



Olde Towne



Olde Towne is where Slidell began as a city. Beginning in the 1820s, the area around Slidell was used for boatbuilding and timber. In 1882, the “Slidell Station” railroad stop opened. On November 13, 1888, the Town of Slidell was incorporated and included several blocks near the train station, from roughly the bayou to 5th St and Fremaux Ave to Cousin St.

Olde Towne Preservation District

The Olde Towne Preservation District (OTPD) covers property in the greater Olde Towne area, which is larger than the original Town, shown in green on the map at right. The OTPD includes properties in the area generally bounded by: W Hall and Florida Aves on the north, with St. Tammany Ave; 10th and 5th Sts on the east; Cleveland Ave, Mary St, and Jacob St on the south; and Front St and Bayou Bonfouca on the west.

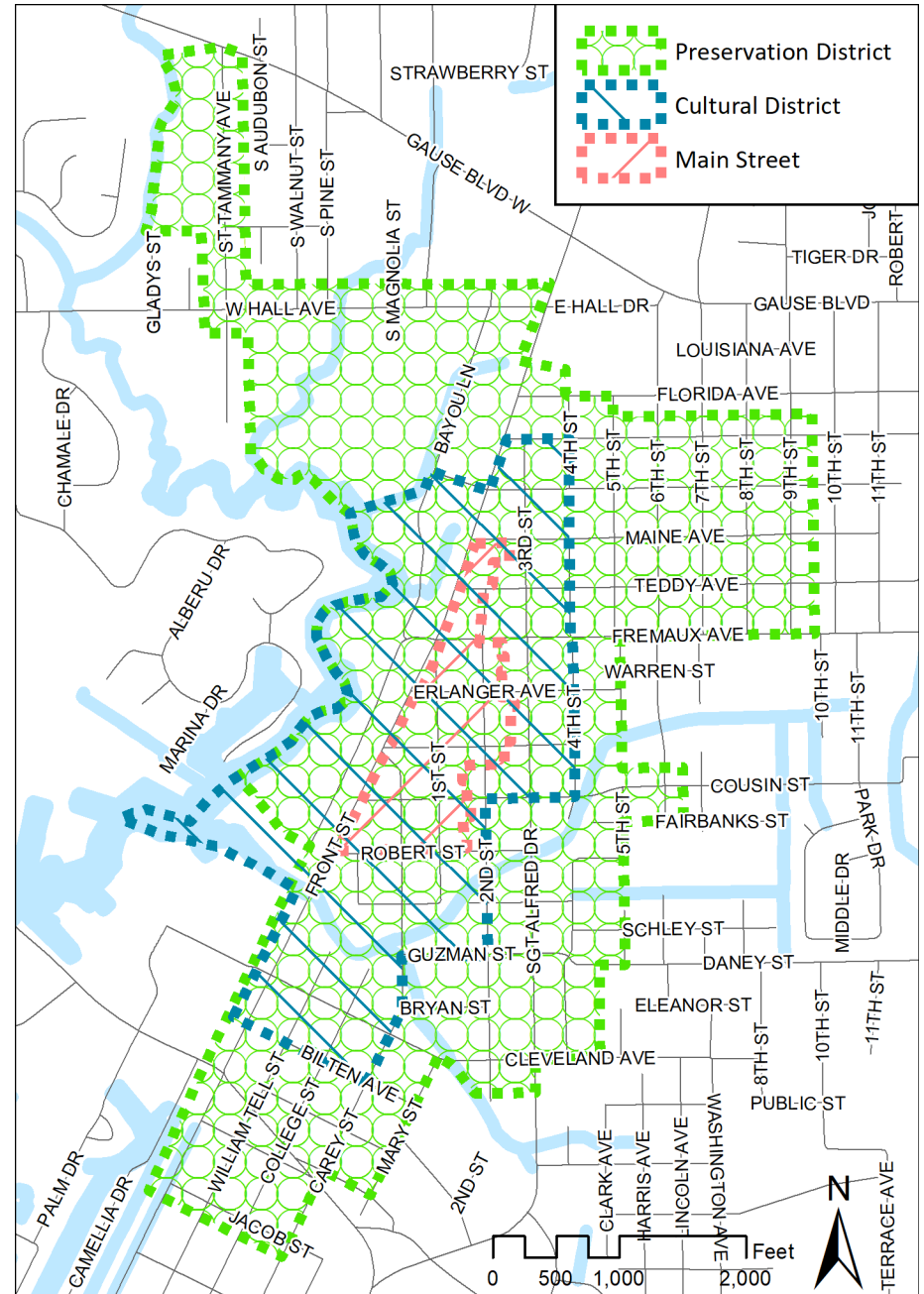
How do I find out if my property is in the OTPD?

Contact the Planning Department with the address of your property.

My property is located in the OTPD and I want to make a change to it. What do I need to know?

The OTPD preserves and protects the history and heritage of the city by stabilizing and improving property values in Olde Towne. It does this by applying standards to changes to property; the standards can be found in two sections of the City’s Code: Sec. 2.216; and Sec. 2.2217 of Appendix A.

Any new construction, additions, exterior alterations, relocations, or demolitions must have a Certificate of Appropriateness approved before the change to the property is made.



Map showing boundaries of the Olde Towne Preservation District, Slidell Olde Towne Cultural District, and Olde Towne Slidell Main Street

How do I apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness?

Consult with a planner and complete an **Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness** (CA). There is no application fee but, if your request requires a public hearing with the Olde Towne Preservation District Commission (OTPDC), you must pay for advertising.

The Planning Department will review your application and determine if it can be approved administratively or if it must go to the OTPDC. If it must go to the OTPDC, the Planning Department will make a technical recommendation, then the OTPDC will hold a public hearing and make a decision. The public hearing process generally takes at least two weeks from the time a complete CA application, with attachments, is received by the Planning Department.

My Certificate of Appropriateness has been approved! What next?

You must still get any other required approvals for your project, such as a building permit, sign permit, or occupational license.

How would I know if a property near me is being considered for a Certificate of Appropriateness?

Applications for an administrative CA are not advertised and are not subject to public comment. All requests for CAs that require a public hearing must be advertised. A notice will be published in the St. Tammany Farmer.

I want to show my support or opposition to a proposed Certificate of Appropriateness. How do I do that?

- You may send your comments to the OTPDC via email, fax, or mail; care of the Planning Department.
- You may attend the OTPDC's public hearing for the proposed Certificate of Appropriateness; go to myslidell.com/planning/boards/otpd for information about OTPDC meetings.

How do I know if my property is considered historic?

There are 108 buildings that are locally designated as individually historic or contributing to the OTPD, listed on the **Historic Building List**. There are four National Register of Historic Places individual listings in Slidell. You may:

- View the City's **Historic Building List** at myslidell.com/planning/otpd
- Search the State's **Historic Standing Structures Survey** database crt.state.la.us/cultural-development/historic-preservation/louisiana-historic-standing-structures-survey
- Ask a planner

Is there any assistance to restore my historic property?

There may be assistance in the form of federal or state tax credits or grants. For more information, see the **Economic Incentives Toolkit** at myslidell.com/planning/otpd or by contacting the Planning Department.

Olde Towne...

Preservation District | Cultural District | Main Street
What is the difference?

The Olde Towne **Preservation District** is a City district that has standards and requires a Certificate of Appropriateness for development.

The Slidell Olde Towne **Cultural District** is part of the State's cultural district program that aims to spark community revitalization. The area covered by the Cultural District is smaller than the Preservation District. crt.state.la.us/cultural-development/arts/cultural-districts

Olde Towne Slidell **Main Street** is a Louisiana Main Street district with the purpose of preserving and enhancing the historic and economic integrity of the district and promoting it as a center of cultural activity with a cohesive community identity. The area covered by Main Street is smaller than both the Preservation and Cultural Districts. oldetowneslidell.com
crt.state.la.us/cultural-development/historic-preservation/main-street