

Preservation Becomes Historic: The Evolution of Boise's Historic Preservation Movement



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Daughters of the Revolution Preserve First House Built in Boise

THE pioneers of Boise and all those who are now enjoying the fruit of the labors of the trail blazers in this new country, are invited to Pioneer chapter, Daughters of the Revolution of Boise, for the preservation of the first permanent residence ever built in the city, the home of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Farrell, which has stood since '40, on the O'Farrell property on Franklin and Fifth streets, and which has recently been moved to the land along the city along the edge of the Government reservation, just across the street from where it was originally built.

Learning a few months ago that this most historic cabin was to be torn down to give place for a handsome modern residence, the historical committee of the D. A. R. of which Mrs. J. B. Morrey is chairman, brought the matter to the attention of the Boise chapter with the result that a conference was at once held with the O'Farrell daughters, owners of the cabin, with a view to securing it for a permanent historic relic. The daughters of the late John O'Farrell were only too glad to accede to the request of the ladies and gave them the cabin, provided the society found a site for the cabin and paid for its removal.

The subject of a site was brought before the city council and the use of the strip of land which was recently acquired by the city from the government along the Croxon ditch, was granted to the chapter for the cabin and a month ago it was moved to its new final resting place, which happens to be on a portion of land formerly claimed by Mr. O'Farrell but which a later survey by the government took from him.

It is the intention of the society to furnish the cabin with pieces of pioneer furniture which it hopes to obtain from pioneers, some of the old braided rugs, the chairs and a table which were brought over the plains and to secure, if possible, a pair of

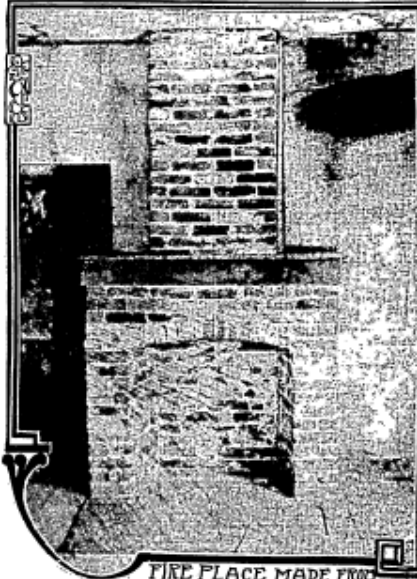


FIRST PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN BOISE

the cabin. Later regular services were held here until a chapel was built.

The money for the preservation of the cabin was nearly all contributed by pioneers or their families and when the work is completed it is the intention of the chapter to dedicate the building to the memory of the pioneers who made Idaho the beautiful, such a glorious possibility. Contributions of furniture, such as were used in the early times, especially old iron and brass for the fire place, and old pictures and photos of pioneers, will be gratefully received by the committee.

The Historical committee is in hopes that the city will adopt its suggestion to call the strip of land along the reservation, "Pioneer Park."



FIRE PLACE MADE FROM FIRST BRICKS MADE IN BOISE



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IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

BOISE IS ABOUT TO LOSE ITS LINK WITH THE PAST, AS ITS FINEST BUILDINGS FALL UNDER THE WRECKING BALL OF URBAN RENEWAL. ARCHITECTURALLY SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS SUCH AS THE ADA THEATER, THE EASTMAN BUILDING, COMMERCIAL STATE BANK, THE IDAN-HA HOTEL AND THE MEN'S WARDROBE BUILDING PROVIDE DIVERSITY AND AESTHETIC QUALITY TO THE CITY OF BOISE. BUILDINGS OF SUCH CHARM WILL NEVER AGAIN BE BUILT, AND IF UPGRADED THEY CAN PROVIDE A USEFUL PURPOSE AS WELL AS STRENGTHEN THE CITY'S IDENTITY WITH ITS HISTORIC PAST.

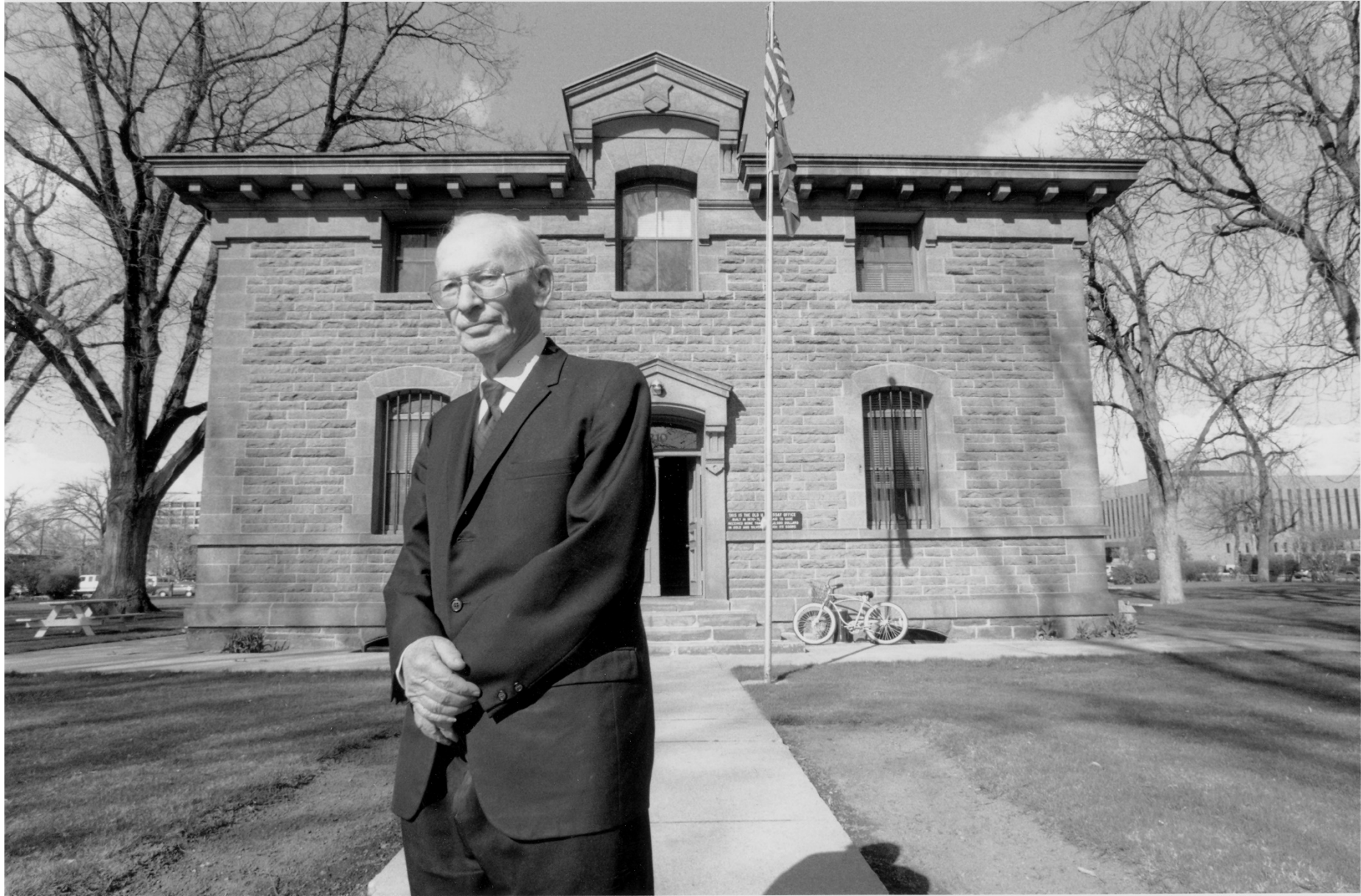
HELP YOUR CITY REFLECT ITS GROWTH AND CULTURE BY INFORMING YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT THE BEST OF THE PAST CAN BE PLEASINGLY TIED IN WITH THE BEST OF THE FUTURE.

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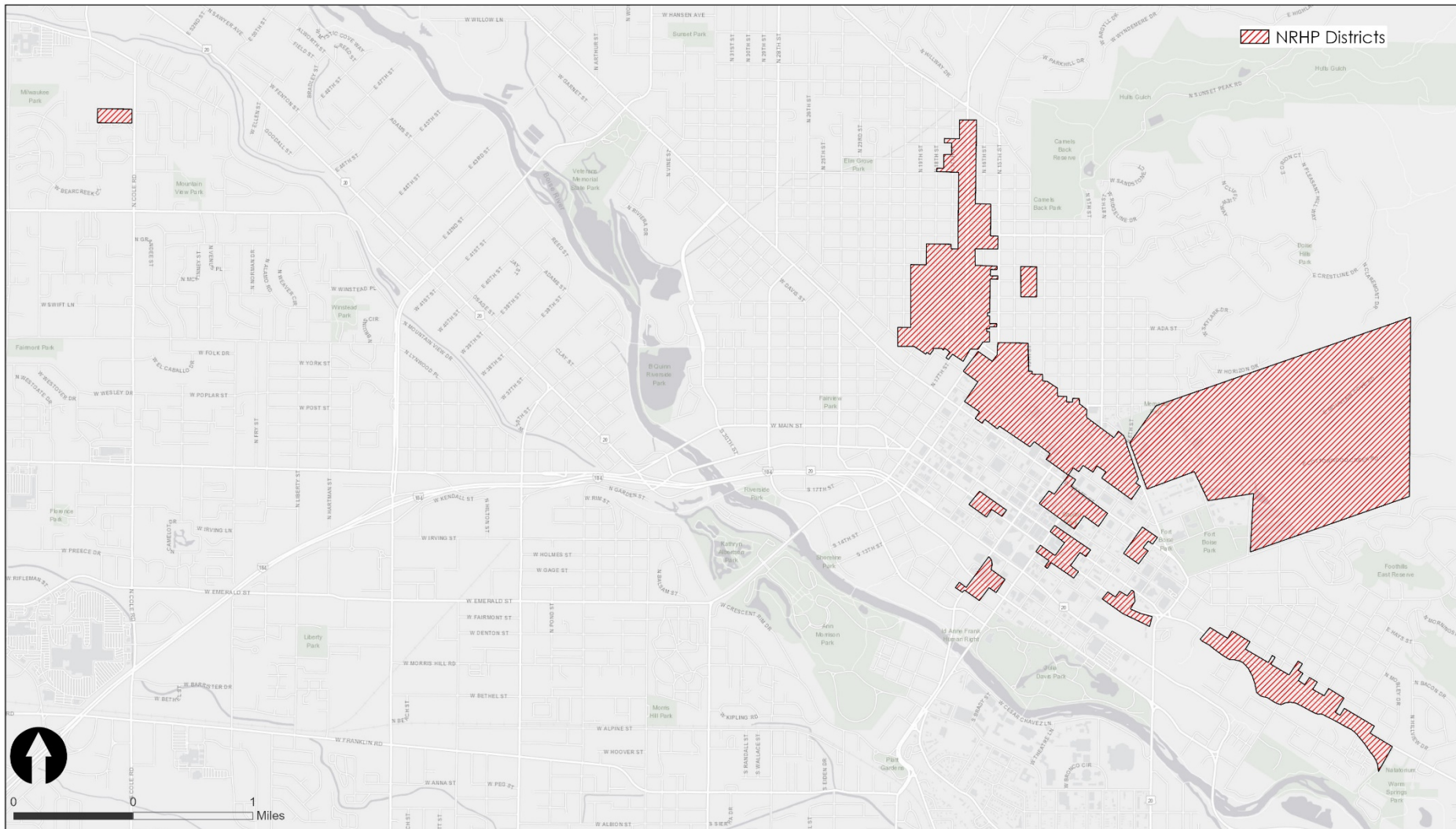
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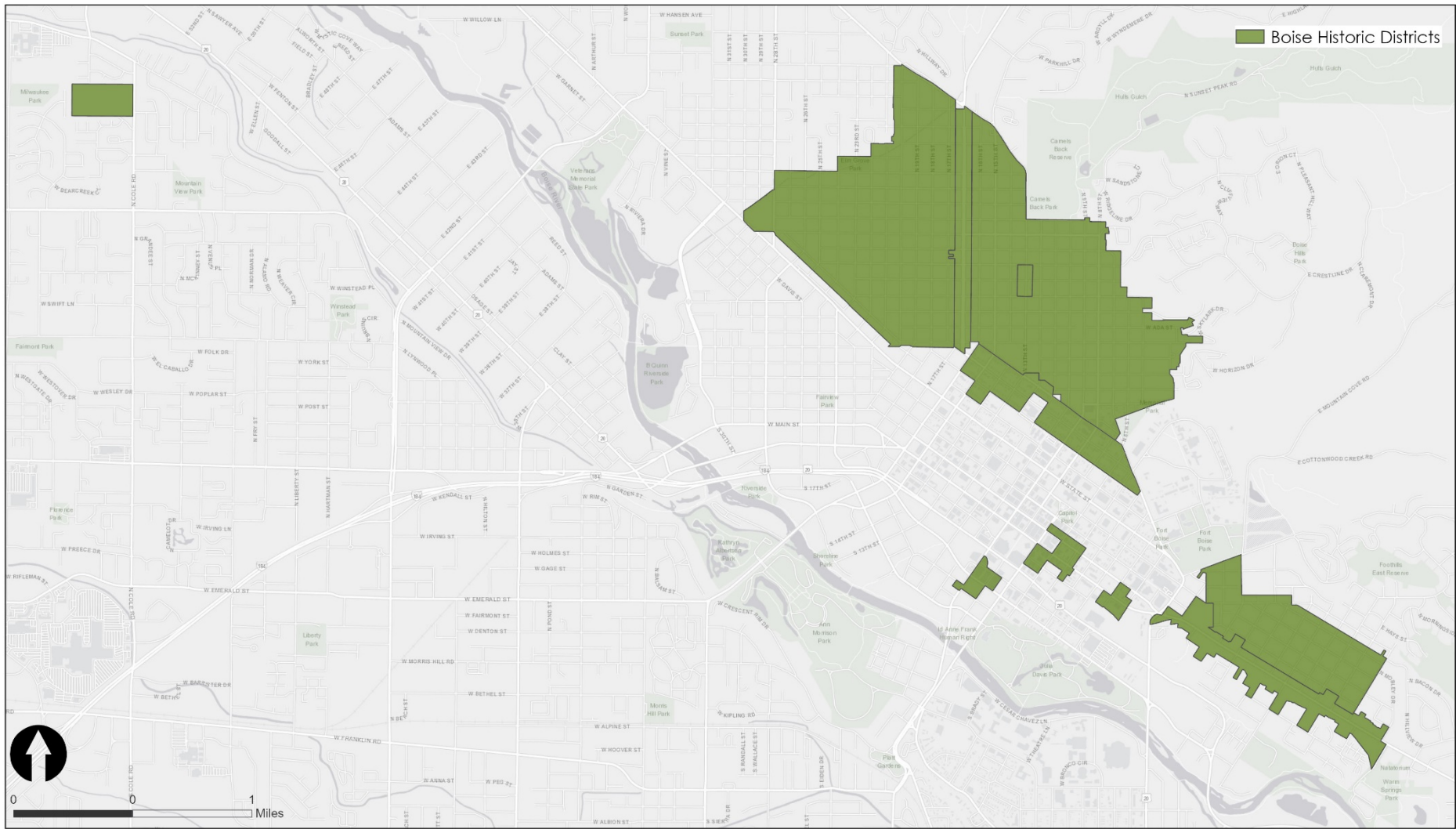
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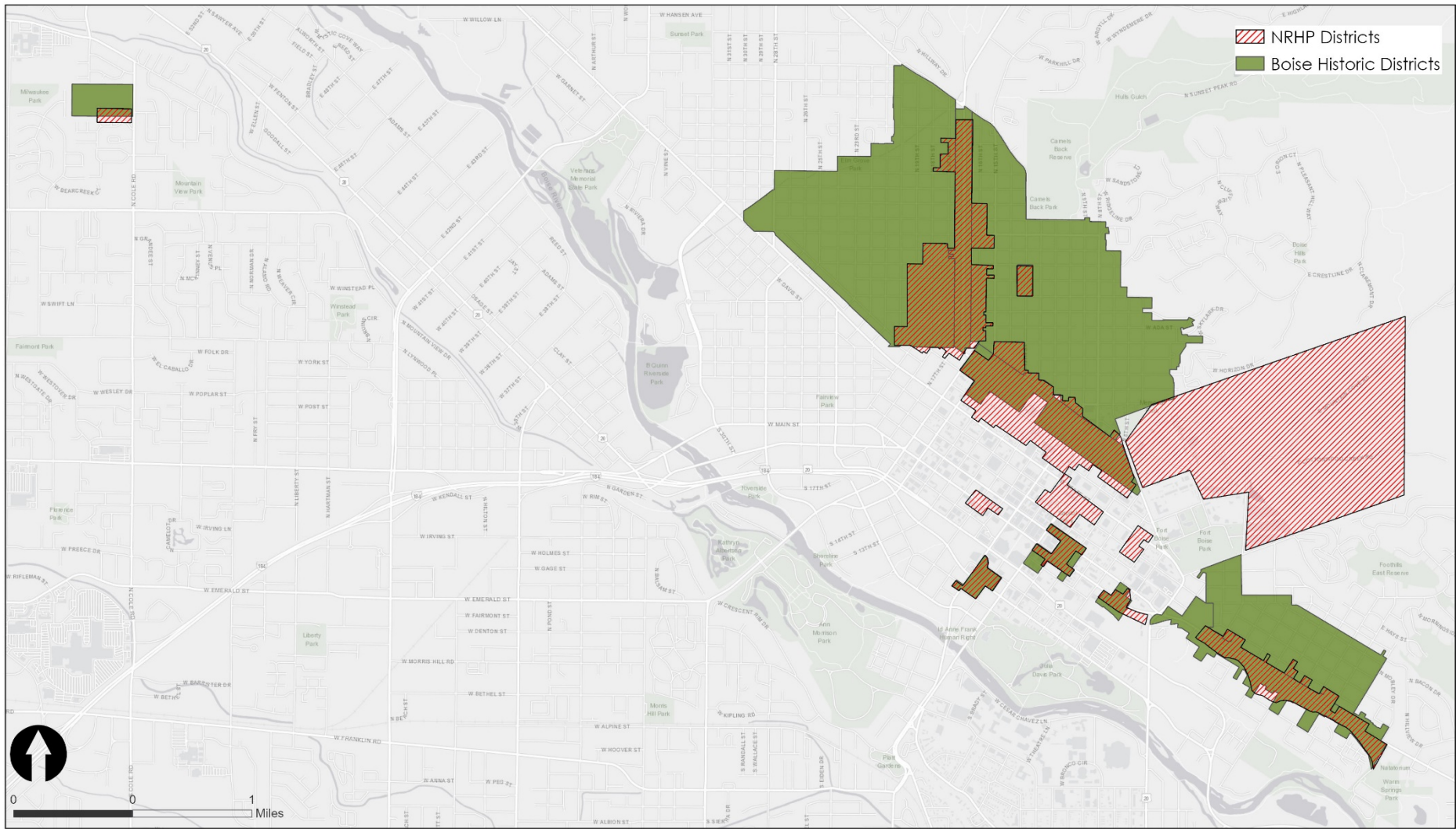
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