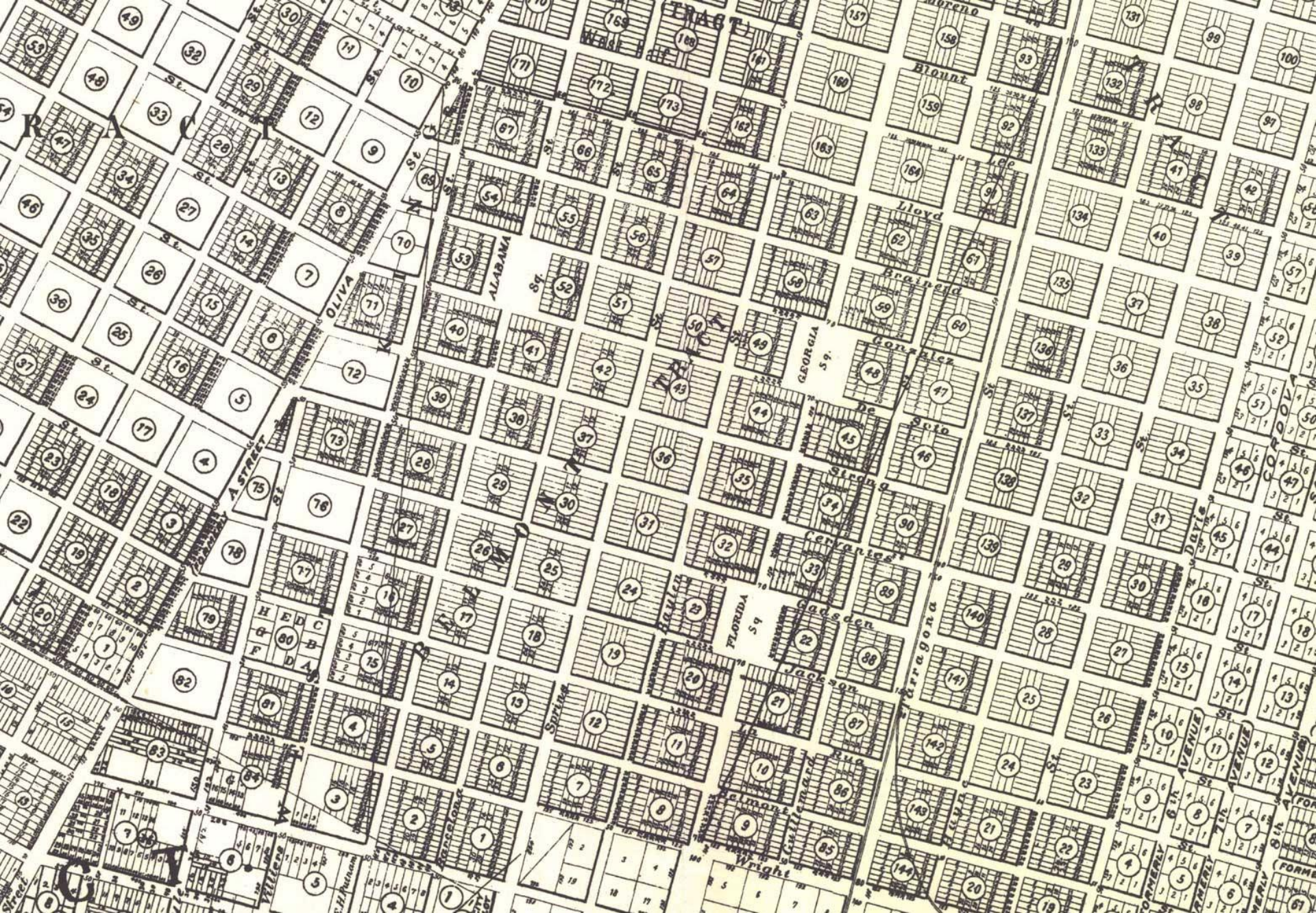


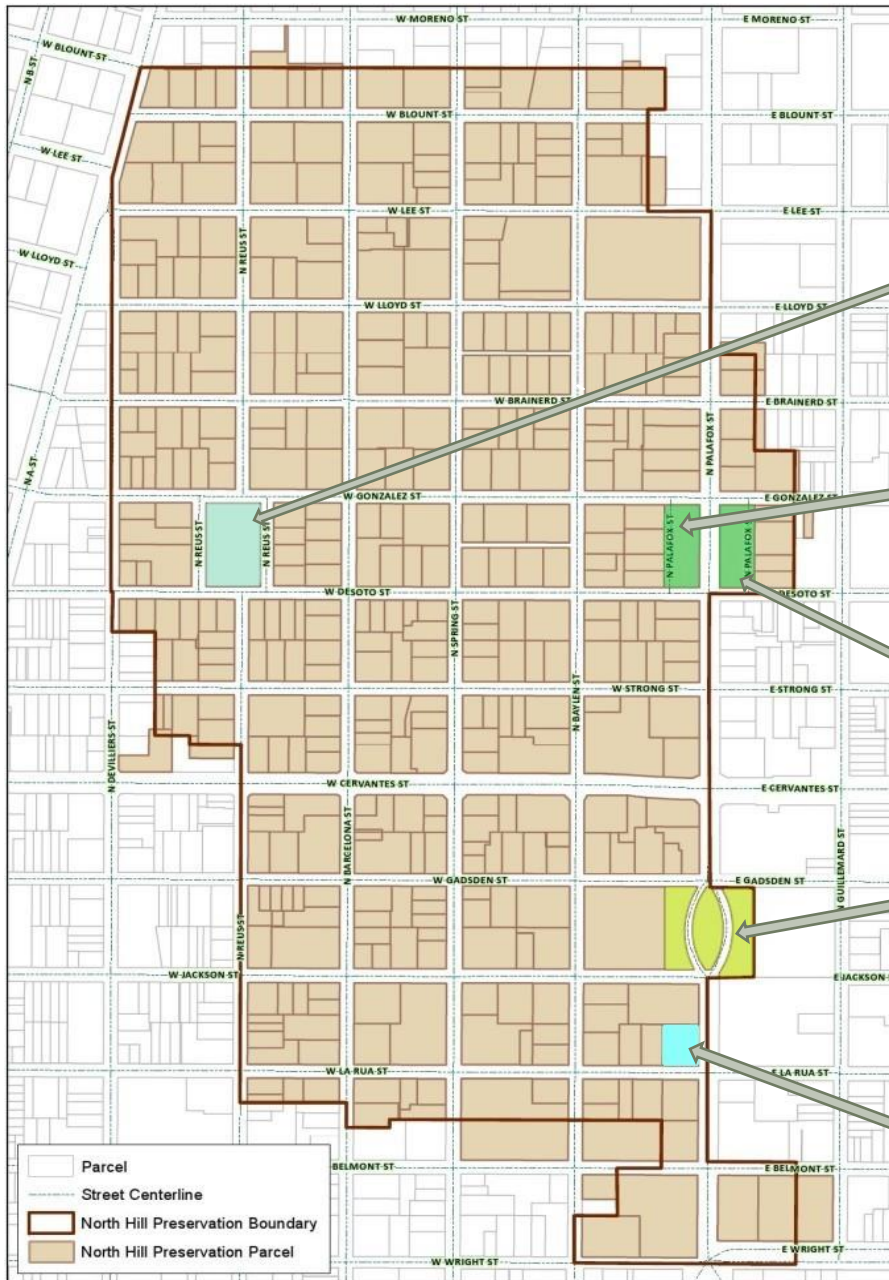
North Hill Preservation District

Pensacola, Florida



The Parks of North Hill





Shown on previous slide is a snippet of the 'Watson Map' of 1906

The North Hill Preservation District includes some of Pensacola's oldest squares:

- **Alabama Square** – Bordered by North Reus Street on the east and west sides of the park, with West Gonzalez Street on the north and West DeSoto Street on the south.
- **Miranda Square** – Bordered by North Palafox Street on the east, Lees Alley on the west, West Gonzalez Street on the north and West DeSoto Street on the south.
- **Georgia Square** – Bordered by North Palafox Street on the west, with East Gonzalez Street on the north and East DeSoto Street on the south.
- **Florida Square** – Straddles North Palafox Street, with the north and south bordered by the East and West Streets of Gadsden and Jackson.
- **Fort George** – Sits at the corner of North Palafox and West La Rua Streets

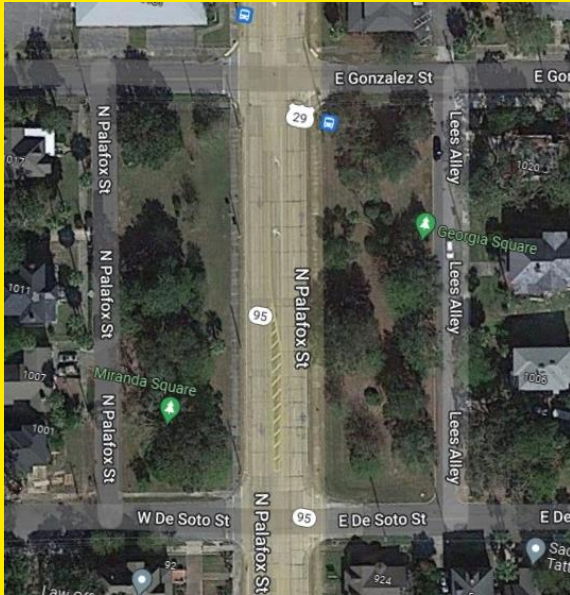
Alabama Square



Alabama Square is one of the oldest squares in Pensacola, first appearing on a map in 1884. It is the largest park in the North Hill Preservation District, containing a gazebo and playground. Most of our outdoor events are held in this park, including our many festivals, neighborhood picnics, Cinema on the Green, Luminary Night, food truck events, etc. This park tends to get the most attention when planning our clean-ups and requires the most labor. It is mixed landscape, with open grassy areas, shade trees, and groomed beds. NHPA has purchased the majority of the amenities, installed the courtyard, and planting beds, lighting, drinking fountains, swinging benches, park benches, trash cans, Little Free Library, and maintains the U.S. flags each year.

Major clean-ups for this park are usually twice a year. This includes weeding, pruning, edging, mulching, etc.

Georgia & Miranda Squares



These sister squares used to be connected and simply called Georgia Square (c. 1800s). During this time, it was left natural. Due to convenience, when travelling north on Palafox Street, residents would take a short cut through the park making a well-worn path. In 1908, Pensacola's board of public works built a hard road through the park to facilitate this short cut. In 1969, the western half of Georgia Square was named Miranda Square to accommodate a bust of General Francisco de Miranda, who helped Spain win back British West Florida during the 1781 Battle of Pensacola in the Revolutionary War.

These are considered by the City Parks Department to be "Passive Parks" for quiet relaxation and reflection used by residents, with trees, shrubbery, and includes swinging benches and trash cans purchased by NHPA. Because of the close proximity to a major arterial street, the City does not allow playground equipment in these passive parks. These parks do not require as much maintenance as Alabama Square.

Major clean-up for this park is once, at the first part of the year, with a maintenance clean-up scheduled later in the year. This includes weeding, pruning, edging, etc.

Florida Square

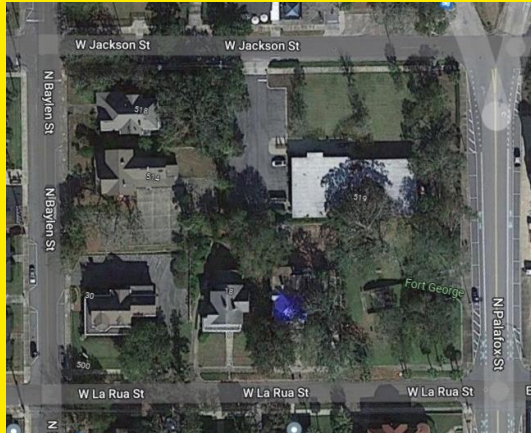


Florida Square sits on what the British called Gage Hill, the former site of Fort George. It overlooks the city and is probably one of the most visible squares due to the traffic flow up and down Palafox Street.

This passive park also includes benches in the center and on the east and west sides along with trash cans purchased by NHPA.

Clean-up includes light maintenance, some pruning, blowing down walk-ways, etc.

Fort George



Fort George was a British fort at Pensacola, likely built in 1778. It was the largest of three forts constructed by the British. It surrendered to Spanish forces led by General Bernardo de Gálvez following the Battle of Pensacola in 1781. The Spanish government never occupied the fort and it was allowed to deteriorate. The site was added to the National Register of Historic Places on July 8, 1974.

FMC Management Services, which is located on the north side of the Fort, has adopted Fort George Park and has donated significant funds for the restoration of the grounds with new sod, shrubbery, and other park improvements.

Seasonal Park Clean-Up Schedule												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Alabama Square			F			E			F			
Miranda & Georgia Squares	F									M		
Florida Square						E						
Fort George						E						
F=Full Clean-Up M=Maintenance E=Evening Clean-Up												

This calendar represents the times of year the association plans to perform the park clean-ups. For instance, the Alabama Square full clean-up will be planned on one Saturday in either March or April and one Saturday in September or October.

- ❖ Full Clean-Up: includes weeding, pruning, edging, mulching, blowing off walk-ways, etc.
- ❖ Maintenance: includes some weeding and pruning, blowing off walk-ways, etc.
- ❖ Evening Clean-Up: includes flower bed maintenance, some pruning, blowing off walk-ways, etc.

In addition to these scheduled clean-ups, the Parks Committee blows off the courtyard and walkways before NHPA park events, like Spring Fest, Luminary Night, and Cinema on the Green, and volunteers with the Keep North Hill Beautiful Committee pick litter up in our parks weekly and before each event.

