

Q. What are “contributing” and “non-contributing” resources in a historic district?

A. A **contributing** building, site, structure, or object adds to the historic associations, historic architectural qualities, or archeological values for which a property is significant because:

- It was present during the period of significance, relates to the documented significance of the property, and possesses historic integrity or is capable of yielding important information about the period; or
- It independently meets the National Register criteria.

The National Register criteria include the following:

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

A **noncontributing** building, site, structure, or object does not add to the historic associations, historic architectural qualities, or archeological values for which a property is significant because:

- It was not present during the period of significance, or does not relate to the documented significance of the property; or
- Due to alterations, disturbances, additions, or other changes, it no longer possesses historic integrity or is capable of yielding important information about the period; or
- It does not independently meet the National Register criteria.

Source: Pg. 16, National Register Bulletin: How to Complete the National Register Registration Form (<https://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/pdfs/nrb16a.pdf>)

[The Historic District Study Report Vol I](#) (found on the City’s website under Historic District Survey Project – Project Materials) describes the term “period of significance” on page 4-1. This report also describes what is meant by “integrity” on page 4-3.