



What is the National Register of Historic Places?

The **National Register of Historic Places** is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. The register helps **coordinate and support efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect** America's historic and archaeological resources. Over **100,000 places** have been listed, representing around **2 million contributing resources** across the USA.

National Register Designation



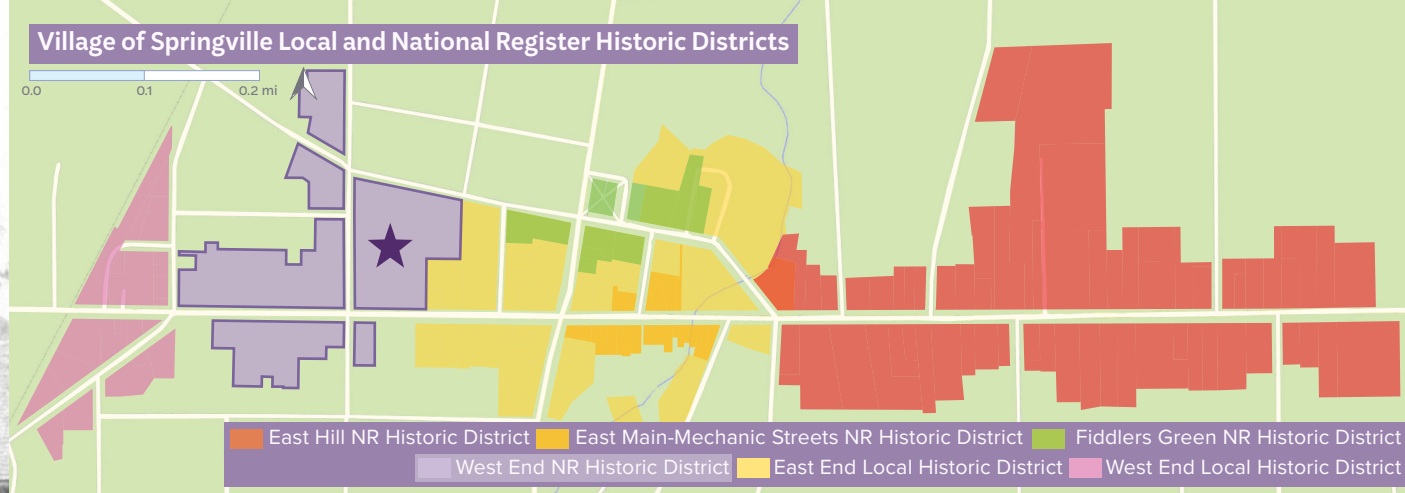
Identifies significant building or areas in American history



Defines buildings or areas contributing to a National Register Historic District



Does not require conformance to design guidelines



History of the West End District

The West End Historic District encompasses a **primarily residential neighborhood** located on West Main Street, North Central Street, and Franklin Street. The district was **originally characterized by pioneer homesteads**, which were subsequently divided into smaller housing lots. The neighborhood saw its golden age with the 1878 opening of the Springville and Sardinia Railroad. Growth peaked following the turn of the century, with the final period of growth occurring in the 1920's.

The houses represent a **nearly 100 year period of development** within the neighborhood. The neighborhood catered to **middle to upper-middle class income families**. Railroad capitalists, merchants, farmers, and professionals all called the West End District home. Franklin Street serves as the **religious and recreational core of the district**. Many properties were built by local builders and carpenters, with larger properties being designed by architects. Decades after the neighborhood's establishment, the district **retains a residential feeling and scale**.



Tax Credit Info

- Income-producing properties are eligible for a 50% tax credit for the substantial rehabilitation of historic properties
- Homeowners may qualify for the State Historic Homeowner Tax Credit for 20% of the cost of rehabilitation of projects of \$5,000 or more

National Register Designation Characteristics

- Significance defined by National Park Service standardized criteria
- 1-2 year process
- Requires review and approval by a State Historic Preservation Office

National Register Designation Incentives



Protects and recognizes a community's historic resources



Qualifies property owners for preservation grants and tax incentives



Allows changes to property (unless using state/federal funds)



Analyzes and assesses historic character



Identifies properties for general planning purposes

About the West End NR Historic District

Of Resources: 54 contributing buildings, 1 contributing site

Areas of Significance: Architecture, Community Planning and Development

Historic Functions: Domestic, Religious, and Landscape

Current Functions: Domestic, Religious, Commercial, Landscape

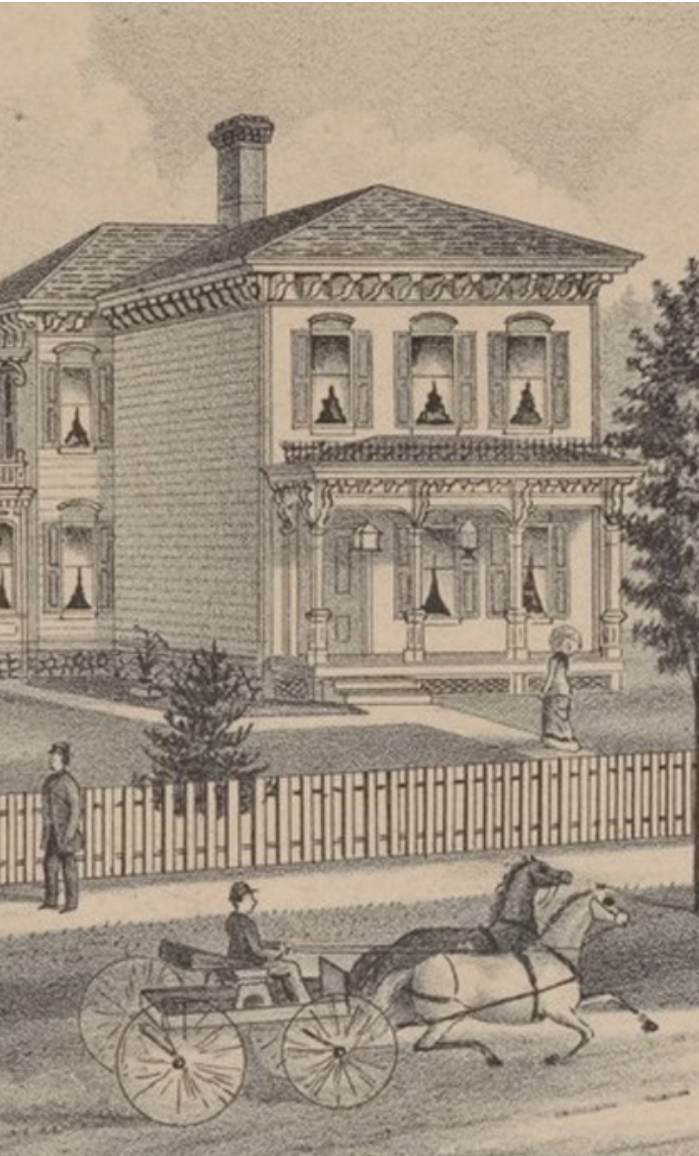
Period of Significance: 1815-1953

Key Resources:

D.W. Bensley House - 82 North Central Avenue

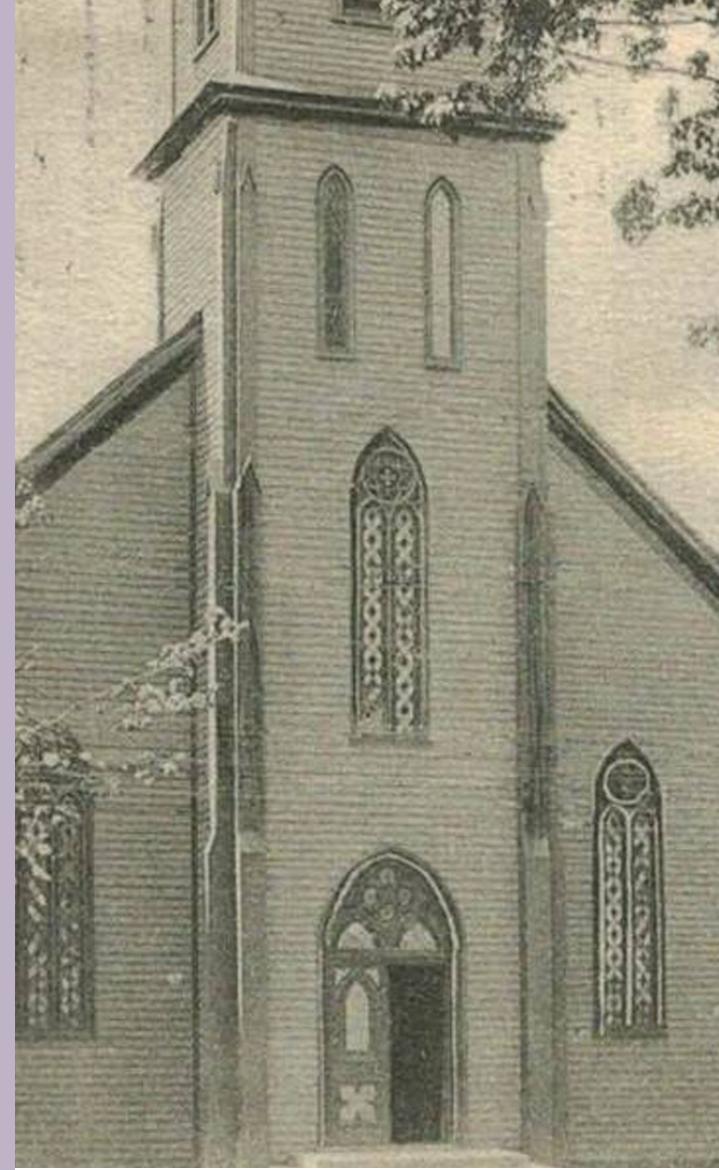
Salem Lutheran Church - 91 West Main

St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church - 186 Franklin Street



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A Property Owner's Guide to the Historic Districts of Springville: West End District