

Rugby Road-University Circle-Venable Architectural Design Control District

The Rugby Road-University Circle-Venable Neighborhood Architectural Design Control District was created in 2006. This district includes properties along University Circle, Rugby Road, Grady Avenue, Preston Place, 14th Street, 15th Street, Virginia Avenue, and Gordon Avenue. Most of the local district is also included in the Rugby Road-University Corner National Register Historic District, with the exception of 14th Street and the southern portion 15th Street.

The streetscapes of 14th and 15th Streets developed during the same period, and include similar architectural styles, as the remainder of the district. Most structures date to the late 19th and early 20th century. Fourteenth Street includes many former boarding houses that catered to the University community and residents that either worked for, or attended, the University.

This residential area north of the University of Virginia was carved out of two large farms to house the University's growing number of students and faculty during the boom years between 1890 and 1930. The neighborhood contains a number of architecturally significant structures including apartment buildings, residential dwellings, and fraternity houses, as well as a school, a library, and two churches. Although a wide variety of architectural styles exist in this area, the Colonial Revival and Georgian Revival styles are most commonly represented.

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Contributing structures are identified
on this map with black shading

