

MONUMENT SQUARE

LANDMARK DISTRICT UNDER STUDY

In July of 2022, the Boston Office of Historic Preservation received a petition to create the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee, which meets to discuss and develop the proposed district's boundaries and recommended preservation guidelines.



BOUNDARY MAP KEY

GREEN = Original Landmark District boundary proposed in the petition

BLUE = Under consideration to also be included in the Landmark District

RED = Proposed Protection Area (limited to 1200 feet from the District boundary)

WHAT IS A LANDMARK DISTRICT?

A Landmark District is an area with historic significance in which certain proposed changes on the exterior of a building must be reviewed for approval by the Boston Landmarks Commission before a permit is issued by the Inspectional Services Department.

WHAT IS A PROTECTION AREA?

A Protection Area is an area adjacent to and contributing to the physical environment of a Landmark District. It has fewer regulations, but allows for review of demolition, land coverage, height, landscape, and topography.

IF THE DISTRICT IS PASSED, WHAT WILL BE REGULATED?

The regulations are still to be determined. The Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee is reviewing the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, existing regulations for other Districts regulated by the Boston Landmarks Commission, and the unique characteristics of the neighborhood to develop their recommendations.

THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION DOES:

- Administer design review for proposed repairs and alterations to the exterior of a property to ensure that they will not negatively impact its historic character
- Establish design guidelines for appropriate additions or new construction
- Prevent the loss of historically and/or architecturally significant structures that are in districts or protection areas
- Review proposed demolitions

THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION DOES NOT:

- Own any of the regulated properties
- Order properties to be repaired/changed
- Regulate the use or interior of structures
- Regulate or comment on public art
- Prevent new construction

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LANDMARKING PROCESS - DISTRICTS

PETITION INTAKE

Staff determines that a petition is complete

APPOINTMENT OF STUDY COMMITTEE

By Mayor's Office

STUDY REPORT

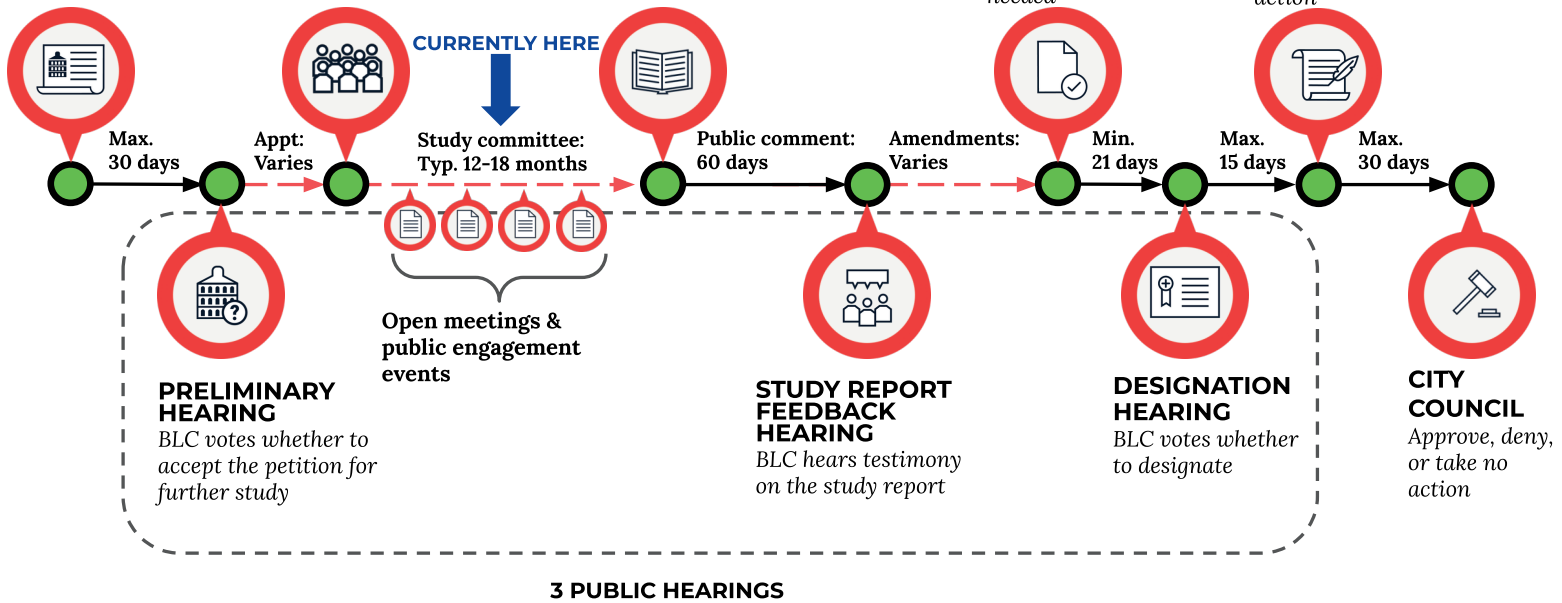
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AMENDMENTS

Study report amended as needed

MAYOR

Approve, deny, or take no action



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- **NOW:** You can sign up for the MSLD newsletter at boston.gov/monumentsquare for updates.
- **NOW:** You can attend the virtual working meetings posted on boston.gov/monumentsquare to hear the Study Committee's work in progress and provide comment on the topics under discussion.
- **NOW:** You can attend community engagement events which are focused on public feedback.
- **NOW:** You can write to blc@boston.gov to give comments to the MSLD Study Committee.
- You can write to blc@boston.gov to provide feedback on the study report (when it is posted) that will be made available to the Boston Landmarks Commission, the Mayor, and City Council.
- You can give verbal testimony to the Commission at the Study Report Feedback Hearing (date TBD).
- You can write directly to the Mayor and/or City Council with your feedback on the study report.

HOW WOULD A PROPERTY OWNER APPLY FOR WORK?

Only certain kinds of exterior work require an application to the Landmarks Commission. The Building Department will flag your building permit application and let you know if it is required.

DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS

