ABSTRACT

THESIS: CBAs as Mechanisms for Historic Preservation Planning and Implementation

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Three historic communities with varying levels of social, economic and historic preservation issues are studied in the following chapters to determine motivations for negotiating community benefits agreements (CBAs), and to determine motivations for the specific benefits outlined within each community’s respective CBA. The case study research examines the historic preservation language within each CBA as well as how the development itself and the other benefits prescribed in the CBAs will positively or negatively impact each community. The case study communities demonstrate that CBAs can be used as historic preservation planning and implementation tools. By including thoughtful and transparent community benefits language, a community will be able to use the tools – i.e. financing, technical assistance, advice and guidance, etc. – provided to them within the CBA to successfully carry out the benefits promised within the CBA.