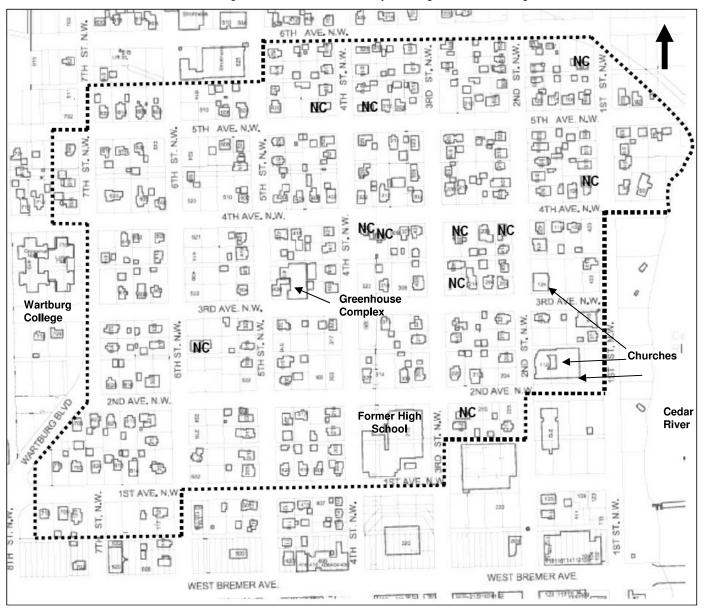
later removal of a public library, the removal of a landmark church, and more recently, the construction of a free-standing grocery store, drug store, and convenience store, each with a large-scale parking lot. On the west edge of the district, the Wartburg campus has continued to expand further east and evolve. New multi-story buildings and at-grade parking lots now extend from near West Bremer Avenue north along the west side of the a 8th St NW, Wartburg Boulevard, and 7th St NW. A prominent traffic roundabout is now at the intersection of 8th St NW and 1st Ave NW.

Harmon and LeValley NW Historic District Boundary and Building Status NC = Noncontributing Resource; all other Primary Buildings are Contributing Resources



The topography of the historic district is mostly level with the 100-year flood plain extending several blocks away from the Cedar River. A wide, gently sloped creek bed referred to historically and by contemporary residents as "Dry Run" extends from north to south in the mid-block area between houses facing 5th St NW and 6th St NW. This area can be subject to flooding caused by freshets or lingering standing water during wet seasons. Elevated pedestrian bridges cross Dry Run while streets have shallow dips to avoid the need for bridging. Residential lots within the district have rectangular shapes with most following original single lot lines or combined double-lot parcels. Original lots (eight per block) were laid out in the Harmon and LeValley Addition to have houses face north-south streets but over time, several east-west corridors developed including blocks along 1stAve NW, 2nd Ave NW, and 3rd Ave NW. In the fractional blocks located further north in J.J. Smith's Addition in the northeast portion of the district, lots were originally laid out with frontages facing east-west