

# Preserving Titusville

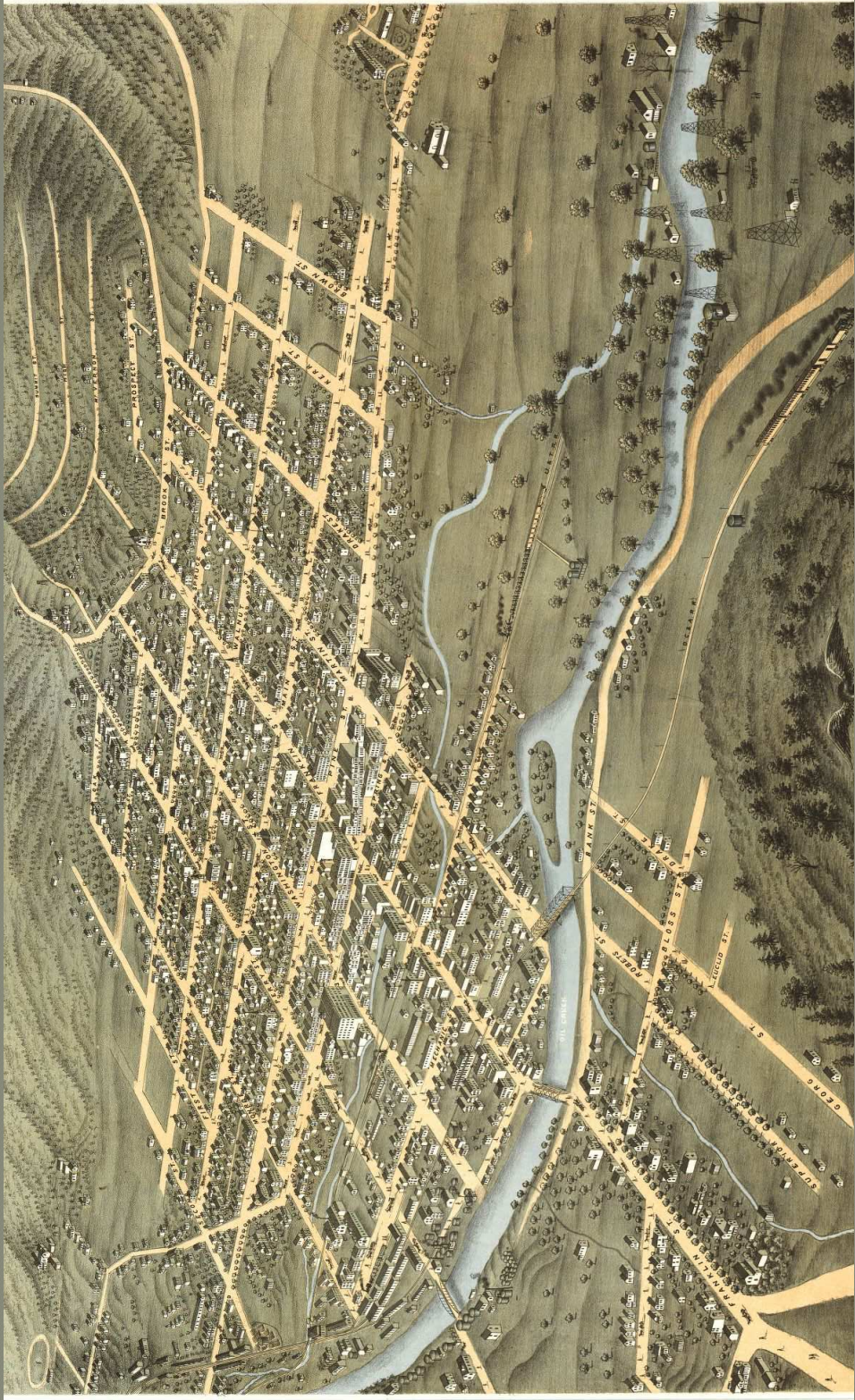
The Birthplace of The Oil Industry  
Finds A Path Towards Saving Its  
Historic Architecture

# History of Planning in Titusville

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- ◆ 1865: Titusville Residents Establish “Community Committees” to control planning and development of town, seeking a delineation between residential areas and the commercial and industrial zones.
- ◆ 1870's: Oil Boom dissipates. Other petroleum-related service, transportation and manufacturing industries are established to ensure survival, indeed success, of the town.

# 1871 Map of Titusville



# View of Main Street



# Main Street Homes

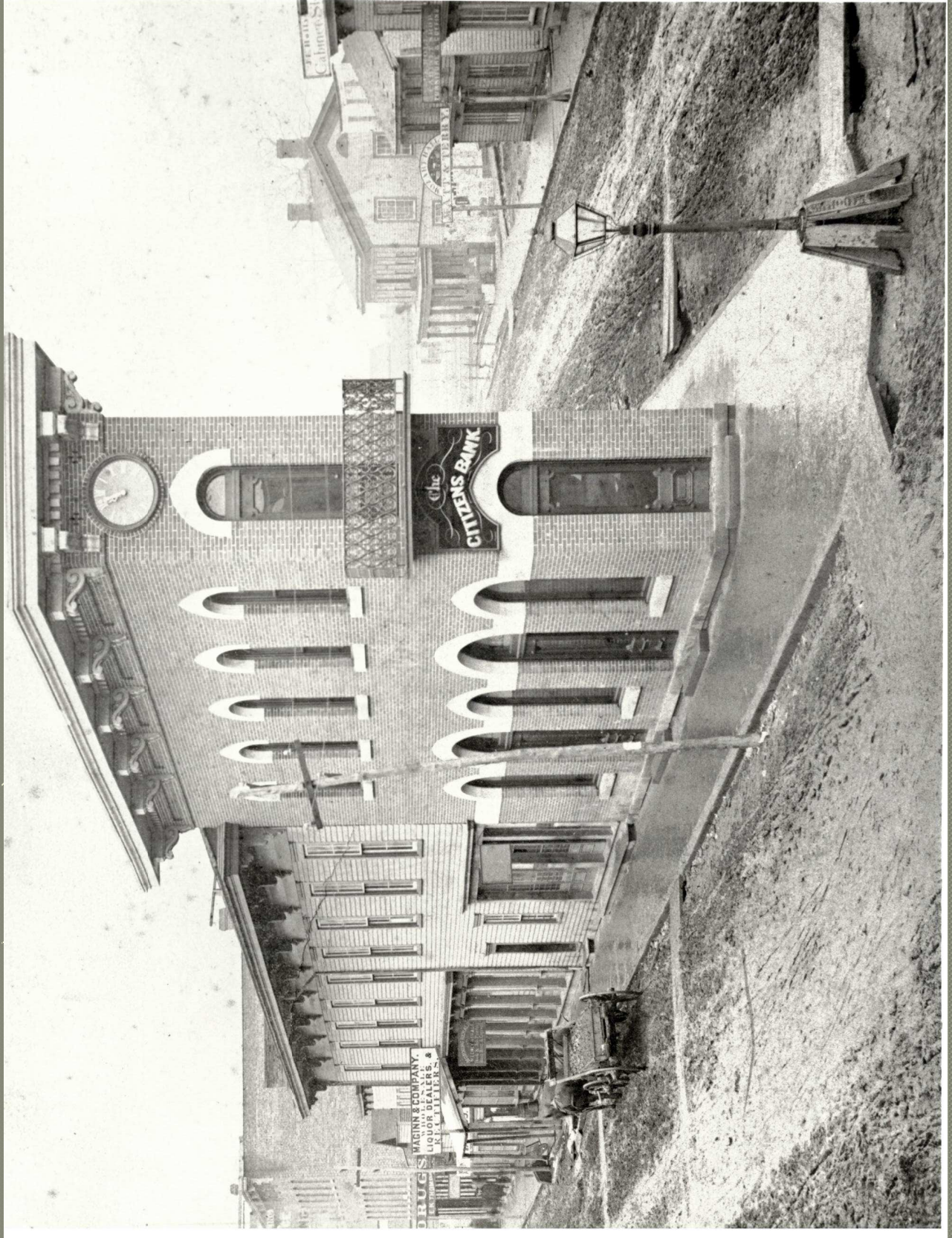


## Redevelopment Caused Significant Loss of Buildings in Latter Half of 20<sup>th</sup> Century

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- ◆ The Citizens Bank Flatiron-style building demolished in 1966 to build a shopping complex.
- ◆ The Colonel Drake Hotel, which was sold and torn down in 1998 to make way for a CVS Pharmacy.
- ◆ The Odd Fellows Building in 2009, an anchor building on a corner torn down to make way for a parking lot.

Citizens Bank/Flatiron Building, courtesy PIMC, Drake Well

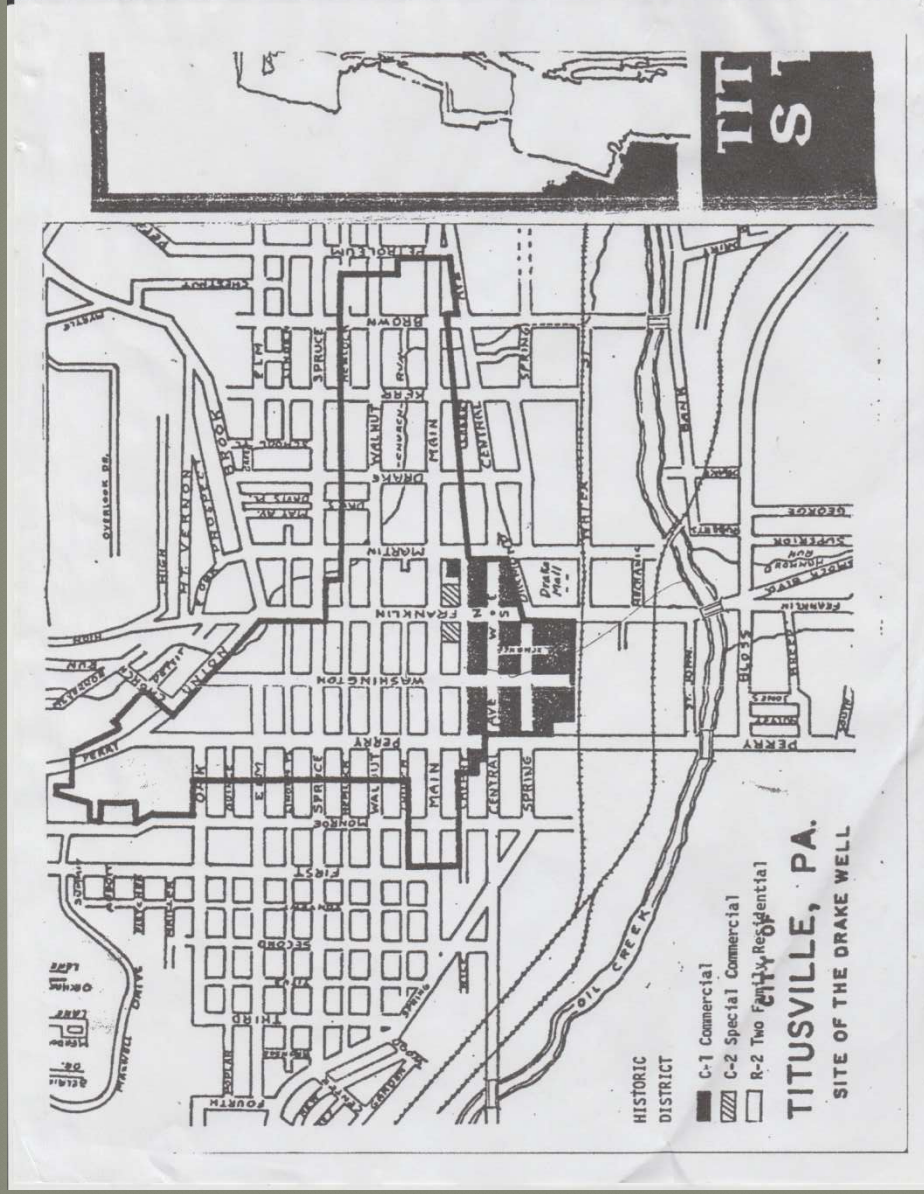


# Towne Square Fire





# Titusville National Register Historic District



# Options for Enacting Legal Preservation Measures

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- ◆ Create a HARB (Historic Architectural Review Board).
- ◆ Enact the Zoning Overlay District and pass Historic Preservation Zoning Ordinances.
- ◆ Create a Demo-only Ordinance, which would be enforced by a Demo Review Board.

# Where We Are Now

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- ◆ 2013: Results from a survey taken by The Planning Commission (with 200 respondents) expressed that there is concern about the loss of historic structures and blight. There was both support and concern about providing a committee (HARB) with legal powers to enforce preservation measures.
- ◆ 2013–15: This survey, as well as several public discussions, have resulted in The Planning Commission recommending that City Council pursue the creation of professional design guidelines to inform our next step.

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- ◆ Early 2016: Discussions for and against historic preservation played out at City Council meetings and in editorials published by the Titusville Herald newspaper.
- ◆ February 2016: Titusville City Council votes 4-1 in favor of pursuing a Keystone Historic Preservation Grant to obtain design guidelines.