

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION – WORK PLAN

HPC PURPOSE: City Code Section 10.82, Subd. 19, is the heritage preservation ordinance (https://library.municode.com/mn/mankato/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH10LAUSZO_PTIXSTGEAP_S10.82SPPRAPSPPECOUS). The ordinance outlines the declaration of public policy and purpose which states:

“The City hereby declares as a matter of public policy that the preservation, protection, perpetuation, and use of areas, places, buildings, structures, lands, districts, and other objects having a special historical, cultural, or aesthetic interest or value is a public necessity, and is required in the interest of public health, prosperity, safety, and welfare of the people of the City. The purposes of this section are to:

1. Safeguard the heritage of the City by preserving sites and structures that reflect elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political, engineering, or architectural history;
2. Protect and enhance the City's attraction for residents, tourists, and visitors, and serve as a support and stimulus to business and industry;
3. Enhance the economic viability of heritage preservation landmarks and districts through the protection and promotion of their unique character;
4. Enhance the visual and aesthetic character, diversity, and interest of the City;
5. Foster civic pride in the beauty and notable accomplishments of the past; and
6. Promote the use and preservation of historic landmarks and districts for the educational and general welfare of the people of the City.”

WORK PLAN CATAGORY	TARGET GOAL	PROGRESS
1. Review list of potential local designations, evaluate additional properties potentially suitable for local designation.	•	• Surveys completed for:
2. Partnership with City Center Partnership (MN Main Street program) on initiatives where goals align.	•	•
3. Install heritage plaques on historically significant properties.	•	
4. Install signage/marker for locally designated properties.	•	
5. Education to community and industries (ex. Realtors) regarding local designation.	•	
6. Education to community on architecture, rehabilitation, preservation, etc. Not necessarily only for designated properties.	•	
7. Complete National Register nominations (ex. Hubbard Mill).		
8. Provide audio tours (ex. could concentrate on a particular area/block).		
9. Review City retention of historic documents such as maps, plans, and others		
10. Education on recycling of historic building materials		
11. Education on tax forfeiture of historic buildings		