



Alley Sewer Repair COA Information - HRD

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Figure - Historic Districts.pdf; Mannik Smith Carriage Resource Survey 2025.pdf;

Hello Jennifer,

Thank you for your time last week to discuss the upcoming HDC application for the citywide alley sewer repair (ASRP) programmatic COA. As a summary, similar to the Private Sewer Repair Program that applied and received a COA last year, the citywide alley sewer program is seeking a programmatic COA for potential future work in Local Historic District alleys that do not have historic surface materials, like brick, that follow a specific scope of work. This program is funded through a CDBG-DR (disaster recovery) grant, which is why HRD is involved.

I have attached maps with potential alley sewers that may receive work overlayed with local historic districts. Inclusion of the alley sewer does not guarantee that work will occur. **NOTE:** These maps are not to be shared with the public at this time because the RFP has not closed. Jennifer, you had asked if other alley sewers not outlined on the maps could have work done during this several year grant project. Based on the information DWSD provided, they would like to keep work focused on the mapped and identified alleys, but there is a potential to expand to other alleys due to pressing issues (example provided was if a sinkhole opened in the next few years while expending funds). During discussion with the project team as they prepare their application to the HDC, they shared that they do have a process to ensure that work would not occur in alleys with brick. They will include this process in their application.

The Mannik and Smith aboveground alley survey that was completed for Section 106 above-ground purposes is also attached. Jennifer, I thought they had mapped alley surfaces, but they only identified the various alley surfaces in text description. I added the yellow highlights to help easily identify historic surface materials.

Please reach out with any questions. I encouraged the ASRP program team to apply early to get on the December agenda.

Thank you,
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