

Decatur Historic Resources Survey Neighborhood Summary

Date: September 1, 2009

Name: South Candler Street-Agnes Scott National Register District

Property Type: District

Boundaries: The South Candler/Agnes Scott Historic District consists of the Agnes Scott College campus and its affiliated surrounding properties. It is roughly bounded by College Avenue to the north, South Candler Street to the east, East Hill Street and East Davis Street to the south and South McDonough Street to the west.

Primary Dates of Development: 1880s – 1960s

Physical Description: Agnes Scott College and its surroundings are good examples of late nineteenth and early twentieth century design and development. The college campus dates to 1889. It consists of Gothic Revival style buildings arranged around one major quadrangle, facing East College Avenue, and several smaller quadrangles. These greens are landscaped with planting areas and mature hardwood trees. Buildings are constructed of brick and many of them have porches or colonnades facing the open spaces. Numerous prominent architectural firms contributed to the design of the campus throughout its history.

The neighborhood along South Candler Street dates to the same period as the campus and contains fine examples of Craftsman architecture, as well as several later examples of revival styles, including Colonial Revival, English Vernacular Revival, Federal Revival, and Folk Victorian. The neighborhood has a dense tree cover and the lots are relatively large, especially closer to the campus. As the houses move away from the campus, they become slightly smaller and less ornate, a result of subdivision of earlier lots.

Reason for Significance (National Register of Historic Places Areas of Significance): Architecture, Education, Landscape Architecture, Religion, Women's History

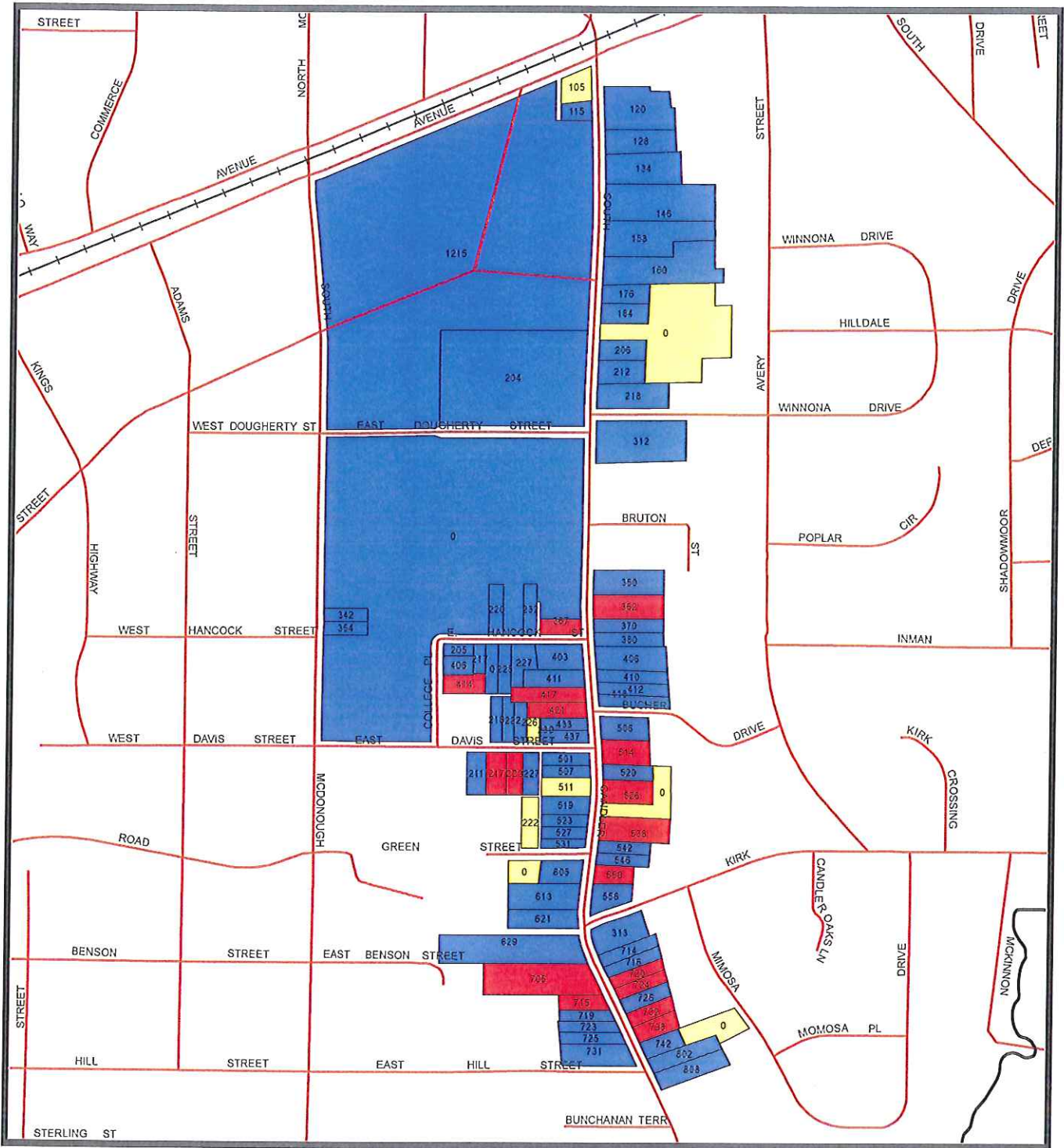
Description of Significance: The South Candler/Agnes Scott historic district is significant in the area of Architecture for containing numerous fine examples of of late nineteenth to early twentieth century architectural styles. The campus itself is Gothic Revival, while the South Candler residential neighborhood includes many Craftsman homes, along with Italianate, Folk Victorian, and many of the revival styles that were popular in the period. Many locally prominent architects designed the campus buildings, including Bruce & Morgan, Morgan & Dillon, Robert & Company, John Portman, Ivy and Crook, and Edwards &



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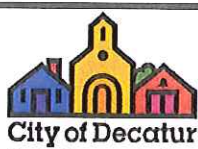
Sayward. It is significant in the area of Education as a regionally significant institute of higher learning, established in 1889 for the education of women. It is significant in the area of Landscape Architecture for representing a common collegiate campus layout of the area, in which the buildings are arranged facing an expansive green or lawn. It is significant in the area of Religion, as a college that was founded by the Presbyterian Church and continues to be associated with that denomination to the present time. It is also significant in the area of Women's History since it was founded as a college to educate women, and was the first regionally accredited women's college in Georgia history.

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



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STATUS

- Contributing
- Non-contributing
- Vacant