



May 11, 2018

Re: Historic District Application #17-17, Bloomingdale Historic District

Dear Property Owner:

The District of Columbia's historic preservation law, enacted in 1978, establishes a public interest in the recognition, appreciation and protection of the city's cultural heritage. This law allows community preservation organizations and government entities to submit applications to recognize historic landmarks and historic districts through an official designation by the District government.

In July 2017, the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office (HPO), a division of the Office of Planning, received an application to designate a Bloomingdale Historic District. This application was submitted by the DC Preservation League on behalf of the Bloomingdale Historic District Coalition.

You are receiving this letter because you own property within the boundaries of the proposed historic district, according to the records of the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue. For your reference, a boundary map of the proposed historic district is enclosed.

You may already be aware of this application through the community announcements and meetings that have taken place in Bloomingdale over the past several years. The Bloomingdale Civic Association has sponsored many of these meetings. At the invitation of the Civic Association, HPO staff and colleagues at the Office of Planning have attended some of these meetings to answer questions and provide information about historic district designation.

The purpose of this letter is to introduce you to the process for considering a historic district designation, and to inform you of your opportunity to participate. The fact sheet enclosed with this letter explains how the process works, how you can get information, and how you can evaluate the proposal and express your views.

A public hearing on the proposed Bloomingdale Historic District is scheduled for consideration by the DC Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) on July 26, 2018. By June 13, HPO will send you another letter with more detailed information about the proposal and how it may affect you. This letter will include our preliminary evaluation of the application, a draft of design guidelines for use if the historic district is designated, and more information about how you can participate and express your views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Maloney', is written over a white rectangular area.

David Maloney  
State Historic Preservation Officer

