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Also, these scattered "districts" do not possess historical continuity or cohesion. Therefore, it was decided to pursue a district designation which embodied the overarching and transcendental importance of the "Downtown" theme.

A relative few of the Downtown district's resources fall into the category of sites normally exempted from listing on the Register. The individual inventory forms pertaining to these resources address the justification for inclusion. Briefly, buildings less than 50 years old, such as the Greyhound Bus Terminal of 1938-39, have achieved some significance and merit inclusion because of their architectural excellence. Religious buildings, such as St. Mary's, Salem or Zion churches, merit inclusion because of their strong connection with the significant theme of German ethnicity, an area of significance which would not be fully interpreted without these ecclesiastical buildings. With rare exceptions, buildings which had lost even a small degree of integrity were not selected for inclusion in the Multiple Resources Area. Those few buildings which have been altered but have nevertheless been included were treated in this manner by reason of their singular reflection of an important theme or other rare expression of significance; for example, the German Bank (83).

The results of the Evansville Cultural Resources Inventory are being integrated into the local and state planning processes. The proposed revision of the 1968 comprehensive plan for the Downtown will feature problem analysis and proposals supporting the reuse of worthy historic sites and structures.

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Lease Records, 1859+

Miscellaneous Records of the Vanderburgh County Recorder's Office, 1858+

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Plat Maps

PRIMARY SOURCES

Abstracts of Deeds

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City Directories, 1858+

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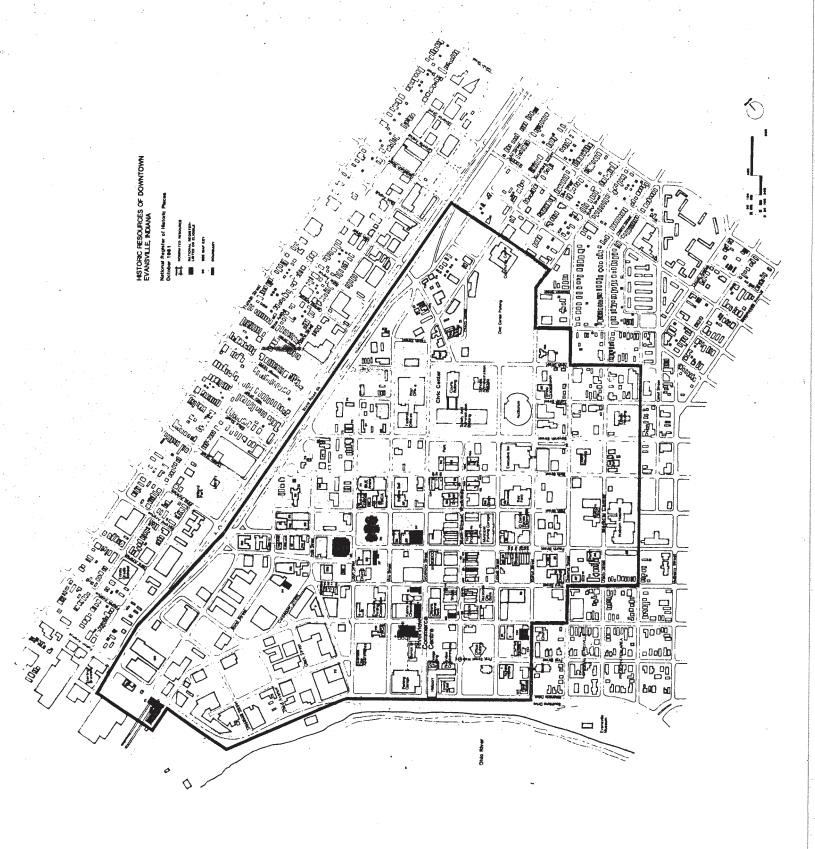
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Additional information regarding Boundary Description:

The National Register nomination forms for the Downtown Evansville (Indiana) Multiple Resources nomination show two means for designating boundaries for nominated properites: a tax code number and, in some cases, a legal description also.

- . The Tax Code Numbering system forms the basis for collecting taxes in Vanderburgh County. Tax numbers comprise three sets of digits and refer to a unique, legally definable Vanderburgh County property.
- Where ownership of a property includes both a building and an adjacent unimproved piece of land, or an improved one with a non-nominated property, a legal description of the land on which the nominated building is situated is given in addition to the tax code number.

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