The National Register of Historic Places in Wisconsin

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National Register – what is it?

The official federal list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture that have significance to the prehistory or history of their community, State, or the Nation.
Criterion A: History

Criterion B: Association with a Person

Criterion C: Architecture

Criterion D: Information Potential
What is a Historic District?

“A district possesses a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development.”

Examples include business districts, residential neighborhoods, rural villages, collections of archaeological sites.
QUIZ TIME
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FALSE
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TRUE
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FALSE
YOU CAN

• Remodel your kitchen or bathroom
• Put on an addition
• Add air conditioning
• Update the electrical system
• Give a building a new use
• Do **whatever you want**, as long as there is no federal or state money, license or permit involved
4. Anything over 50 years old is eligible for listing in the State and the National Register.
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**FALSE**

A property must possess integrity and significance
What’s in it for me?

- Pride in their own property and in their community
- Recognition from the National Park Service
- Fosters community identity and promotes local history
- Heritage tourism
• Federal 20% + State 20% for income producing properties

• State 25% for non-income producing residential properties

• Application must be approved before work begins for the State credit

TAX CREDITS
State Historic Home Owners’ Tax Credit:
- Property must be listed in or individually eligible for NR
- Work on the exterior of your house, such as roof replacement and painting, but not including site work such as driveways and landscaping;
- Electrical wiring, not including electrical fixtures;
- Plumbing, not including plumbing fixtures;
- Mechanical systems, such as furnaces, air conditioning, and water heaters; and
- Structural work, such as jacking up floors.
We have: (since 1966)

42 National Historic Landmarks

Over 2000 Individual Listings

385 Historic Districts

Examples:  Parkview Historic District, Milton - 7
         Main Avenue Historic District, De Pere, 18
         Main Street Historic District, Lake Geneva - 26
         Burlington Downtown Historic District - 97
         Walkers Point Historic District, Milwaukee – 502
         University Hill Farms Historic District, Madison - 834
Manitowoc Properties Listed in the National Register

- Joseph Vilas Jr. House (610-616 N 8th Street)
- Sexton’s House (736 Revere Drive)
- USS Cobia (Submarine)
- Manitowoc County Courthouse (8th and Washington Streets)
- Floretta Canaller (Shipwreck)
- Mirro Aluminum Company Plant #3 (2402 Franklin Street)
- Francis Hinton (Shipwreck)
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Eighth Street Historic District
(72 Contributing and 22 Non-contributing buildings)
Who decides what properties are historic?

**State and Federal Designation**
- Administered by WHS
- Under state and federal law
- Reviews state & federal actions only
- Honorific
- Eligibility for Tax Credits

**Local Designation**
- Administered by local unit of government
- Under local zoning ordinance
- Reviews any action that requires a building permit
- Review authority
- Protects property values
How are properties listed?

Identification

Nomination

Review Board

Approval by the National Park Service
Web Resources:

wiscronshistory.org

Architecture and History Inventory
National Register Database
Pages for Property Owners
Wisconsin Historic Images
Web Resources:

Tax Credits for Historic Building Rehabilitation

Browse Related Topics
- Preserve Homes and Properties
- About the National Register and State Register of Historic Places
- Historic Preservation Funding Opportunities

Tax Credits and Historic Buildings
If you are planning work on a historic building, you may be eligible for a tax credit.

FOR OWNERS OF HISTORIC HOMES
Learn more about rehabilitation tax credits for homeowners who rehabilitate their historic homes.
- FAQs About the Tax Credit Program for Historic Homes
- Tax Credits for Historic Homes
- Application Forms and Instructions

FOR OWNERS OF HISTORIC COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS
Learn more about rehabilitation tax credits for owners who rehabilitate historic income-producing buildings.
- Tax Credits for Historic Income-Producing Buildings
- Application Forms and Instructions

REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
If your home is listed on the National Register, you may qualify to submit an application for an income tax credit on future restoration work you carry out.
- Search the National Register

Have Questions?
Web Resources:

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Questions?