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The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has the power to recommend local designation of historic structures, sites and districts within the City of Appleton. HPC members have special interest in, and knowledge of, matters related to the historical, archeological, cultural and architectural elements that reflect the accomplishments and legacy of the earliest settlers in the Fox Valley.

What does local designation mean and what are the benefits?

Designation means the site, structure or district has significant benefit to the historic, architectural and cultural heritage of the city. Benefits include:

- Preservation of Appleton's history
- Neighborhood stabilization and possible property value improvements
- Civic pride in notable past accomplishments
- Promotion of the use of historic structures, sites and districts for educational use and tourism

How do I apply for historic designation?

Who can apply for local designation?

An application will not be accepted without the original signature of the property owner or owner's designated agent.

Is there a fee for application?

There is currently no fee for application.

How do I apply for Historic Designation?

Applications are available online or at the Community Development Dept. office on the 5th floor of City Hall. Detailed instructions accompany the application, however contacting the Community Development Dept. to discuss your interest in applying for designation is recommended. Other sources of information for your application are:

Can I change the appearance of a designated property/site?

- HPC members
- Appleton Public Library
- Appleton Downtown, Inc. (ADI)
- History Museum at the Castle
- Outagamie, Winnebago and Calumet County Courthouses
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Lawrence University Library

Applications must have the original signature of the property owner or other authorized representative of the owner.

What if an owner wants to reconstruct, alter or demolish a local designated structure or site?

Approval from the HPC is required for any exterior alteration, construction, reconstruction or demolition of a local designated historic structure or site or any property within a local designated historic district and requires a building permit. Ordinary exterior maintenance and repairs (i.e. painting, refinishing nonstructural elements, or replacing elements with identical pieces) may be performed without HPC approval, provided a building permit is not required.

If we wish to have a future with greater meaning, we must concern ourselves...with the total heritage of the nation and all that is worth preserving from our past as a living part of the present. –With Heritage So Rich, 1966

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Guide to preserving Appleton's heritage and how the Commission can help

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND THE DESIGNATION PROCESS, CONTACT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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Guide to Local Designated Historic Sites and Buildings in the City of Appleton

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Local Designated Buildings and Sites

Trettin House - 523 Eighth Street

This structure is a two-family home that was constructed in 1918 and is an example of the Prairie style. The house was designed by architect Edward Wettengel Sr. It was designated as a local historic structure in 2005.

1

Henry Schuetter House - 330 Sixth Street

This structure is a single-family home that was constructed in 1890 and is an example of the Queen Anne style. The house was designed by local architect G.A. Tenbusch. It was designated as a local historic structure in 2004.

2

Union Springs Park
Lutz Ice Company Artesian Well Site
323 Kalata Place

This is the site of the artesian well which supplied water from 500 feet underground to the Lutz Ice Company at a rate of 100 gallons per minute. This park was designated as a local historic site in 1997.

3

4

John Hart Whorton House
315 Prospect Avenue

This structure is a single-family home that was constructed in 1870 and is an example of the High Victorian Italianate Villa style. John Hart Whorton was instrumental in the organization of the Fox River Paper Company. The house was designated as a local historic structure in 2000.

5

Vulcan Street
Plant Replica
530 Vulcan Street

On November 25, 1882, the Vulcan Street Hydroelectric Central Station began operation. The Vulcan Street Plant represents an early use of hydro-power to generate electricity and perhaps one of the earliest examples of a hydroelectric plant that sold electricity commercially and provided incandescent lighting service to the public. The replica was designated as a local historic structure in 2007.