

DOWNTOWN NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGNEE—2019

Downtown Nacogdoches is a hub for the East Texas region. As the oldest town in Texas, this historic neighborhood reinforces this notion through outreach efforts to other small towns and historic sites. Downtown Nacogdoches was founded in 1837, with incremental growth around the downtown rail stop. Comprehensive Plans every decade placed emphasis on the downtown, and since the 2003 Comprehensive Plan, every effort has been on improving the resiliency and fiscal sustainability of historic downtown.

Downtown Nacogdoches is committed to a walkable, bikeable, and accessible neighborhood focused on the strengths of density in a historic downtown. A public transit stop is located behind City Hall to allow equitable transportation use across the neighborhood, city, and region. Mixed-use buildings in a neo-traditional design intersect to provide a high quality of life for residents, workers, and visitors. Few, if any, historic buildings have been demolished, with focus on renovation and reuse to maintain the charming and authentic character of the oldest town in Texas.

Downtown Nacogdoches is also committed to social equity, from affordable housing apartments for the working class to multi-modal transportation to move the less advantaged to civic services, arts and cultural facilities, and retail and restaurants. The walkable, impermeable nature of the streetscapes provide for environmental and health resilience.

Downtown Nacogdoches is a thriving, ever-changing neighborhood that listens to the community and serves local needs in diverse ways.



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