## Comparison Chart of Four Types of Historic Districts in Virginia

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<td><strong>Program Administrator</strong></td>
<td>National Park Service (NPS)</td>
<td>National Park Service, in partnership with Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR)</td>
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<td>Local government</td>
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<td><strong>Application Process</strong></td>
<td>Property owner(s) apply directly to NPS</td>
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<td><strong>Process for Objecting to or Supporting District Designation</strong></td>
<td>Yes – managed by NPS</td>
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<td><strong>Eligible for Preservation Incentives</strong></td>
<td>Yes – Federal and State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits; State Historic Preservation Easements</td>
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<td>Yes – incentives are authorized by the local government; may include signage, plaque programs, tax abatements, heritage tourism, enterprise zone designation, or other programs</td>
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<td><strong>Historic District can be Designated at More than One Level</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Boundaries of Historic Districts Must Match at all Levels of Designation</strong></td>
<td>No</td>
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<td><strong>Same Criteria are Used at All Levels of Designation</strong></td>
<td>No</td>
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<td><strong>Designation of One Type of Historic District Automatically Leads to Other Designations</strong></td>
<td>No</td>
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<td><strong>Requires Federal Government to Take into Account Impacts Caused by Federally Licensed, Permitted, or Funded Projects</strong></td>
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<td>Provides Automatic Protection from Any or All Development, Demolition, or Other Threats</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Automatically Results in Higher Taxes or Higher Property Values</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Can Include Regulations on Private Property</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes – typically through planning, zoning, and permitting processes. All regulations are created by the local government.</td>
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<td>Can Restrict Private Property Owner's Use of Property</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Yes – by local government</td>
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<td>Can Require Oversight of Private Property by an Architectural Review Board</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes – typically to implement design guidelines and review proposed changes within the district. ARB duties are determined only by the local government.</td>
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<td>Can Require a Property Owner to Maintain or Repair Property to a Certain Standard</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Places Regulatory Limits on a Private Property Owner's Ability to Buy, Sell, or Lease Private Property</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Places Regulatory Limits on a Private Property Owner's Ability to Develop their Property</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Property development is governed at the local level and typically includes planning, zoning, permitting, and inspection processes, regardless of whether the property is historic. A locally designated district also may be subject to review by an ARB, subject to local government ordinance.</td>
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