The district encompasses 29 blocks and approximately 250 residential, commercial and institutional structures. This neighborhood can be traced to around 1848 when 250 residential, commercial and institutional structures were built in the area.

**Chilton Taylor House**

This home was an original design of Shirley Simons. This house was built in 1910; the Taylor family lived in the home until shortly before her death. This home was purchased the home Oct. 1, 1989. The configuration of this home was an original design of Shirley Simons with National Register status. The 12-block district includes approximately 125 buildings built from the 1860s to the 1940s and represents one of the largest and best preserved concentrations of historic homes in Tyler.

**Robinson-Perry House**

In 1888, Horace Chilton, the first native-born Texas U.S. Senator, built the house. Architecturally, the house has been described as Greek Revival. Its large Corinthian columns surround the house and the porches are carved wood, topped with intricate metal. A central balcony stretches around three sides of the house. Horace Chilton's family lived in the house until 1902. There were several different owners since 1942 until Gus Taylor purchased the house in 1910; the Taylor family lived in the house for 48 years. Gus Taylor, president of the newly formed Chilton National Bank, was a very active civic and business leader in the community.

**Arizona Residential National Historic District**

This district is classified as a Local Historic Overlay. The district contains 919 single-family residences. This area is the first neighborhood in Tyler to be honored with National Register status. The 12-block district includes a variety of large and small late 19th and early 20th century residences. The district consists of approximately 125 structures built from the 1860s to the 1940s and represents one of the largest and best preserved concentrations of historic homes in Tyler.
Historic Landmark recognition and preservation are in the public interest and serve to promote the welfare of the community.

The purpose of the Historic Landmark Program is to preserve historic structures through a voluntary program of owner participation, and to carry out the City’s responsibilities as a Certified Local Government.

- The program began in 2006 and currently lists 100 local designated landmarks.
- Structures must be at least 50 years old and exemplify historic value through cultural, economic or social criteria.
- A tax abatement is available for 50 percent of City ad valorem taxes when a structure is designated as a local landmark.


The Local Historic Landmark Program

Half Mile of History Subject Marker

The program’s goal is to pay tribute to people, places and events that have contributed to the rich history of Tyler and Smith County.

- The Half Mile of History is a permanent outdoor half-mile loop surrounding the square in the heart of downtown Tyler.
- Stone plaques are placed in the sidewalk along the Half Mile of History to commemorate significant people, places or events.
- The nominee’s contribution to the history of the community must have been made no fewer than 25 years ago.
- Possible nomination topics could include, but are not limited to: agriculture, architecture, arts and culture, aviation, business, community service, education, entertainment and media, industry, invention and innovation, law, medicine, oil and gas, philanthropy, religion, science, sports and transportation.

The Historical Marker Program commemorates diverse topics including the history and architecture of houses, commercial and public buildings, religious congregations, and events that changed the course of local history as well as individuals who have made lasting contributions to our city, community organizations, businesses, military sites, and much more.

- Subject markers provide education by revealing the community’s historical background.
- They are placed on the site associated with the historical significance outlined on the marker.
- The markers serve as a vital part of Tyler’s heritage by conveying stories of local, regional, state and national history.
- A local subject marker can be proposed for any topic which does not have an existing state or national subject marker.

Did You Know?

TYLER HAS...

National Register listings include:
- 6 Historic Districts.
- 27 individuals, commercial, industrial, institutional and residential historic properties.

Texas Historical Commission Markers include:
- 16 Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks.
- 41 historical subject markers.
- 4 Historic Texas Cemetery markers.

Local Historic Markers include:
- 2 Historic Overlay Districts containing more than 70 residential, institutional and commercial properties.
- 100 historic landmarks.
- 42 Half Mile of History markers located downtown around the square.
- 8 subject markers.
- 5 designated historic landmark signs.
- Nearly 15 miles of historic brick streets in downtown and adjacent residential neighborhoods.

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