

PRESERVING HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND SITES IN MAPLEWOOD

Why Preservation?

Culture * Aesthetics * Environment * Economics

Historic buildings and places are a testament to the history of a place and a people. They enrich our lives and add character to a community, showing its uniqueness. Preserving historic places honors the past and is a gift to the future.

Beyond providing a legacy, preservation conserves resources and reduces waste. It can attract investment and bring economic benefits to a community.



Bruentrup Heritage Farm
On Maplewood's Local Designation List



Ramsey County Poor House Barn
Listed on National Register of Historic Places

Preservation Programs

Century Homes Program

If your home is over 100 years old, you can enter it in the Century Homes Program. It does not have to have historic or architectural significance.

You'll receive a certificate for your site. There are no restrictions associated with altering your structure beyond regular city permits and requirements.



Local Designation

Maplewood's Local Designation program recognizes the historic significance of structures or sites. The program's goal is not to prevent change, but to preserve the historic integrity of buildings and sites while ensuring they continue to maintain functionality.

If your structure or site is at least 50 years old and has historic or architectural significance, consider the Local Designation Program.

Owners receive a certificate. Currently, no special tax credits or grant opportunities are available for locally designated sites.

National Register of Historic Places

The National Park Service (NPS) oversees the National Register program. For sites in Minnesota, the State Historic Preservation Office administers the program. The nomination process is rigorous to ensure sites are historically significant.

If your structure or site is at least 50 years old and has historic or architectural significance on the state or national level, it may be a candidate for the National Register of Historic Places.

Sites listed on the National Register are eligible for investment tax credit, rehabilitation tax credit and are eligible to apply for grants to assist with restoration. Some restrictions apply so be sure to read the information provided by the NPS.

For application forms, visit: Maplewoodmn.gov/history

For information, contact: Virginia Gaynor, Natural Resources Coordinator/HPC Liaison, 651-249-2416, Virginia.gaynor@maplewoodmn.gov

NOMINATING A SITE

To Nominate Site for the Century Homes Program

1. The HPC awards Century Homes every two years.
2. Owners of homes that are turning 100 and 101 will be notified of the program and invited to participate.
3. Owners can also contact Maplewood's HPC staff liaison to ensure their home is included.

To Nominate A Site for Local Designation

1. Owner completes application form (available at: maplewoodmn.gov/history).
2. Staff and one HPC commissioner review application for completeness.
3. HPC reviews the application and makes recommendation.
4. Public hearing and neighborhood notification.
5. Maplewood City Council approves or denies designation.
6. State Historic Preservation Office reviews the designation.

To Nominate Your Site for National Register

1. Visit www.mnhs.org/shpo/nrhp/nominations.php for detailed information.
2. The state administers this program for sites in Minnesota. You are encouraged to also contract Maplewood staff. The city is eligible to apply for grants to hire historians and/or architects to assist in preparing the nomination.

Review Process for Designated Sites

Once a site has been designated locally or is on the National Register, when the owner wants to alter the property, in addition to regular required city reviews and permits, the project will go through a historic review.

1. Complete Historic Site Alteration Form and submit to Maplewood HPC staff liaison.
2. Heritage Preservation Commission reviews the form and plans and makes recommendation.
3. Recommendation goes to City Council.

The historic review is integrated into the regular planning process and schedule.

NEED HELP? Please don't hesitate to contact city staff if you have questions or are struggling with a nomination form. The nomination form requires some very specific information and staff may be able to help you pull that together.
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Eligibility Criteria for Local Designation (at least some of these must be met)

1. The property is associated with significant events or period that exemplifies broad patterns of cultural, political, economic or social history.
2. The property is associated with a person or group that has significantly contributed to the history, culture or development of the city, state, or nation.
3. The property's character, interest or value is part of the history or cultural heritage of the city, state, or nation.
4. The property embodies distinctive characteristics of an architectural or engineering type or style, or elements of design, detail materials, method of construction, or craftsmanship.
5. The property exemplifies the work of master builders, engineers, designers, artists, craftsmen or architects.
6. The property has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.
7. The property's unique location or physical characteristic represents an established or familiar visual feature of a neighborhood or community.
8. The property exemplifies a landscape design or development pattern distinguished by innovation, rarity, uniqueness or quality of design or detail.