

Cleveland Landmarks Commission

Mission: *To encourage the preservation of historically and architecturally significant buildings and historic districts within the City of Cleveland*



ESTABLISHED TO:



Safeguard the City's Heritage

Preserving sites and structures is important to reflect elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political or architectural history



Protect and Enhance

Enhance the visual and aesthetic character, diversity, and interest of the City for residents, tourists, and investors supports business and industry



Stabilize Property Values

Preservation of structures and districts have positive impacts on the designated areas as well as the surrounding neighborhoods



Foster Civic Pride

Promote the beauty and notable accomplishments of the City and preservation for the education and general welfare of the people of the City



Landmarks Commission

Members



Consists of 11 members; seven appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council. Two of the remaining members are appointed by the Council President

Julie Trott, Chair

Robert S. Strickland

Michele Anderson

Christopher Loeser, Vice Chair

Michael Sanbury

Raymond Tarasuck, Jr.

Dr. Regennia Williams

Calley Mersmann, Director of City Planning

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Council Member Deborah A. Gray, Ward 3





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Commission Duties

- **Certified Local Government** – Act as a Certified Local Government in coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office for grants, Section 106 reviews, and National Register of Historic Places designations
- **Survey & Nomination** – Survey, identify, and inventory future and present designated structures, districts, and sites
- **Review Exterior Changes** – Review exterior changes to designated properties within historic districts and to individually designated structures and sites, including renovations, demolitions, and new construction



Designated Landmarks

➤ 10,000+ Landmarked Parcels

- Every environmental change on a Landmarked parcel requires a Certificate of Appropriateness, which is issued by the Landmarks Commission.

➤ 345 Extant Individual Landmarks

- Proposed alterations to individual Landmarks are reviewed by a nearby Design Review Committee before appearing before the Landmarks Commission or being approved at the administrative level.

➤ 29 Landmark Historic Districts

- Proposed alterations and new construction within our historic districts goes through a design process, which begins with the local Design Review Committees.



Nominations & Designations

➤ **City Council may designate any area, place, building, structure, work of art or similar object in the City as a Landmark or Landmark District.**

➤ **7 Nominations by the Commission**

- The Commission applies the criteria outlined in Chapter 161 when evaluating the nomination of potential landmarks to City Council

➤ **5 Designations by City Council**

- Landmarks are designated by City Council after being nominated by the Landmarks Commission and City Planning Commission.

➤ **3 Designations Amended by City Council**

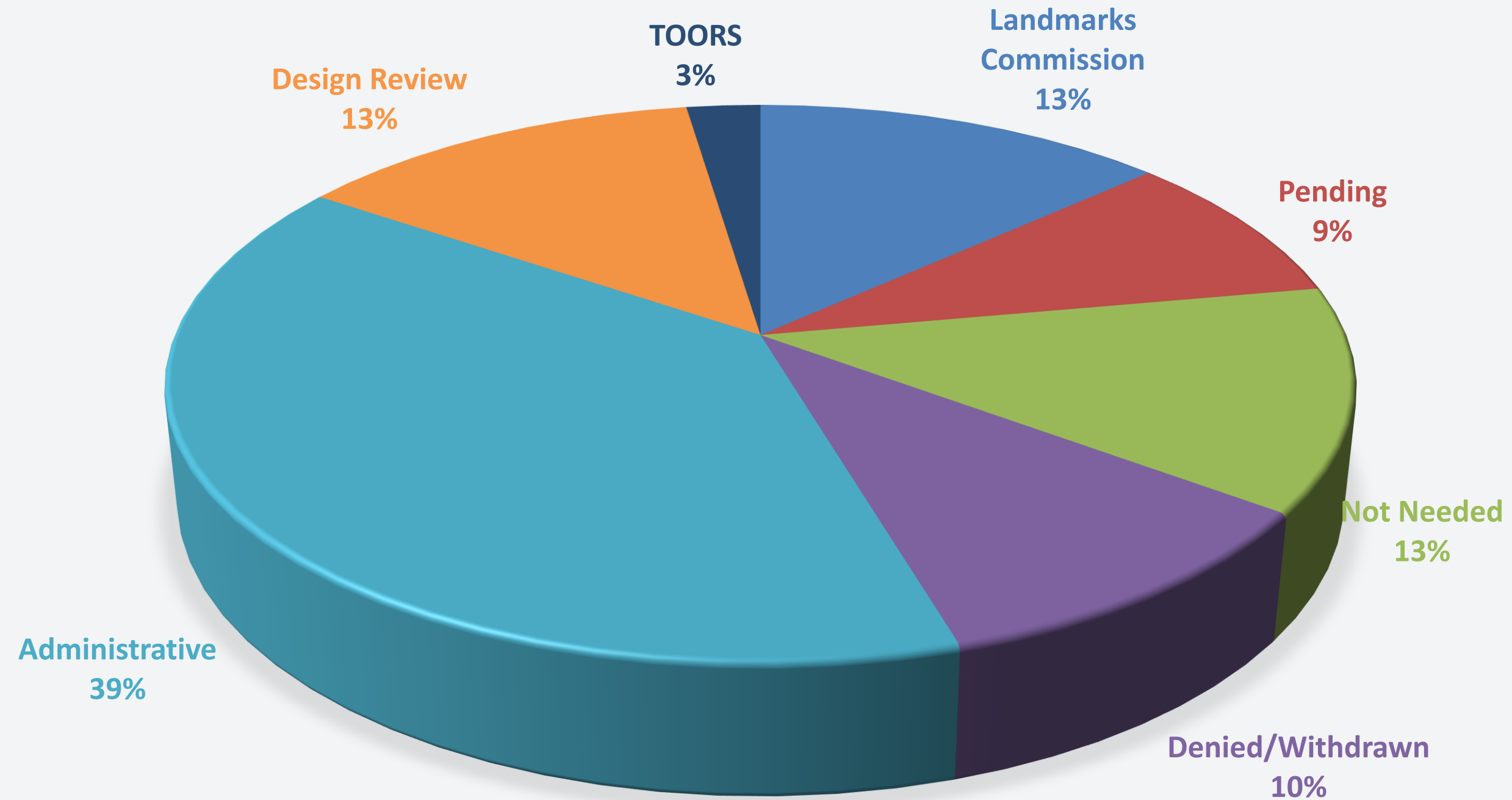


Cases Reviewed

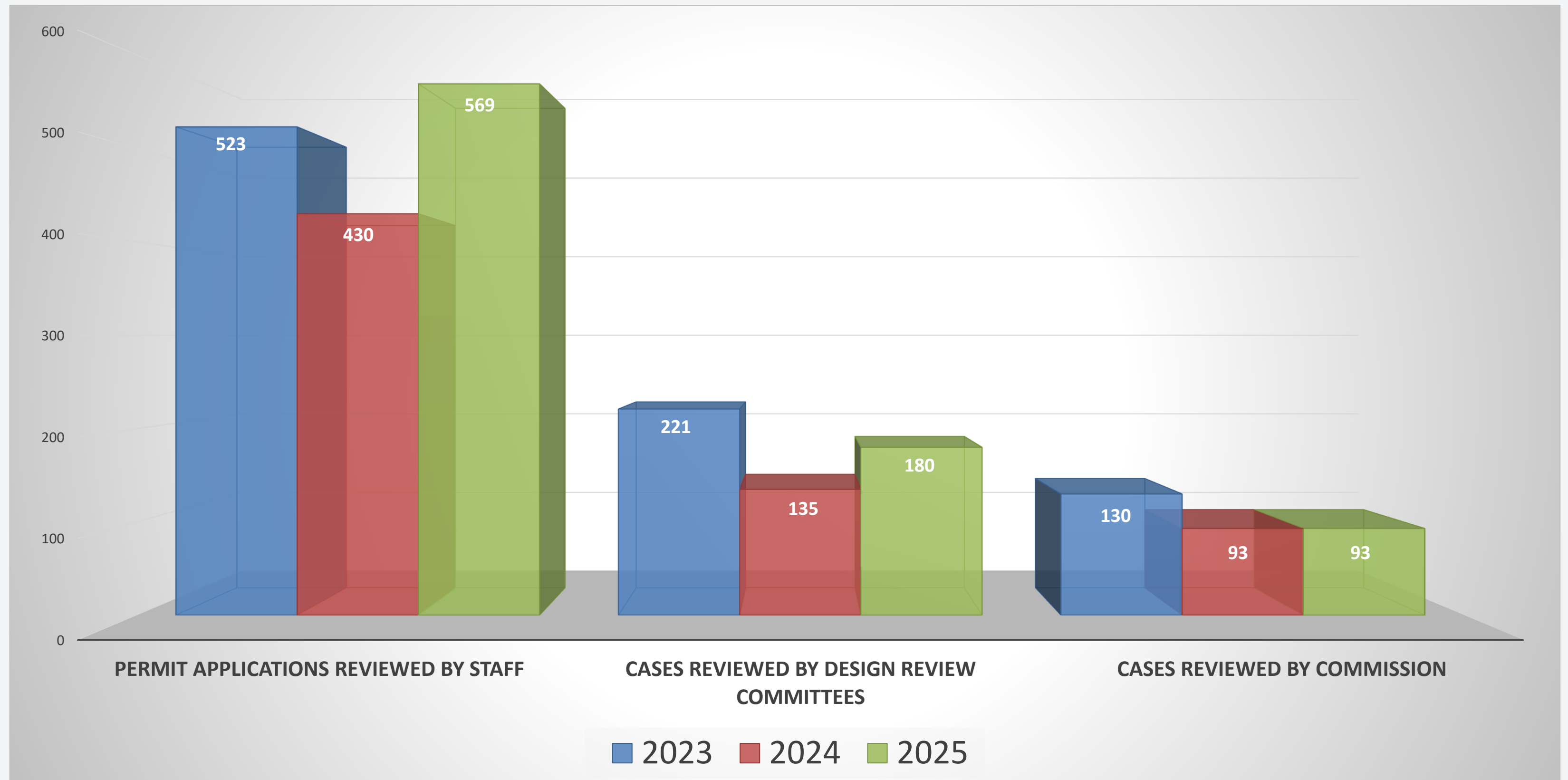
- **569 Building Permit Applications Reviewed by Landmarks Staff**
 - All environmental changes to individually landmarked properties or properties within landmark districts must receive a Certificate of Appropriateness prior to conducting any work.
- **180 Cases Reviewed by Landmarks Design Review Advisory Committees**
 - The Landmarks Design Review Committees, which are advisory to the Landmarks Commission, are administered by Landmarks staff and review projects by applying the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation through a public process.
- **95 Design Review Advisory Committee Meetings Administered**
 - Landmarks Staff administers all Landmarks Design Review meetings.
- **93 Cases Reviewed by the Commission**
 - The Commission reviews projects by applying the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation in a public process that begins with local design review.
- **409 Section 106 Reviews Completed**
 - Landmarks Staff conducts all CDBG, HOME, EDI, ESG, and HOPWA Historic Preservation Compliance reviews on behalf of the City and CMHA.



Permit Application Results



Permit Applications



Landmarks Commission Roles

Research

Find, survey, and research potential buildings, sites, and districts for eligibility and designation as Cleveland Landmarks

Review

Building permit applications and new proposals are reviewed to determine the initiation of the design review process

Communicate

Inform citizens about architectural and historical heritage of Cleveland and exterior changes to buildings and sites

Consult

Work with outside partners to review projects and Landmark nominations on a local, County, State, and Federal level

Conduct

Prepare and act as meeting administrators for five Design Review Advisory Committee and Landmarks Commission meetings

