



# NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S REVIEW OF THE SAVANNAH NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DISTRICT

Council Workshop

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*To the Hon.<sup>ble</sup> the Trustees for establishing the Colony of Georgia in America  
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# BACKGROUND

- Savannah National Historic Landmark District (NHLD) original designation focused on Oglethorpe Plan and architecture
- August 2018: NPS released assessment of the integrity and condition of the NHLD
  - Satisfactory (Priority 3)
  - Watch (Priority 2)
  - Threatened (Priority 1)
  - Emergency
- Status refers to the possibility the historic character of the district may be lost—not that the landmark designation may be revoked



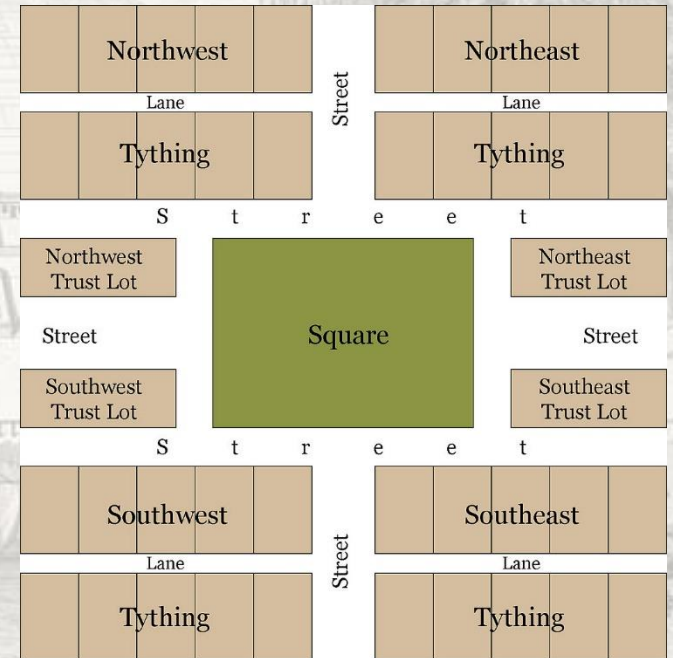
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2. The public Square  
3. The Fort  
4. The Barracks  
5. The Prison  
6. The Grand House and  
7. The College*



# IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES

- Preserve and maintain the elements of the Oglethorpe Plan
- Preserve historic development patterns (large scale development and additions)
- Respond to natural disasters
- Consider noise and traffic
- Protect archeology resources
- Preserve historic pavement materials



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2. The publick School  
3. The Post  
4. The Magazine House  
5. The Prison  
6. The Guard House and  
7. The Town of Georgia*

# UNIQUE FEATURES OF NHLD

- Large size of the historic district
- Living and breathing city—*constantly* evolving to meet the needs of its residents
- Resource types:
  - buildings dating from different periods
  - structures and circulation features
  - fences and sculptural features
  - archeological and natural resources
- Assessment states the cumulative effect of small changes can result in the severe loss of integrity of the district



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1733 The City of the Church  
1734 The publick Library  
1735 The Post  
1736 The Magazine House  
1737 The Pillar-house  
1738 The Grand House and  
1739 The Town of Georgia



# STEWARDSHIP

- Acknowledges the responsibility for stewardship of the district:
  - City of Savannah
  - Federal and state governments
  - Private organizations
  - Citizens



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# NEXT STEPS

- City's Planning and Urban Design Department:
  - Coordinate response with partners
  - Upgrade the district's current condition back to "satisfactory"
  - Develop archeology ordinance and historic pavement material ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019)
  - Address additional tasks outlined in Work Plan



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