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Houston designates Audubon Place as a historic district

HOUSTON, April 22, 2009 – Houston City Council designated the Audubon Historic District which makes a total of 14 designated historic districts. To see information on the city’s historic districts, go to www.houstonplanning.com and click on Historic Preservation.

The original Montrose Addition, which includes the area known as Audubon Place, was the city’s first large-scale, restricted planned suburban subdivision. It was platted in September, 1911 by the Houston Land Corporation, owned by one of Houston’s most prominent businessman, John Wiley Link. Link named the area “Montrose” after the historic town in Scotland which was mentioned in the writings of Sir Walter Scott.

While Montrose was originally platted as one neighborhood, over time sections of the large area have established an individual civic identity, including Audubon Place.

The neighborhood developed rapidly over the next ten years as Houston experienced increased growth. Some of Houston’s most prominent citizens built homes in and around the Audubon Place Boulevard in the architectural styles that were in vogue in Houston and across the country during its period of development. The styles of architecture found in Audubon Place include: Bungalow, Prairie, Mission Revival, Colonial Revival, Queen Anne, Cape Cod, and Art Deco as well as the Craftsman style, which is the most prevalent style.



Houston’s Historic Preservation Ordinance, adopted by City Council in 1995, recognizes and protects the city’s historic sites. The ordinance allows Council to designate buildings, structures, objects or sites that have historical, cultural, architectural or archaeological significance. By preserving the city’s valuable historic resources, residents and visitors are visibly reminded of our culture and heritage, boosting civic pride and economic prosperity. Economic incentives and reduced permit fees are available for renovations on designated historic properties.