

291 Brighton Street, Belmont MA Local Historic District



**291 BRIGHTON ST., BELMONT, MA, 2017
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What is a Local Historic District (LHD)?



- A way to help protect buildings and properties that are historically and architecturally significant.
- Does not freeze house or property in time, provides tools to manage change over time.
- Design Review: allows Local Historic District Commissions to review changes to exterior architectural features visible from a public way.
- Belmont Historic District Committee provides design review when exterior changes are proposed and can issue the following:
 - Certificate of Non-Applicability
 - Certificate of Appropriateness
 - Disapproval

Creating a Local Historic District (LHD)



- Local Historic Districts are allowed through MA General Laws, Chapter 40C.
- Single buildings may become a local historic district
Chapter 40C, Section 3:
“The buildings, structures or sites to be included in the proposed historic district may consist of one or more parcels or lots of land, or one or more buildings or structures on one or more parcels or lots of land.”
- Steps to create a local historic district (LHD)
 - ✓ Nomination of a historic resource
 - ✓ Local Historic District Study Committee is formed (LHDSC)
 - ✓ LHDSC conducts research and public outreach
 - ✓ LHDSC prepares Preliminary Study Report
 - ✓ Preliminary Study Report submitted to Mass Historical Commission (MHC)
 - ✓ MHC provides endorsement or recommendation
 - ✓ Public hearing is held
 - ❑ Submit Final Study Report to Town
 - ❑ Town Meeting vote (2/3 majority)
 - ❑ Attorney General review
 - ❑ If approved by Attorney General, LHD is created

Local Historic Districts in Belmont



- Belmont has 3 local historic districts: Pleasant St., Common St., and the Richardson Farm.



- 291 Brighton Street will be Belmont's first single building local historic district.



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2017 Map, Belmont Office of Community Development

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c.1900 view showing ell and shed.
Belmont Citizen, September 20, 1973, page 4.

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May 20, 1944 view with large farm buildings visible behind the house. Courtesy of the Belmont Historical Society.



c.1944, Courtesy of the Belmont Historical Society

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c. 1946. View of house with new garage and new house built on the right.
Courtesy of the Belmont Historical Society.
Verso of photo reads: "Property of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Loring Rablin bought
by them 1944 from Mr. Chas. Trenholm. Built circa 1802-1808. Became a
celebrated celery farm. Developed the 'Boston Market Celery.'"

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Local Historic District



c.1900



1944



1946



2017

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