

Design Review Advisory Committee

The Louisburg Historic Preservation Commission has appointed a Design Review Advisory Committee (DRAC) to serve two basic services:

Technical Assistance – The DRAC committee consists of local individuals who have a specific knowledge or expertise not only in historic architectural styles and elements, but also in general construction process, practices, and best practices. The DRAC can be solicited for assistance to any citizen proposing modifications to property located in the Louisburg Historic District. Technical assistance may be as simple as recommendations to window styles or siding type to be used in a proposed modification, to as complex as providing information on a specific historic feature and restoration guidelines. Please note that while this service is of tremendous benefit to the citizens of Louisburg, it is not intended to serve as the architectural analysis and formal design required by the application process. The gathering and presentation of the required data and materials are the responsibility of the applicant or contractor.

Application Review – The DRAC provides an extremely valuable service to applicants in the form of application review. All applications may be reviewed by the DRAC in light of the requirements of the application for completeness and expectation of the HPC's determination that the application contains sufficient detail to be considered for action.

The DRAC can identify application deficiencies that may lead to either denial or tabling of the COA application. The DRAC can also identify issues within the proposed activity which may not comply with the Standards for Rehabilitation and associated guidelines on which the approval of the application must be based. As the DRAC review is completely advisory in nature, applicants may or may not wish to modify their applications after receiving DRAC recommendations.

Please contact Tony King, Asst. Town Administrator, 919-496-1115 to discuss the role of the DRAC or solicit assistance with technical aspects of proposed modifications.