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#### Form Based Code

Dover has been using this for a while

Downtown

Gateways







## Form Based Zoning

- The concept is simple.
- The details are sometimes not.
- In general, the theory is that the form of a structure is almost as critical as its use.
- Over time, the use may change, but the building will remain.
- So, in addition to an appropriate use, it is important to get the building in the right place and in the right form.

#### Area Under Consideration

#### Heritage Residential District



#### **Purpose Statement**

 These historic, primarily residential neighborhoods surrounding the Silver Street area exhibit a rare collection of Victorian architecture. Their original residents were likely senior managers and foremen from the mill facilities that lined the Cochecho River, as well as other community professionals.

## Purpose (Continued ...)

 The bulk of the structures date from the Civil War era to the early 1900s. Although there has been some in-fill development, the primary structures are characterized by wide porches, bay windows, steep roofs, and intricate and involved woodwork. Collectively they create very walkable, pedestrian friendly neighborhoods.

## Purpose (...concluded)

 It is the intent of this zoning district to retain, supplement, and replicate (where practicable) these distinct architectural buildings as a tribute to the history of the City of Dover.







## Walking Tour of Area









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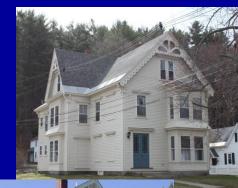




## **Basic Form Examples**

YES!

Nice Houses, but Probably Not







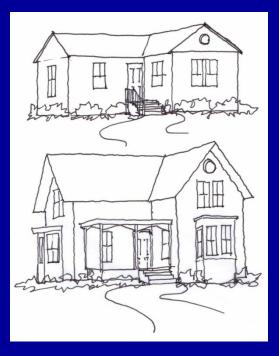


### **General Characteristics**

Guidelines to assist in Victorian 'Form' design:

- Size, height
- Placement on Site
- Massing & Scale
- Primary Entrances
- Roof Styles
- Windows & Doors
- Building Materials





# Similar Area: Franklin St. in Concord







## More Franklin Street







#### Not so Recent Changes







#### Very Recent Changes









## **Details from District**

- Have done measuring from District
- Understand patterns
  - $-3\frac{1}{2}$  stories
  - Set backs/Frontage
  - Auxiliary building placement
- Considering Design standards
  - Residential only use allowed
  - Roof pitch, porches, bay windows, materials
  - -1 or 2 family, no more than 4

#### Discussion??

 How can the new supplement and support the existing??

