

January 7, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members
From: Nick Sugar, Senior Planner
Subj: Historic District Expansion Study

Background

City Staff has studied the viability of expanding the National and Local Historic Districts based on the following events and findings:

- **April 2016:** A group of twenty-five (25) residents submitted a petition requesting the City to study historic district expansion to include Elm Street and Roslyn Avenue.
- **November 2016:** City Staff submitted a “National Register Questionnaire” to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The questionnaire acts as a preliminary evaluation from the State before resources are invested into a formal nomination. Staff included a total of four (4) study areas, together with the Elm/Roslyn neighborhood.
- **March-April 2017:** The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) toured the potential study areas and later prepared recommendations. SHPO recommended Elm Street, Roslyn Avenue and E. Streetsboro Street (303) as strong candidate for inclusion in the historic district. Based on these recommendations, staff created a study area around Elm Street, Roslyn Avenue and E. Streetsboro Street (303), which included eighty-six (86) residential properties.
- **July 2019:** Staff, together with The Cleveland Restoration Society, invited the eighty-six property owners in the study area to a neighborhood workshop. Staff explained the historic district process with a Q&A session. Approximately thirty (30) residents were in attendance.
- **November – December 2019:** Staff administered an online survey to the eighty-six (86) property owners within the study area requesting their position on potential expansion.

Study Area by Age of Home

Oldest (1843)  Recent



Survey Results

Responses Overall

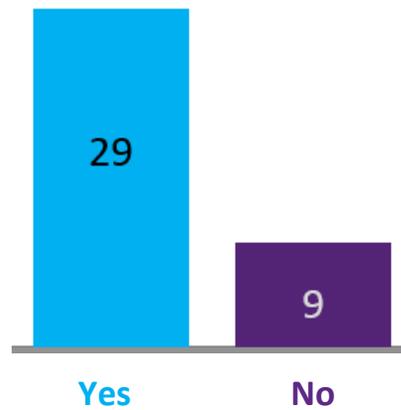
Do you support the City of Hudson pursuing historic district designation of your property?



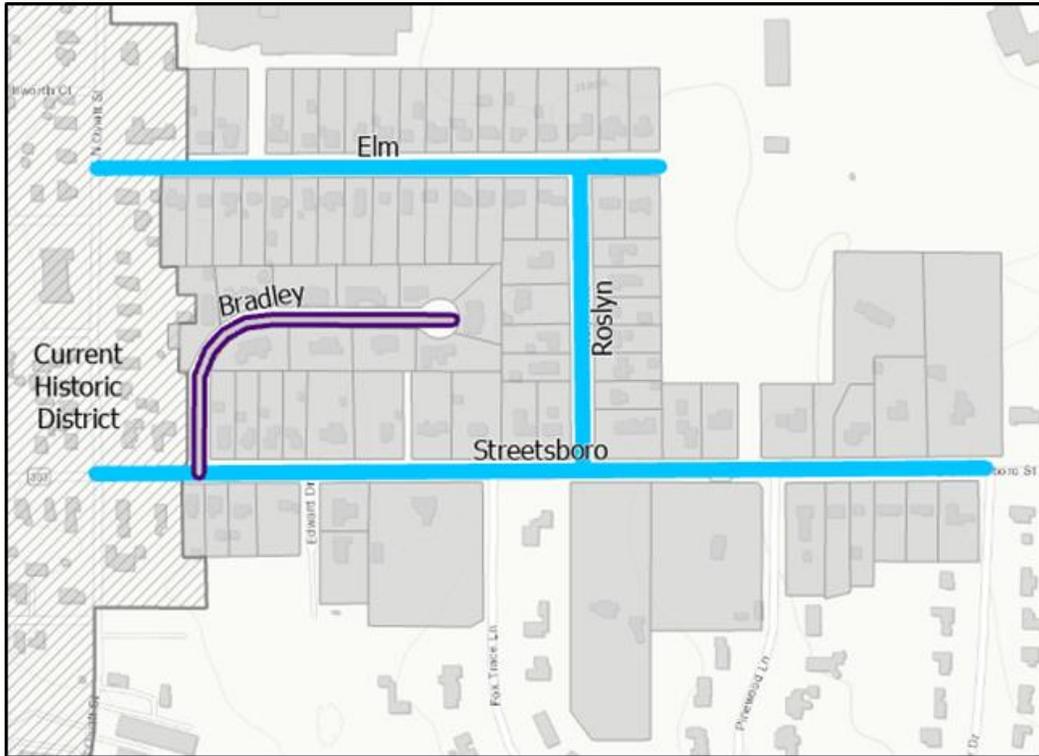
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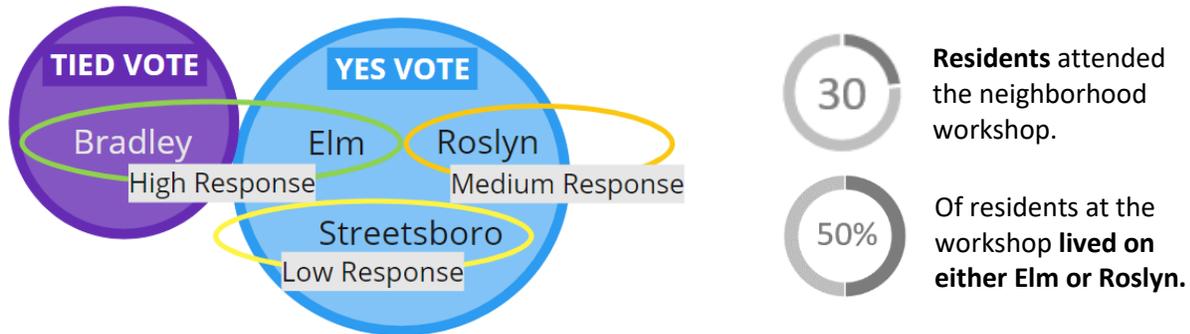
Response Rate



Responses by Street



Participation



Summary Findings

- The survey results strongly support pursuing historic district expansion for Elm Street and Roslyn Avenue. Both Elm and Roslyn were well represented at the neighborhood workshop meeting. Both streets also had medium to high survey response rates, which were overwhelmingly favorable to expansion.
- While there are many historic homes along E Streetsboro Street (303), the lack of response from the property owners and low workshop attendance make it difficult to justify including these homes in the expansion effort.
- Bradley Drive was only originally considered to create a contiguous map boundary as suggested by the State Preservation Office. Staff notes the majority of homes along Bradley Drive were built circa 1984. Based on such, Bradley Drive does not appear to be an appropriate area for expansion.