

Waverly Terrace Subdivision On Register of Historic Places

Columbus' first subdivision, Waverly Terrace, is now listed as an historic district on the National Register of Historic Places.

The neighborhood, still almost exclusively residential, will not be zoned as an historic district, however, but as a landmark district, says Presley Tutherow, president of the Waverly Terrace Neighborhood Association.

"By rezoning it from R-3 (residential) to L (landmark), we have more protection to remain residential. If we were zoned an historic district, antique shops and lawyer's offices could come into the neighborhood," Tutherow said. "We wanted to be placed on the National Register to prevent business intrusions."

Tutherow said he learned of U.S. Department of Interior's decision last week.

Now that the neighborhood is on the

National Register, before a house is torn down, permission is needed by the city's Historic and Architectural Review Board, said Tutherow, a schoolteacher who lives at 2820 Hamilton Road.

The city's other historic residential district is in downtown Columbus, the original section of the city.

Waverly Terrace was on the outskirts of Columbus when The Jordan Co. began surveying the land around 1905. The building of homes began the following year and continued until 1929.

Of the 154 homes built, 150 remain. The borders of the neighborhood are Hamilton Road on the west, 30th Street on the north, 27th Street on the south, and Peabody Avenue on the east.

The houses reflect the prevailing design principles and construction practices of early 20th century, middle-class suburban housing.