HISTORIC PRESERVATION and the Livable City

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Building cities worth building a future in.

Siemens answers are making cities more lasting, livable and prosperous.
Economist 10 Top Livable Cities  2010

• Vancouver
• Vienna
• Melbourne
• Toronto
• Calgary
• Helsinki
• Sydney
• Perth
• Adelaide
• Auckland
1: Huntsville, Alabama
2: Albuquerque, New Mexico
3: Washington D.C.
4: Charlottesville, Virginia
5: Athens, Georgia
6: Olympia, Washington
7: Madison, Wisconsin
8: Austin, Texas
9: Flagstaff, Arizona
10: Raleigh, North Carolina
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<td>Neighborhoods with strong residential, retail and cultural components that appeal to every person young and old. An array of affordable housing options, valuable live/work opportunities, and successful community programs that encourage investment in certain areas of the city.</td>
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Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team (R/UDAT) Program
From the *Economic Development* Plan:

• The music and entertainment scene in Downtown is a rich source of revenue.

• Heritage tourism and marketing is another essential tool for developing Downtown and East Austin.

• Programs should make historic sites more interesting, accessible and attractive.

• Signage and walking tours should be improved. Continued funding for preservation of historic sites is critical.
“The Bronx is burning”
Times Square (Johnson & Burgee, 1983)
Times Square (Johnson & Burgee, 1983)
42nd Street, New York City
Tools:

Zoning

Comprehensive Plans

Form-Based Codes/Conservation Districts/Historic Districts

Affordable Housing

Planning for integrated and People-oriented Spaces
Downtown Eastside
"Canada's poorest postal code"
Vancouver: the Downtown/Eastside Plan