

# Townsite, West

## Status: city-recognized Historic District

The 200 and 300 blocks of West Whiting Avenue represent the best-preserved west side residential neighborhood within the original townsite. Splendid Italian cypress trees, old street lamps and classic one-story bungalows characterize these blocks. Most of the houses were built in the early 1920s, and the majority of the original construction remains intact, although a number of additions are apparent. This district was the second to be given a residential preservation zone (R-2P); at the request of its property owners, the zone was applied in 1984. This zone classification has successfully restricted the demolition of existing housing and promoted the design of compatible new construction, as exemplified by two single-family residences constructed in 1999, on a long-vacant parcel at the northwest corner of Whiting and Malden Avenues.

