

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	MASTER GOAL	PROGRESS
1. Create an updated master list of properties that have designation plaques, interpretive plaques, and national register plaques.	- Master List - Publicly available master list.	- Surveys completed for: - Update and make available of a master list of all historically designated properties for public viewership.
2. Expand the list of formally recognized historic landmarks and districts.	Identify potential historic sites for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or local designations.	
3. Install heritage plaques on historically significant properties.	2 Plaques <i>Hubbard Mill?</i> <i>Lincoln School</i>	2/18/2025 A Certified Local Government Grant (CLG) will be applied for to install 2 interpretive plaques and 2 locally designated plaques. If awarded we will need to choose properties.
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5. <i>Work with MNSU students in Heritage Preservation Class.</i>	Identify 10 properties that the commission	

	would like to have survey done on.	
6. Education to community on architecture, rehabilitation, preservation, etc. Not necessarily only for designated properties.	• Preservation Month Tours	• May is preservation month, tours? What should the tours surround?
7. Investigate the accessibility of online tools for the Commission to use in education.		
8. Partnership with Downtown Partnership on initiatives where goals align.		
9. Commission Education about preservation topics and issues along with	• Review HPC guidelines	
10. Review City retention of historic documents such as maps, plans, and others.	• Preserve Important Historical Documents.	•
11. Review Commission minutes to ensure momentum of items that were discussed in previous meetings.		