

## North Salem & Mack Park



### Historic Highlights

- Diverse collection of well-preserved 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century homes
- Northfields neighborhood
- North Street corridor
- Greenlawn, Harmony Grove & St. Mary's Cemeteries
- Kernwood Country Club
- Cabot Farm
- Mack Park
- North Street Fire Station

### Preservation Activity

- Individual NR properties
- 788 resources documented as part of "North Salem"
- Buffum Street recommended for NR listing

### Recommendations

- Priority area for survey
- Pursue NR listing for Buffum Street and other eligible resources
- Potential LHD areas

### Preservation Opportunities & Concerns

Included within the MACRIS area of "North Salem", the North Salem and Mack Park areas contain impressive collections of 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century residences, including both large single family homes in the former North Fields and more modest workers housing built in the Mack Park neighborhood, especially near the former factory area of the North River. Both neighborhoods also contain historic public and private landscapes. The commercial streetscape of North Street travels between the Northfields and Mack Park areas with converted residences, single story commercial blocks and an historic fire station, while two historic cemeteries flank the east and west ends of North Salem.

Previous survey efforts and planning studies identified potential historic districts in these neighborhoods but no local or National Register district designations have been pursued. The City has sought to improve the residential and commercial streetscape of North Street through infrastructure improvements such as period lighting and recently completed exterior repairs to the historic North Street Fire Station. The City is also beginning efforts to restore the Dickson Chapel at Greenlawn Cemetery. However, despite the efforts of many private homeowners, the area is experiencing incremental losses of historic building fabric through replacement windows, siding and the removal of decorative architectural features.