

Feature	Local Historic District (LHD)	Certified Local Historic District (CLHD)	National Register Historic District (NRHD)
Definition	Area designated by a municipality for historic, architectural, or cultural significance	A local historic district certified by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)	District listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its national, state, or local significance
Designation Authority	City or county government via local ordinance	Local government + SHPO certification	National Park Service (NPS), via SHPO nomination
Design Review	Typically yes, for exterior changes, per local ordinance	Required, must meet SHPO standards	✗ Not required unless linked to local ordinance or federal funding
Eligibility for State Historic Tax Credits	✗ Not automatically eligible	✓ Eligible for state historic rehabilitation tax credits	✓ Eligible if <u>income-producing</u> property; must follow rehabilitation standards
Eligibility for Federal Historic Tax Credits	✗ Not automatically eligible	✓ Eligible if district meets federal criteria	✓ Eligible if income-producing property; must follow Secretary of the Interior's Standards
Oversight Requirements	Local preservation commission or board	Must meet SHPO standards for design review and preservation	Minimal unless using federal funding; local review may apply if also a local district
Primary Benefit	Protects historic character, local recognition	Protects historic character + access to financial incentives	Recognition of historical significance; potential tax incentives and grants
All Properties in District	Subject to local review for alterations	Subject to local review that meets SHPO standards	Only affected if using federal funding or pursuing tax credits