

Proposed amendments to the Druid Hills Design Manual:

6.8 EXTERIOR COLORS

The initial painting or other surface treatment of masonry and stucco will be reviewed by the preservation commission, and shall not be precluded if brought in a retroactive application. The specific color of the paint, however, will not be reviewed. Appropriate paint colors are usually related to the style and type of the property in question. (Page 60)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

Property owners in historic districts are subject to a design review process whereby the preservation commission approves any material changes in appearance to the district and issues Certificates of Appropriateness which allow the proposed changes to take place. Ordinary maintenance and repair (which includes painting of wood surfaces as well as masonry surfaces that have been previously painted or had other surface treatment applied) are excluded from the review process.

Designation does not (1) restrict the uses of property, (2) require you to make improvements, (3) prevent new construction within the district, or (4) require permission to paint your house, unless the house is clad, in whole or in part, including foundations, with masonry or stucco, which specific parts are subject to review the first time a paint or other surface treatment is to be applied. (Appendices, page ix)