City of Keene Downtown Historic District Resource Rankings

Joint Historic District Commission and Heritage Commission, March 19, 2025

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of these Historic District Regulations is to recognize, preserve, enhance and perpetuate buildings, structures and sites within the City of Keene's Downtown Historic District having historic, architectural, cultural or design significance.

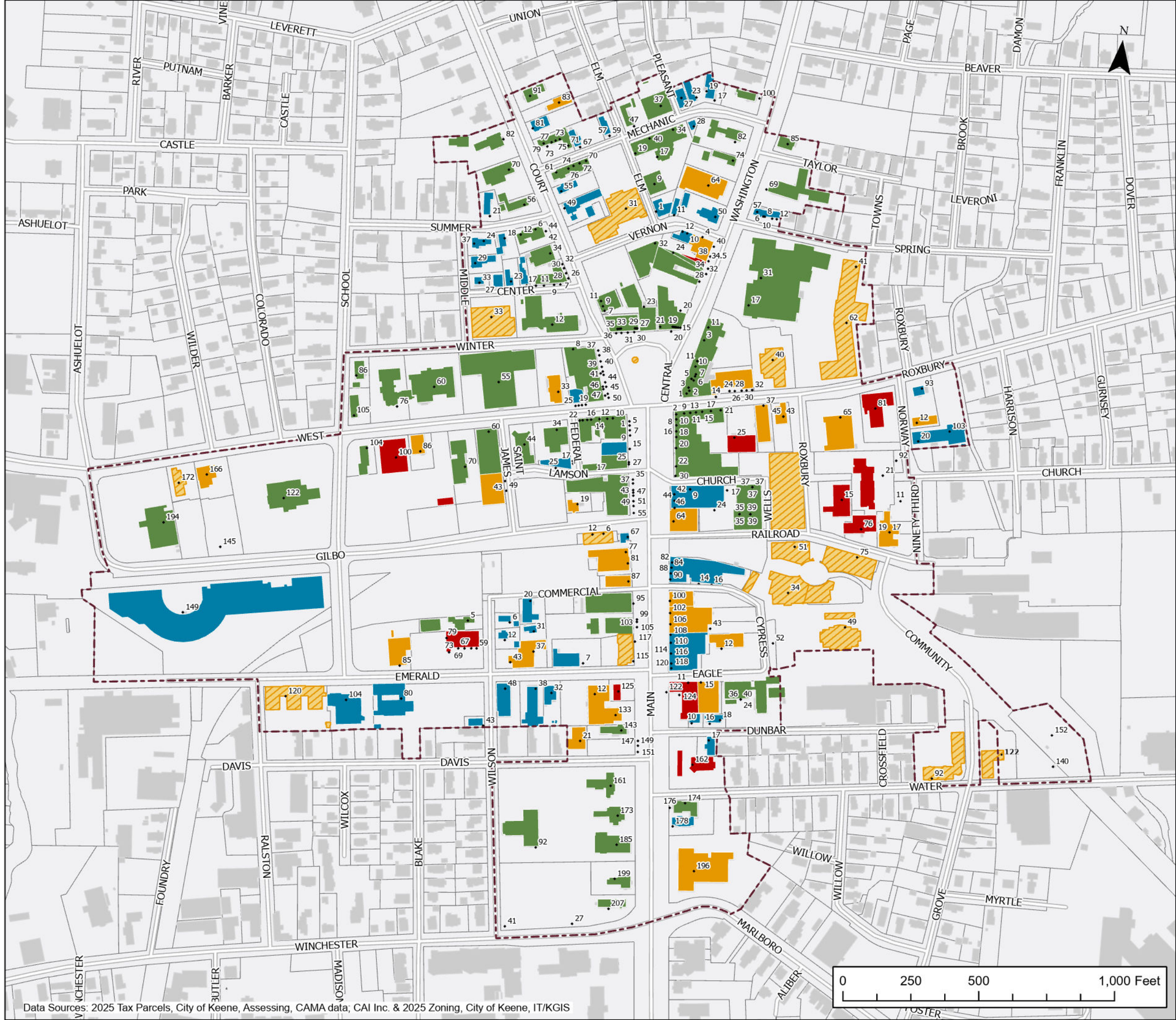
Period of Significance

These regulations shall apply to all buildings or structures located within the Downtown Historic District that were constructed during the "Period of Significance." The Period of Significance is the span of time during which the district attained its significance. This period starts in 1785, the year of the oldest extant building, and ends 50 years from present time.

Photo: Whitehouse, B. (1900–1910). 44-45 Central Square. Historical Society of Cheshire County, Keene, NH.

RESOURCE RANKINGS

- PRIMARY
- CONTRIBUTING
- INCOMPATIBLE
- NON CONTRIBUTING
- NON CONTRIBUTING*
- Historic District Boundary
- Parcels
- Other Buildings
- Roads
- Addresses

*Building age falls outside of the Period of Significance and is ***exempt*** from HDC regulations. Contact HDC Staff Liaison to verify age of building and determine if HDC regulations apply.

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