

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

[SURVEY OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS FAQs](#)

1. Why does Bedford have a Survey of Historic Buildings?
2. What changes are being proposed in the Survey?
3. How can I find out if my property is included on the draft Survey, or what my proposed classification is?
4. Are barns and outbuildings included on the Survey?
5. If I purchase a house that is included on the Survey, will I be required to undertake construction or restoration?

[CLASSIFICATIONS OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS FAQs](#)

1. Why is the HBPC proposing classifications for Historic Buildings, and what are they?
2. What does it mean if my property has been proposed for classification as Individually Significant?
3. What does it mean if my property has been proposed for classification as Contributing?
4. What does it mean if my property has been proposed for classification as an Other Historic Resource?
5. What should I do if I think the description for my property includes inaccurate information, or if I don't agree with the proposed classification for my property?
6. My property has been identified as contributing to a historic and scenic road or historic neighborhood. What are the historic roads and neighborhoods in Bedford, and why are they significant?

[PERMITTING PROCESS FAQs](#)

1. If my house is classified as Individually Significant, would I be able to make changes or additions to it?
2. How do I get approval to make changes to a property that is included on the Survey?
3. What is an Expedited Determination?
4. What fees are associated with applications for work on Historic Properties?
5. What guidelines does the HBPC use when considering an application for work on a Historic Building?
6. Is it possible to consult with the HBPC in the early stages of a project, without filing a formal application?
7. Will I be required to submit an application to the HBPC if I am only making changes to the interior of a Historic Property?
8. Do I need approval for landscape changes to a Historic Property?