

# City Commission Workshop



Historic Preservation Task Force  
2016-17



# Where we started



- ❧ Direction from Commission; City Manager originally tasked us for six months due to complexity, extended to a year.
- ❧ GOAL: To strengthen Historic Preservation in Delray Beach.
- ❧ GOAL: To fill any gaps in resources for staff and citizens to protect and preserve our historic properties.
- ❧ First meeting September 2015. Monthly or bi-weekly meetings with city staff and/or citizens.
- ❧ Create new legal documents and maps to support.

# Identified these needs



- ❧ Create more incentives to encourage historic preservation.
- ❧ Give more teeth to current ordinances.
- ❧ Determine new areas that qualify for historic designation.
- ❧ Increase staffing to provide education and assistance to public on a daily basis



# New Incentives



- ❧ Add grants to all Historic Districts for people who qualify for financial assistance—model now being run in West Settlers District. Funding sources: CRA, others to be identified.
- ❧ Expedite permit process and customer service with new staff member.
- ❧ New Resource Guide developed by Task Team will be made available at City Hall and on City web site.
- ❧ Ask County to increase Tax Exemption program from 10 to 20 years - other cities have done this.
- ❧ Property Tax Cap for people who are not going to add on to their homes but maintain a historic designated home.

# New Ordinances/Initiatives



- ❧ Demolition by Neglect – Strengthen LDR/Ordinance
  - ❧ Willful Neglect and Scorched Earth
- ❧ Fines – Amend and Strengthen LDR/Ordinance
  - ❧ Those with financial hardship get grants to help with fines and to finish work
- ❧ Affirmative Maintenance – New LDR/Ordinance
- ❧ Economic Hardship Certificate – New LDR/Ordinance
- ❧ City-wide Board Up – New LDR/Ordinance
- ❧ Historic Board Up – New LDR/Ordinance
- ❧ Ad Valorem Tax Exemption – Extend from 10 – 20 years

# Create New Districts



❧ Frog Alley

❧ North Swinton Avenue. (Currently, several properties are individually listed. Three more are in process.)

❧ Atlantic Avenue





# Frog Alley



## EXISTING DESIGNATED PROPERTIES

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

404 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

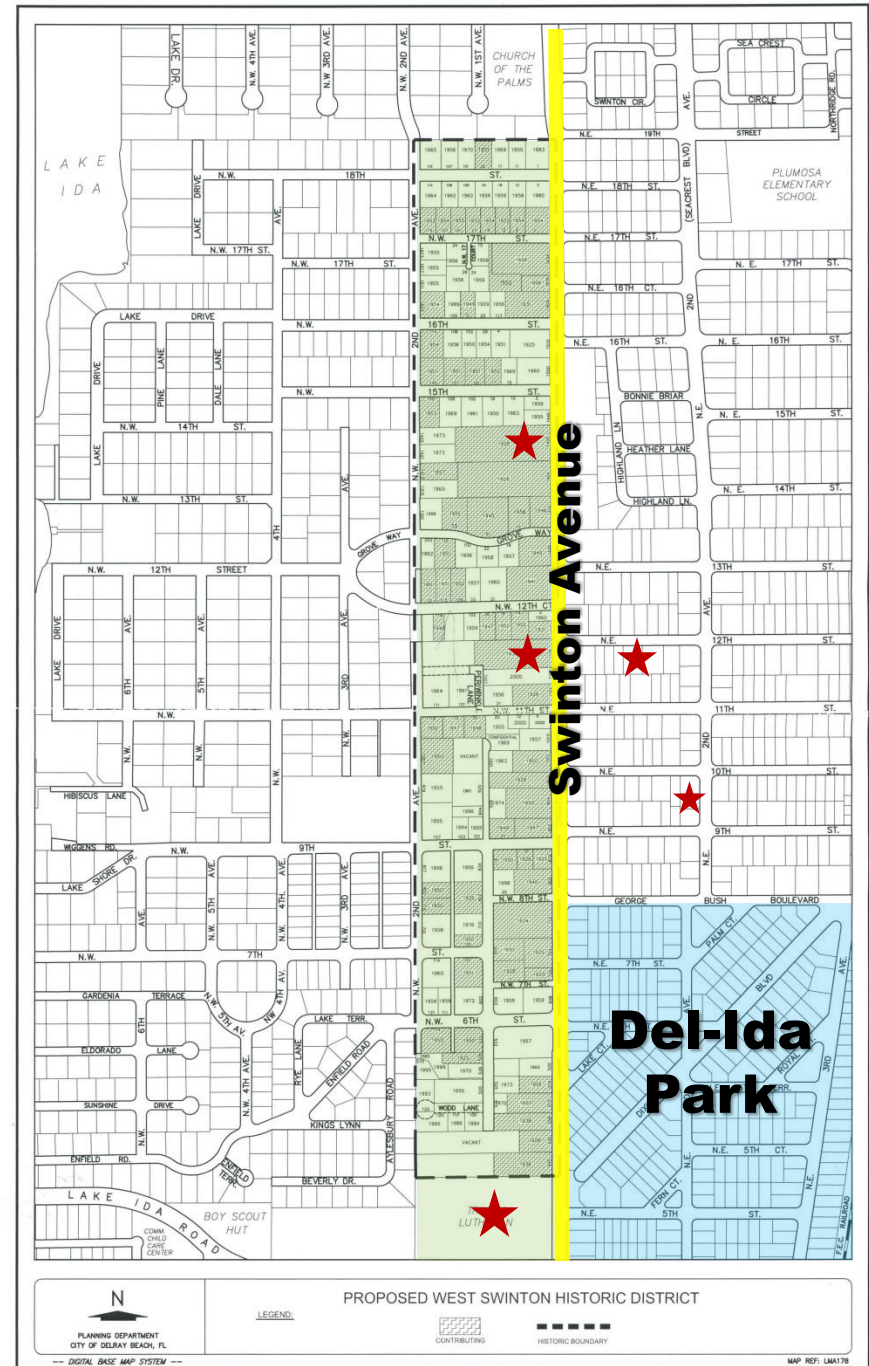
**77 properties are eligible to be  
listed within the future historic district**



# North Swinton Avenue Study Area

## EXISTING DESIGNATED PROPERTIES

- ★ Clint Moore House – 1420 N. Swinton Avenue
- ★ Dewitt House - 1110 N. Swinton Avenue
- ★ Amelung House - 102 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street
- ★ O'Neal House – 910 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- ★ Trinity Chapel – 400 N. Swinton Avenue





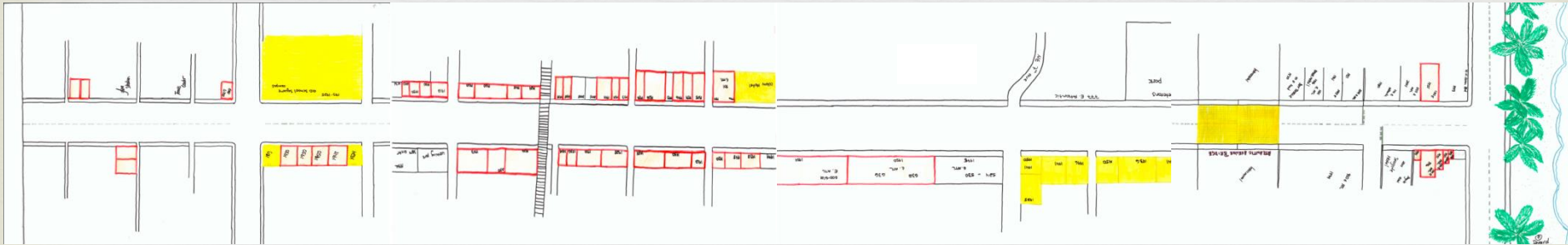


# North Swinton Avenue





# Atlantic Avenue



## EXISTING DESIGNATED PROPERTIES

13 Sites along Atlantic Avenue are  
either individually listed on the Local Register of Historic places or  
are within an existing Historic District



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# Final Recommendations



- ❧ ADD INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION
- ❧ UPDATE ORDINANCES TO GIVE MORE TEETH
- ❧ ENHANCE SERVICE/RESOURCES TO THE PUBLIC BY ADDING 2 STAFF POSITIONS
- ❧ LIST POTENTIAL NEW HISTORIC DISTRICTS

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