

CAPITOL AREA *neighbors*

Front St. to Third St., Walnut St. to Forster St.

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CAPITOL AREA NEIGHBORS OPPOSES PROPOSED LOCATION FOR THE NEW HARRISBURG FEDERAL COURTHOUSE

The Capitol Area Neighbors stand firm in its resolve that the demolition of buildings within a National Register Historic District and a Municipal Historic District is both unwarranted and unacceptable. A proposed location for the new Harrisburg Federal Courthouse (Green St. to Third St., Forster St. to North St.) within the historic district of the Capitol Area Neighbors (Front St. to Third St., Walnut St. to Forster St.) would directly affect six (6) city blocks, including apartments, businesses, restaurants and single family residences. Additionally this project would disrupt the daily activities of the immediate neighbors as well as the thousands of people who worship, visit, work, shop and dine in our neighborhood.

The importance of the Capitol Area Neighborhood to the fabric of the city has evolved as generations of property owners have restored and revitalized their homes, businesses and streets. This progress has reaffirmed the desirability of urban residential living and the improvement has resulted in an overall increase in property values and enhancement of the tax rolls.

We are resolved that the demolition of properties in a historic district for the construction of a new federal courthouse is inappropriate within the context of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and is a disgrace to the integrity of the process. This area, our neighborhood, represents the heart and soul of a long standing diverse historic community in the city of Harrisburg and should not have even been considered by the U.S. General Services Administration as a location for this project.

Respectfully,
Capitol Area Neighbors
Steering Committee