The district must meet all three of the following:

- 1. The proposed area must be enclosed by boundaries, such as streets, freeways, railroads, rivers or open space, which set if off in relation to its surroundings;
- 2. The area must have a high degree of historic integrity, without excessive loss of architectural or historic character.
- 3. The area must have an internal historic cohesiveness in the sense of a shared common history of its inhabitants, historical development according to a master plan, a shared architectural style or design, or a body of architecture illustrating the evolution of architectural styles over a period of time.

In addition, one or more of the following criteria must apply:

- A. Its character, interest or value as part of the heritage of the City of Mansfield, State of Ohio, or the United States;
- B. Its location as the site of a significant historical event;
- C. Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the historic development of the City of Mansfield;
- D. Its exemplification of the cultural, economic, social, archaeological or historic heritage of the City of Mansfield;
- E. Its portrayal of the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style or styles;
- F. Its embodiment of a distinguishing historical characteristic of an architectural type or specimen;
- C. Its identification as the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of the City of Mansfield;
- H. Its embodiment of elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represent a significant architectural or technological innovation;
- I. Its unique location or singular physical characteristic representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or the City of Mansfield;
- J. Its having yielded or its likelihood of yielding information important to the understanding of pre-history or history.