

Timeline

1953

Heritage Society of Austin (Preservation Austin precursor) and Texas State Historical Survey Committee (THC precursor) created

1965

First Austin survey completed by Heritage Society and Planning Department

1966

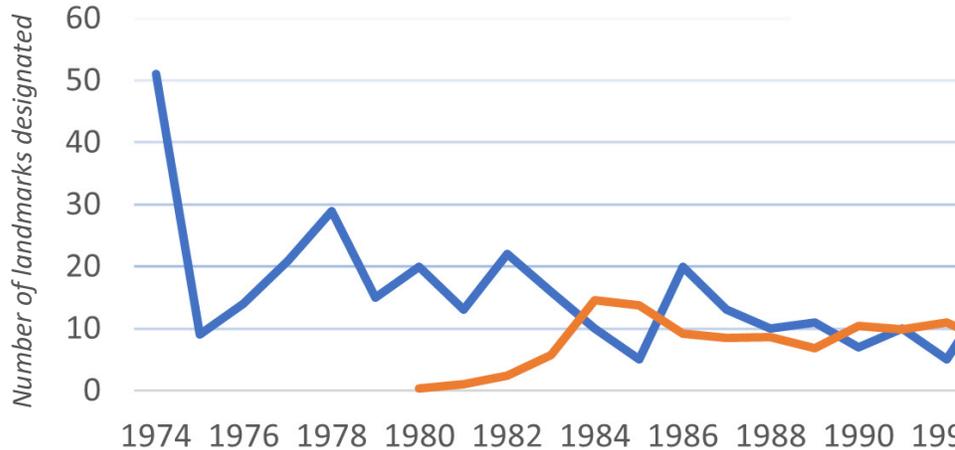
National Historic Preservation Act passed

1969

Antiquities Code of Texas passed

1974

Austin's historic preservation ordinance passed



1980

NHPA amendment creates Certified Local Government program

1981

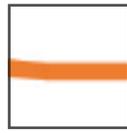
Austin preservation plan approved

1984

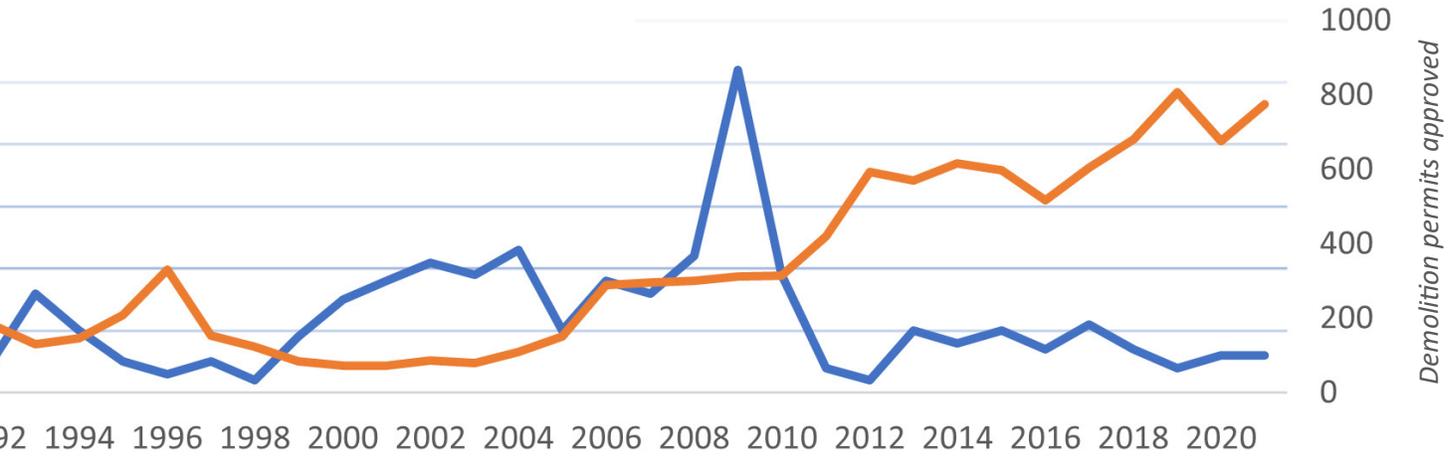
Austin's first comprehensive survey completed



Historic landmarks



Demolition permits



2004

Austin passes local historic district ordinance

2010

City Council limits number of owner-initiated landmark designation hearings to three per month following lawsuit, or one per month in a National Register or local historic district.

2016

City Council approves largest East Austin survey to date

2019

HB 2496 (state supermajority rule) enacted

2020

SB 1585 (state historic district opt-out policy) passes; enacted 2021