

Oakhurst-Gildersleeve Architectural Design Control District

The Oakhurst-Gildersleeve Neighborhood Architectural Design Control District was created in 2005, and was nominated in 2009 as the Oakhurst-Gildersleeve Wood Neighborhood National Register Historic District. This district includes properties along Oakhurst Circle, Gildersleeve Wood, Valley Road, Valley Circle, Maywood Lane, and Jefferson Park Avenue.

The neighborhood has a remarkable collection of homes and apartment dwellings that have housed University faculty and students for over 90 years. Built in response to the rapid growth of the University, the neighborhood was among the earliest suburban developments in Charlottesville and was largely built-out by 1950. Houses have always been owned and rented by prominent UVA faculty, and with the growing student body in the 1920's and 1930's they also served as boarding houses. The district includes 76 properties dating from the 1910's to the 1960's with a range of architectural styles including Craftsman, Colonial Revival, Dutch Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, Minimal Traditional and Cape Cod. Oakhurst Circle and Gildersleeve Wood reflect the City Beautiful movement with a large central green space and small roundabout with mature plantings. The neighborhood exemplifies the modern ideal of living within walking distance of work.

