

ORDINANCE 2024-02

**TO AMEND TITLE 8 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED
“HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION”
TO ESTABLISH A HISTORIC DISTRICT – Re: LOWER CASCADES PARK
(Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission, Petitioner)**

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted Ordinance 95-20, which created a Historic Preservation Commission (“Commission”) and established procedures for designating historic districts in the City of Bloomington; and

WHEREAS, on February 23rd, 2024, the Commission held a public hearing for the purpose of allowing discussion and public comment on the proposed historic designation of Lower Cascades Park; and

WHEREAS, at the same hearing, the Commission found that the site has historic and architectural significance that merits the protection of the property as a historic district; and

WHEREAS, at the same hearing, the Commission approved a map and written report which accompanies the map and validates the proposed district by addressing the criteria outlined in Bloomington Municipal Code 8.08.010; and

WHEREAS, at the same hearing, the Commission voted to submit the map and report which recommend local historic designation of said properties to the Common Council;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The map setting forth the proposed historic district for the site is hereby approved by the Common Council, and said historic district is hereby established. A copy of the map and report submitted by the Commission are attached to this ordinance and incorporated herein by reference and two copies of them are on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection.

The historic district is further described as:

Parcels 53-05-28-200-042.000-005 excluding the Upper Cascades Skate Park, 53-05-28-200-016.000-005, 53-05-28-200-019.000-005, 53-05-21-300-017.000-005, 53-05-21-300-007.000-005, 53-05-21-300-004.000-005, 53-05-21-300-008.000-005, 53-05-21-200-001.000-005 west of N Walnut St, 53-05-21-300-010.000-005, and 53-05-21-200-006.000-005 excluding parts of the Upper Cascades Golf Course in the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana.

SECTION 2. The property at “Lower Cascades Park” shall be classified as “Contributing”.

SECTION 3. Chapter 8.20 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, entitled “List of Designated Historic and Conservation Districts,” is hereby amended to insert “Lower Cascades Park” and such entry shall read as follows:

Lower Cascades Park 2851 North Old State Road 37

SECTION 4. If any section, sentence, or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ISABEL PIEDMONT-SMITH, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2024.

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2024.

KERRY THOMSON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance amends Chapter 8.20 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled “The List of Designated Historic Districts” in order to designate Lower Cascades Park as a historic district. The Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission, after a public hearing February 23, 2024, recommended that the park be designated historic with a rating as “Contributing.” This rating was based upon certain historic and architectural criteria set forth in BMC 8.08.010(e) entitled “Historic District Criteria.” Local designation will provide the protection needed to ensure that this property is preserved.