

Wertland Street Architectural Design Control District

The Wertland Street Architectural Design Control District is located in the western section of the City, northwest of the University of Virginia, and overlays the boundaries of the Wertland Street National Register Historic District. This ADC district was established in 1999 and includes properties fronting Wertland Street from 10th Street to just beyond 13th Street.

Wertland Street takes its name from the second librarian at the University of Virginia, William Wertenbacker, who was appointed to the position by University founder, Thomas Jefferson. Wertenbacker built his home at 1301 Wertland Street, a property that is still standing today.

During the 1880s landowners subdivided four large properties and Wertland Street became a popular neighborhood in the University area. The resulting community adhered to a unique streetscape with large lots, standard setbacks, and an ordered arrangement associated with the earliest properties to the north. The later southern additions are closer to the street and feature smaller lots.

The turn-of-the-century collection of Victorian vernacular domestic architecture in the Wertland Street Historic District is unparalleled in the City. The exterior architectural fabric of the district has been relatively undisturbed since the early 20th century while the majority of the properties have been adaptively reused as multi-family dwellings for University students.

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Contributing structures are identified
on this map with black shading

