

The Difference between National Register Historic Districts and Local Historic Districts

| | NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICTS | LOCAL DISTRICTS |
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| What is it? | Primarily an honorary designation for important historic resources | Overlay to the local zoning code with specific protections |
| PROTECTIONS | Review only for federally funded projects Few protections for private owners | Standards & reviews to guide appropriate changes, More substantial than building code |
| FEDERAL & STATE TAX BENEFITS | Indiana Residential Rehab Tax Credit Federal Income Producing Tax Credit | Benefits available if district is “certified” or already listed on National Register |
| ECONOMIC BENEFITS | Little for private property owner | Protects private investment and property values more effectively |