



# Appropriate Landscape Design for Historic Homes

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Context Matters...particularly for historic homes



Historic Periods:  
Early Texas

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Historic Periods:  
Victorian



Historic Periods:  
Arts & Crafts



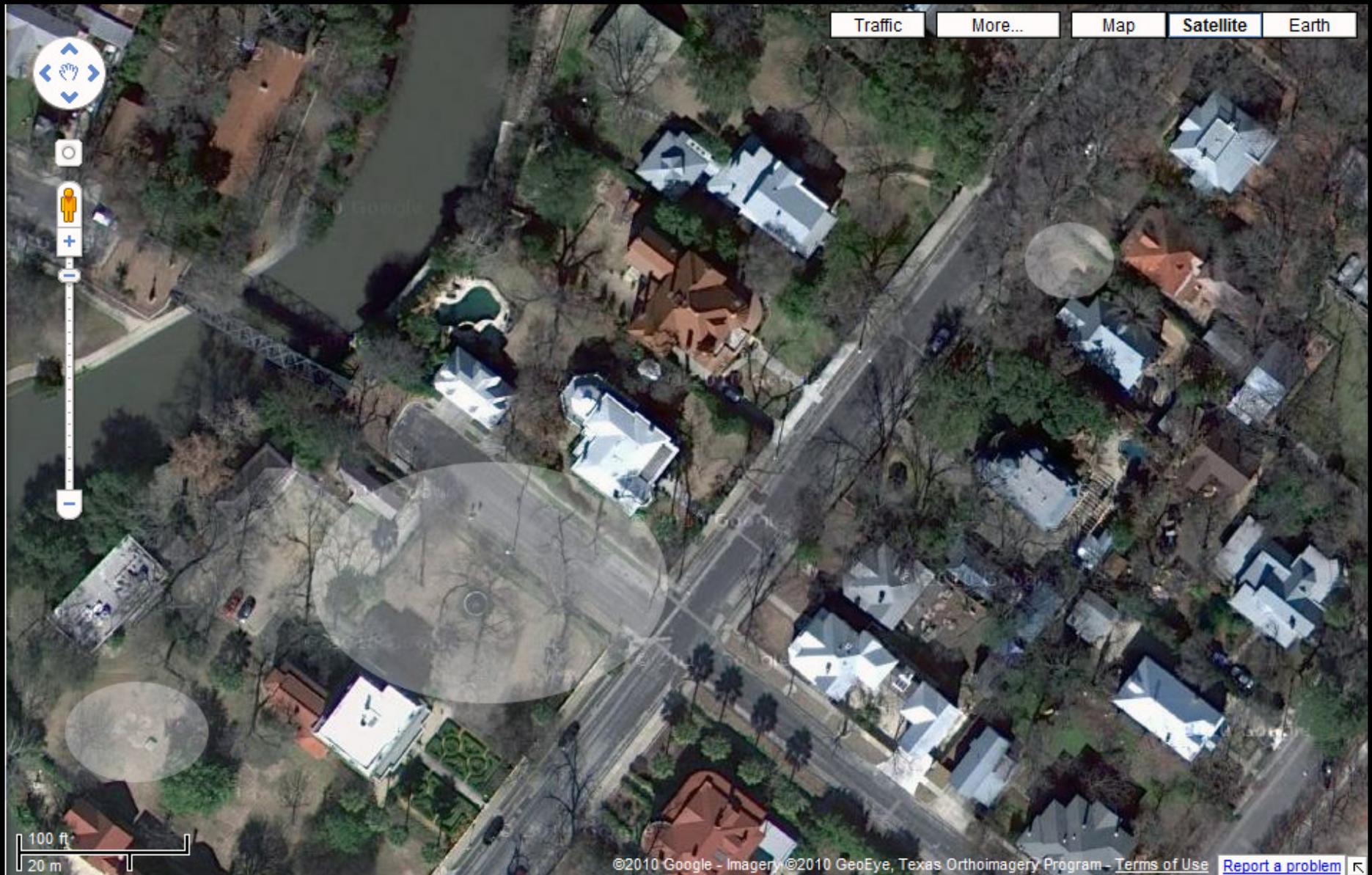
Historic Periods:  
Historical Revivalist



Historic Periods:  
Modernist



Reading your landscape for clues to the past



Google Maps and Google Earth:  
See patterns invisible from the human perspective



Light Digging:  
See clues of a cistern, terrace, fountain, driveway



Old Evergreens:  
Outline original planting beds or drying yards



Restoration  
Re-Creation  
Adaptation



Choosing Appropriate Landscape Elements:  
Respect the period of the house



Respect the house's level of formality or grandeur



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Treat car parking with sensitivity



Use historic features for contemporary uses



Choose heirloom plants  
where available or  
appropriate



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Avoid planting heirloom "disasters"



Expect growth and change, not a museum

**I'm here to help!**

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