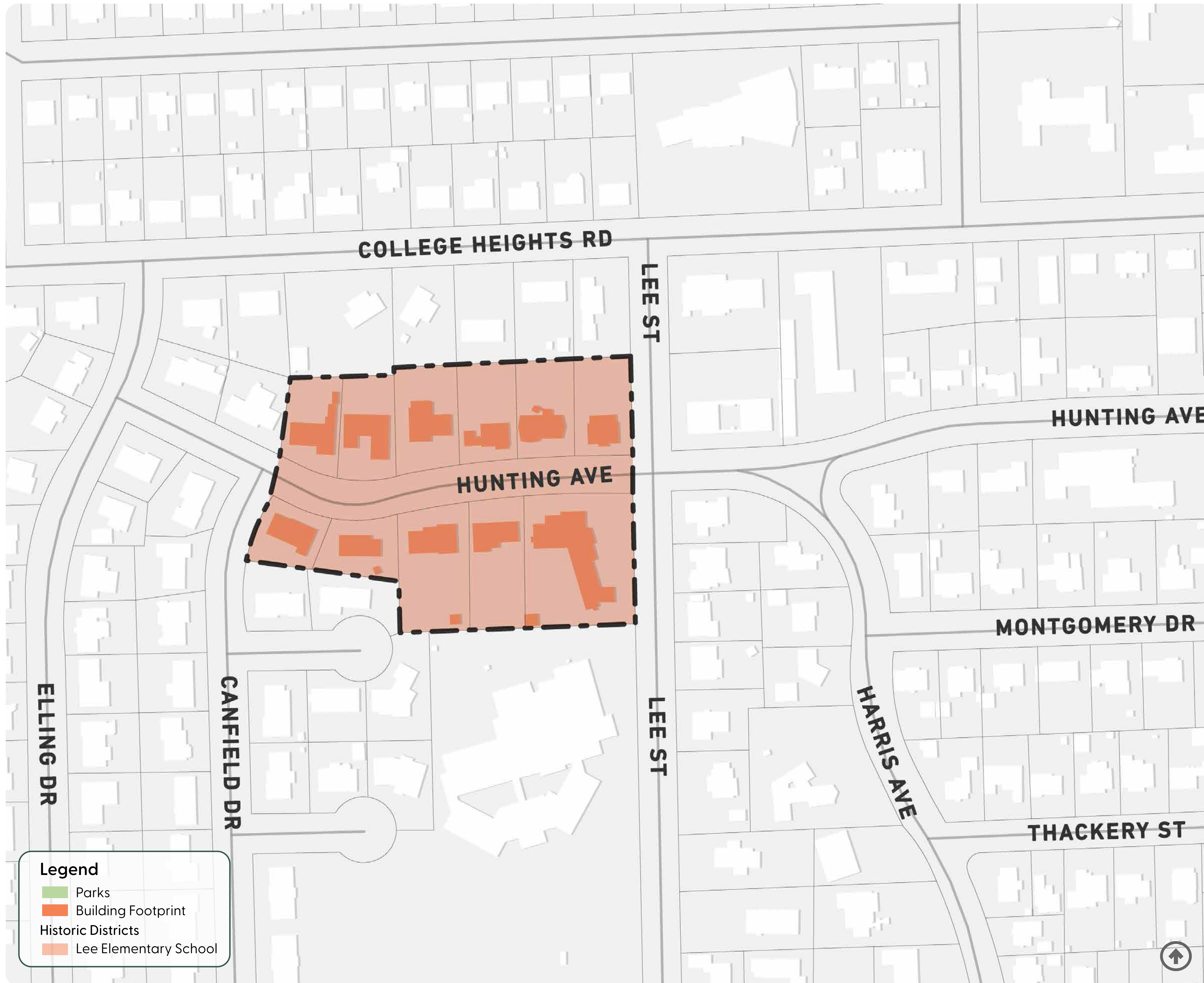
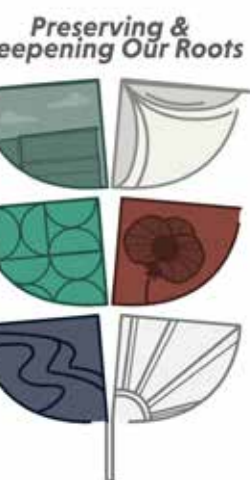
Wolf House Historic District

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2019, the Wolf House Historic District features four (4) historic buildings/structures. Construction of these historic properties within the district were constructed in the Mid-1800s to the early 1900s. This district features Vernacular architectural styles. It is significant for its recreation and culture (museum) and domestic dwellings, and has been historically used for professional commerce and residential units. This district represents Manhattan's early history and commerce.

District Resources	Contributing	Non-Contributing
<i>Buildings</i>	4	1
<i>Sites</i>	-	-
<i>Structures</i>	-	-
<i>Objects</i>	-	-
Total	4	1



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Lee Elementary School Historic District

Listed in the Manhattan Register of Historic Places 2021, the Lee Elementary School Historic District features less than a block of historic features. Construction of historic properties within this district were constructed between 1950 and 1965. This district features architectural styles such as post-war development, atomic age planning and design. It is significant for its architecture, education and social history, and has been historically used to house university professionals. This district represents the post-war development within Manhattan and is Manhattan's first local historic district.



Station 3: Historic Preservation Priorities

Tell us your thoughts!



Place a sticky dot on the level of importance scale to show us your thoughts on how important each theme is to historic preservation in Manhattan.

Tell us what you think is important to Manhattan!

In Manhattan....

Category 1: New incentives should be created to fund and support the rehabilitation of historic buildings.



Category 2: Planning and policy for human-made and natural disaster impacts on historic resources should be explored.



Category 3: Increased awareness of the benefits of historic preservation, for both investors and property owners, should be fostered through education, training and outreach efforts.



Category 4: More support should be provided toward the digitization and archival services to preserve historical documentation.



Category 5: Cultural landscapes such as cemeteries and parks should be protected.



Category 6: Oral histories and documentation of cultural traditions should be collected through programs and projects.



Category 7: More diversity and underrepresented populations should be represented in new nominations or designations in future historic resource listings.

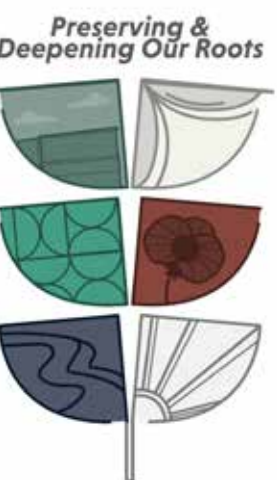


Category 8: More funding and sponsorship should be provided toward cultural and historic resources surveys and documentation.



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In Manhattan....

Category 9: New local historic districts should be designated to protect historic resources from demolition or alteration.



Category 10: Historic preservation should be encouraged to revitalize neighborhoods, re-use historic buildings and provide affordable housing.



Category 11: We should nurture the next generation of local preservation advocates through education, training and programming.



Category 12: We should continue to support downtown revitalization efforts to help adapt historic buildings to new uses support the local economy, and invest in opportunities.



Category 13: We should promote and encourage context-sensitive design in historic districts and places.

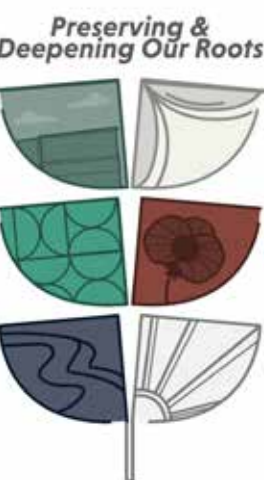


Category 14: We should promote and support new heritage travel experiences, connecting tourists and community members to local culture and stories.



Station 4: Opportunities & Issues

Tell us your thoughts!



What are the key issues/opportunities in Manhattan historic preservation?

Write on a post it note the opportunities and issues of historic preservation in Manhattan.

Tell us what you think!

Opportunities

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Historic or
Cultural
Assets

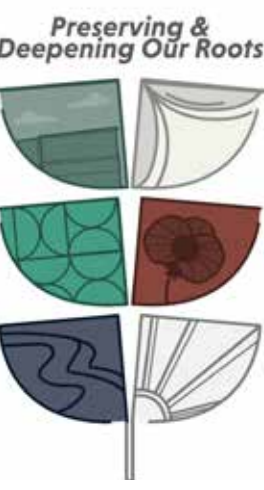
Issues

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Lack of
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Station 5: Celebrating Manhattan's History

Tell us your thoughts!



How can Manhattan celebrate its history?

Take three (3) sticky dots and place them on your preferred options below.

Tell us what you think!

Events

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Story Telling

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Educational Content

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Historical Markers

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Historic Preservation Incentives

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Historic Preservation Policies

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Others?

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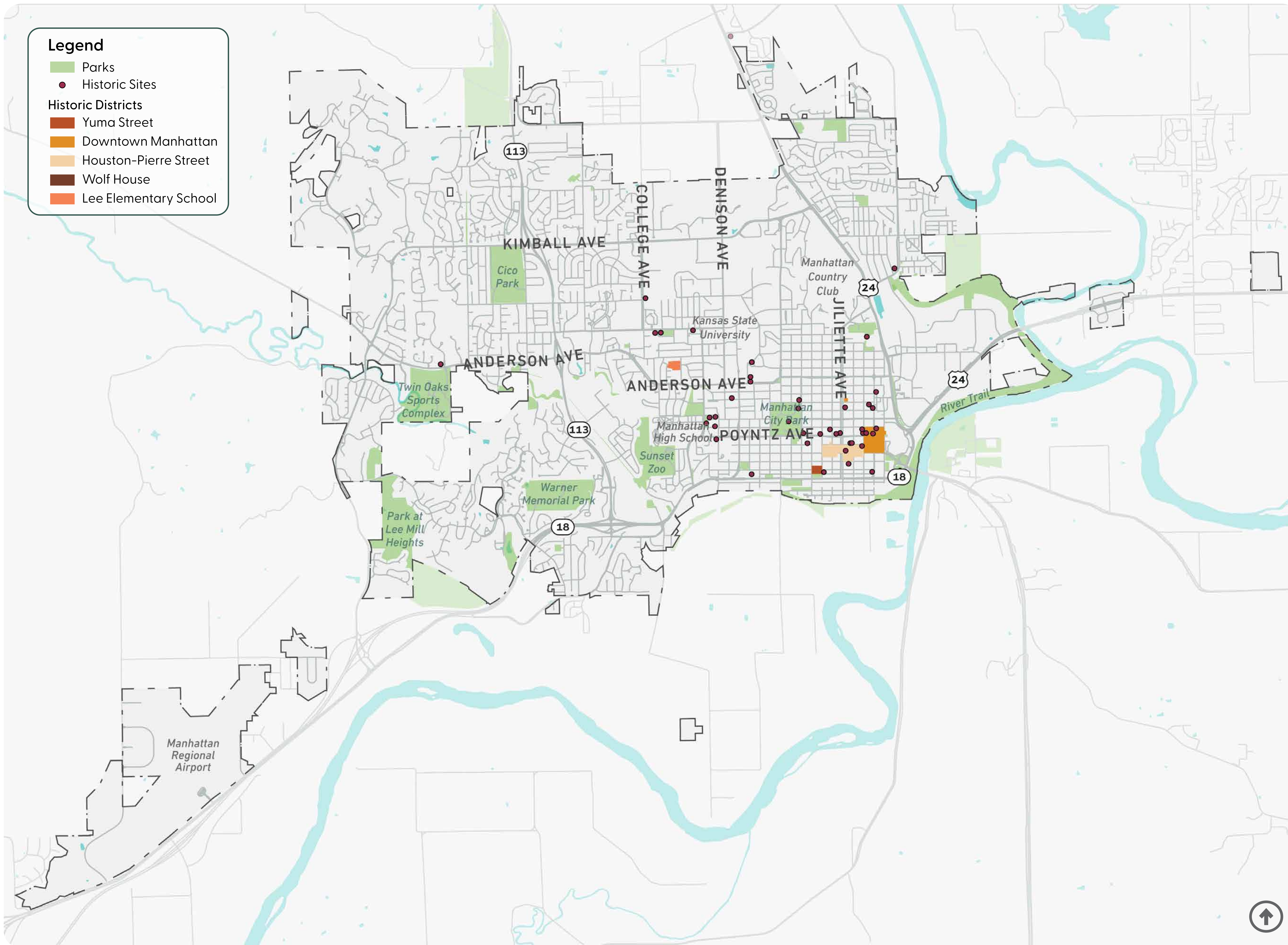
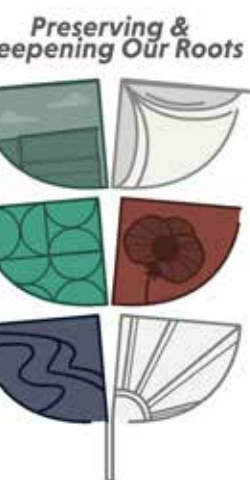
What is your favorite story about Manhattan?

Write a post-it telling us your favorite story about a piece of Manhattan's history.

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Station 6: Historic & Cultural Resource Map

Tell us your thoughts!



Place a sticky dot or post it note on the map to show us historic resources in Manhattan. Write a post it note to tell us about cultural resources, like stories and special events, in Manhattan.

Tell us what should be preserved in Manhattan!

Cultural Resources

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