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### **City of Liberty seeks community feedback for historic preservation plan**

**LIBERTY, Mo.** – As part of an initiative to assess the overall historic preservation needs of the community and clearly identify areas of interest, the City of Liberty Community Development office is asking for community input on an historic preservation survey.

The Liberty City Council approved a contract with Heritage Strategies, LLC, on January 27 to undertake a historic preservation plan that will ultimately become a part of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The survey is just one facet of efforts to develop historic preservation goals and objectives and a path for implementation. The project is made possible with a \$25,000 federal grant.

Initial plans included hosting several public meetings to gain input from Liberty stakeholders on historic preservation issues in the community. When COVID-19 put a stop to those plans, staff and Heritage Strategies shifted gears, conducting phone interviews with key stakeholders and developing a survey to gain wider community input. The survey, which will be open until July 15, is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LibertyHP-posts>.

Steeped in history that dates back to the early 1800s, Liberty is already home to five local historic districts that contain buildings and neighborhoods with unique, architectural significance. plus six districts and eight individual properties that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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