

Decatur Historic Resources Survey Neighborhood Summary

Date: September 1, 2009

Name: East Ponce de Leon Corridor

Property Type: District

Boundaries: The proposed East Ponce de Leon Corridor historic district consists mainly of residences on both the north and south sides East Ponce de Leon Avenue, from North Arcadia Avenue on the east to Commerce Drive on the west. Two short streets extending north from East Ponce de Leon Avenue, Mountain View Street and Poplar Street, are included in the district.

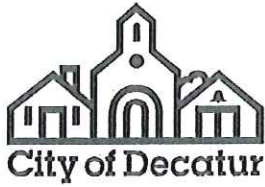
Primary Dates of Development: 1920s – 1930s

Physical Description: The residences in the East Ponce de Leon Avenue corridor consist primarily of American Small houses, bungalows, and English cottages. Though most follow no academic style, there are many excellent examples of the English Vernacular Revival style. Most of the houses were built in the 1920s and 1930s, and reflected the styles popular in the United States at the time: bungalows and English cottages. The busy traffic corridor of East Ponce de Leon Avenue is the main east-west street through the neighborhood. Also in the neighborhood are several multi-family units, a school (Glennwood Academy), a church (Holy Trinity Episcopal), and the Avondale MARTA station, located just southeast of the neighborhood at 917 East Ponce de Leon Avenue. In addition to the main corridor, there are two cross streets in the neighborhood, Mountain View Street and Poplar Street, on which most of the American Small houses are located.

The East Ponce de Leon Corridor contains 95 parcels, of which 76 (80%) are currently contributing historic properties, 17 (17.9%) are non-contributing, and two (2.1%) are vacant. The oldest house in the neighborhood is a wood bungalow built in 1920 and is located at 803 East Ponce de Leon Avenue.

Reason for Significance (National Register of Historic Places Areas of Significance):
Architecture, Community Planning and Development

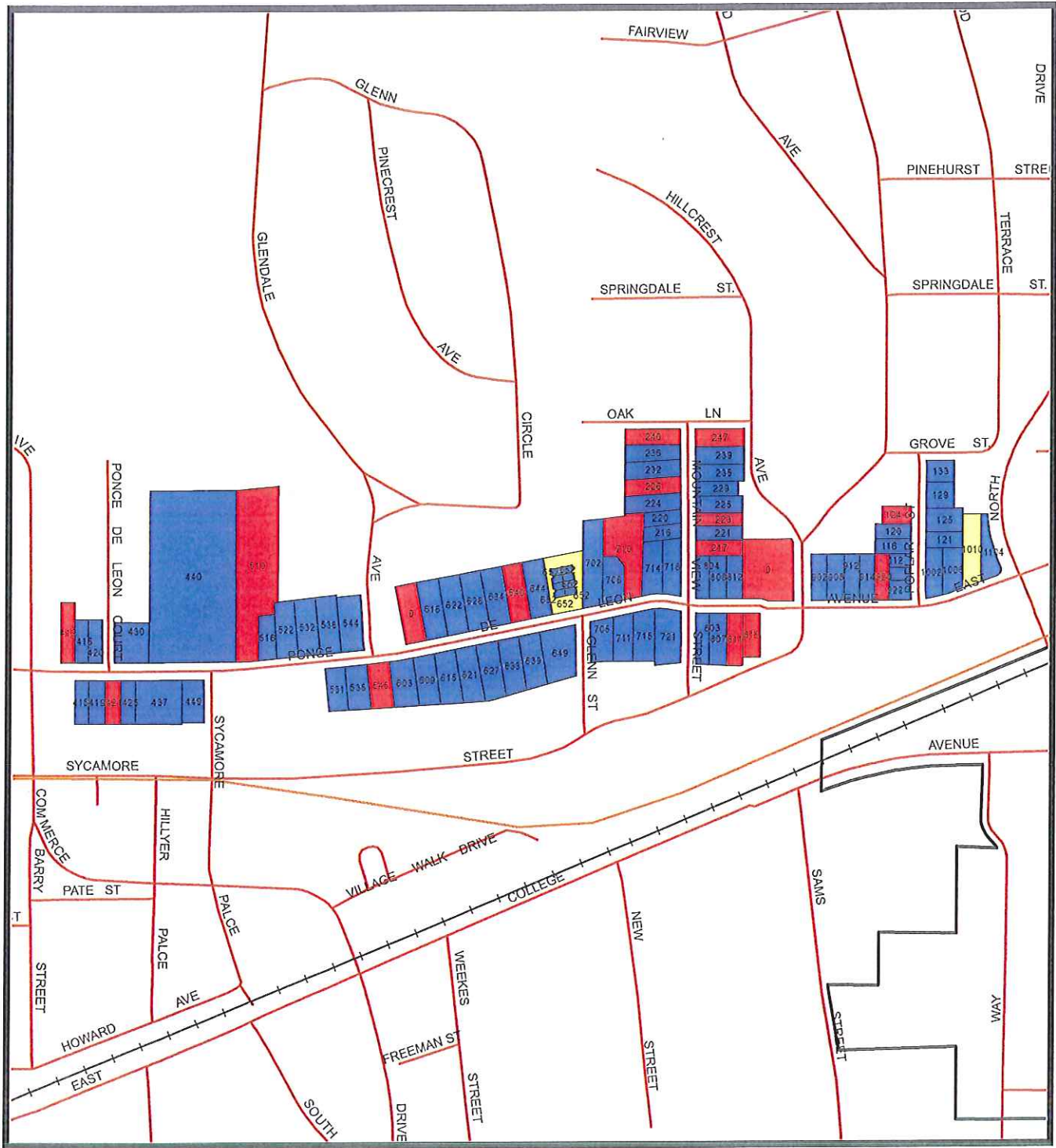
Description of Significance: The East Ponce de Leon Corridor is significant in the area of Architecture because of the many excellent examples of American Small houses, bungalows, and English cottages. Of special note are the many houses with strong elements of the English Vernacular Revival style, which give the area a sense of continuity.



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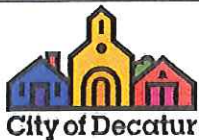
The East Ponce de Leon Corridor is also significant in the area of Community Planning and Development as an example of a common growth pattern in the early 1900s in the United States. As smaller cities and towns began to grow, residential development spread outward from the central city core along major traffic routes.

Recommended Historic District Designation: Local Historic District; National Historic District



East Ponce de Leon Corridor

0 250 500 1,000 Feet



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STATUS

- Park/Greenspace
- Contributing
- Non-contributing
- Vacant