

# Historic Preservation Commission

November 29, 2018

# Historic Rehabilitation Program Funding Update



# 1509 Park Ave SE

- \$1,240 grant
- 4 new wood windows
- Received a CNME for the project



# 1606 Park Ave SE

- \$3,409.69 grant
- Porch repair
- Received a CNME for the project





# 1806 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE

- \$5,000 grant
- Roof replacement
- Received a CNME for the project



# Updated Budget

- FY18 & 19 Budget: \$50,000.00
- Total Promised: \$34,762.69
- Total Paid Out: \$9,150.00
- Remaining Balance: \$15,237.31
- Currently working with three additional applicants



Presentation

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# Survey Prioritization

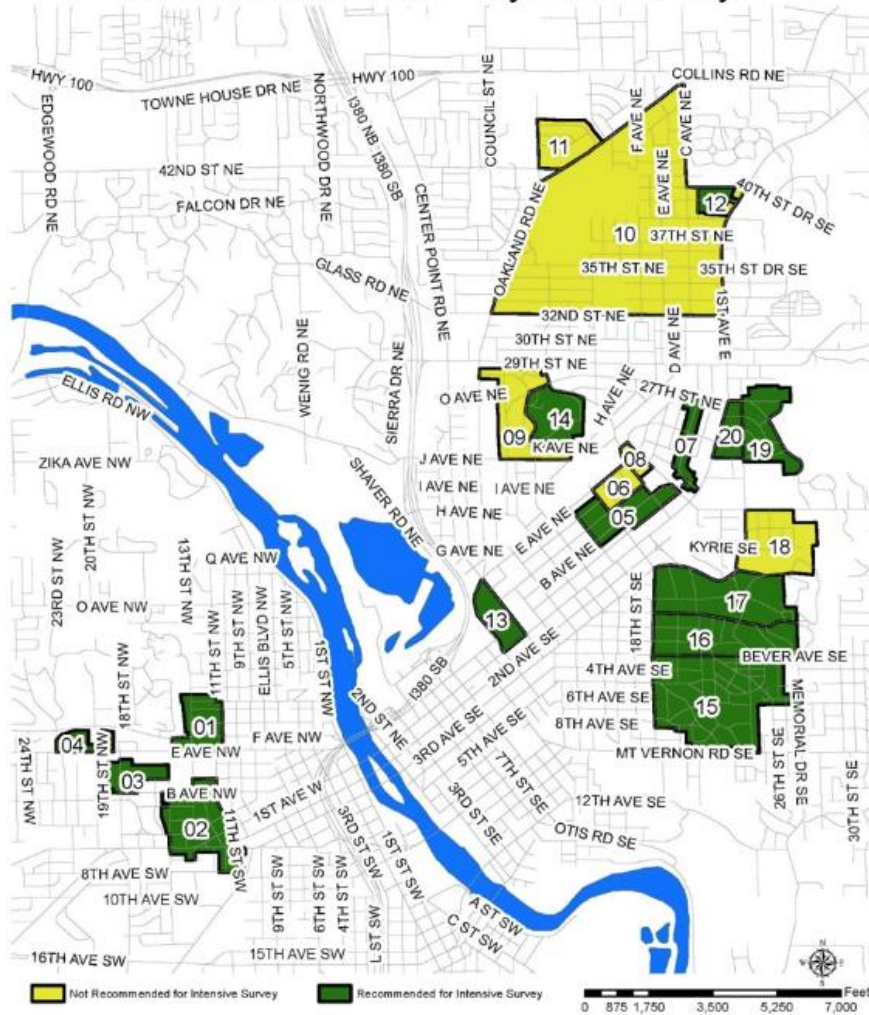
| Survey  | Priority |
|---|----------|
| <b>Northwest Quadrant</b>   |          |
| • East Highlands - First Avenue - C Avenue NW (recommend intensive survey for NRHP boundaries)  | 1        |
| • North Highlands - B Avenue NW - E Avenue NW (recommend intensive survey for NRHP boundaries)  | 3        |
| • Rapids Township - E Avenue NW (recommend intensive survey for NRHP boundaries)  | 2        |
| • Belmont Park (Increased boundary, recommend intensive survey for NRHP boundaries)   | 4        |
| <b>Northeast Quadrant</b>   |          |
| • Greene & College First Addition: including listed B Avenue NE Historic District (recommend intensive survey for NRHP boundaries relative to listed B Avenue NE historic district) | 3        |
| • Northview First Addition (recommend intensive survey for NRHP boundaries)   | 2        |
| • Kenwood Park: Coon-McNeal Development (recommend intensive survey for NRHP boundaries)  | 1        |
| • Coe Campus College - west section (recommend intensive survey for NRHP boundaries)  | 4        |

| Survey  | Priority |
|---|----------|
| <b>Southeast Quadrant</b>   |          |
| • Bever Park Additions and Bever Woods (recommend intensive survey for NRHP boundaries) | 2        |
| • Midway Park and Country Club Heights (recommend intensive survey for NRHP boundaries) | 4        |
| • Ridgewood Addition (recommend intensive survey for NRHP boundaries)                   | 3        |
| • Country Club Heights Additions (recommend intensive survey)                           | 1        |



# Survey Prioritization

Areas Examined in Citywide Survey



## HPC Prioritization (August 2017)

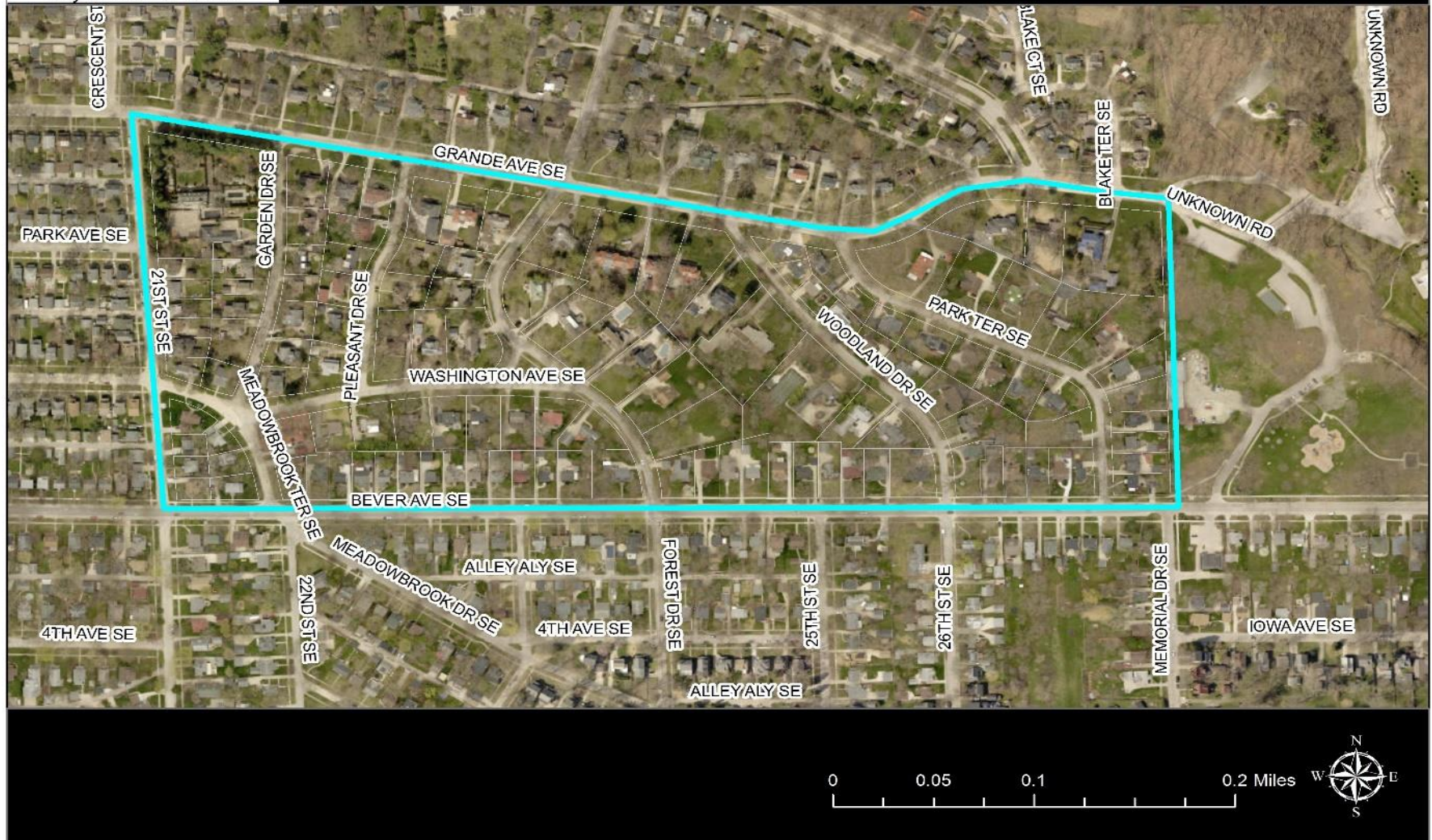
1. Coe College Campus
2. Vernon Heights
3. **Bever Park and Woods**
4. East Highlands
5. Ridgewood Addition
6. Country Club Addition
7. Greene and College First Addition
8. Midway Park Addition
9. North Highlands
10. Northview First Addition
11. Coon McNeal Development
12. Mount Mercy Campus
13. Belmont Park
14. Rapids Township





# Bever Woods Intensive Survey

## Proposed Boundaries



# Next Steps

- Finalize grant agreement
- Spring: Release RFP for consultant to conduct survey

Volunteers will be needed to assist the consultant with fieldwork and research





# Historic Preservation Commission 2019 Work Plan



# Vision—from Chapter 18

1. With City Council approval, conduct studies for the identification and designation of historic districts and sites meeting the definitions established by chapter 18;
2. Make recommendations to the City Council for the listing of a historic district or site in the National Register of Historic Places;
3. Review and act upon all applications pursuant to the procedures established by Chapter 18 and other applicable laws;
4. Further the efforts of historic preservation in the City by making recommendations to the City Council and City commissions and boards on preservation issues when appropriate, by encouraging the protection and enhancement of buildings or structures with historical, architectural or cultural value, and by encouraging persons and organizations to become involved in preservation activities;
5. Educate the public at large on the benefits of historic preservation and build a preservation ethic and public awareness;
6. Recommend acceptance of unconditional gifts and donations of real and personal property, including money, for the purpose of historic preservation;



# Vision—from Chapter 18

7. Recommend acquisition by purchase, bequest, or donation, fee and lesser interests in historic properties, including properties adjacent to or associated with historic properties;
8. Recommend the preservation, restoration, maintenance, and operation of historic properties, under the ownership or control of the City;
9. Recommend that the City lease, sell, and otherwise transfer or dispose of historic properties subject to rights of public access and other covenants and in a manner that will preserve the property;
10. Cooperate with the federal, state and local governments in the pursuance of the objectives of historic preservation;
11. Provide information for the purpose of historic preservation to the City; and
12. Promote and conduct an educational and interpretive program on historic properties within the City.



# 2018 Tasks

- Updated the Guidelines for Cedar Rapids Historic Districts—Completed August 2018
- Update Chapter 32 Zoning of the municipal code to better support preservation and conservation of neighborhood character—Completed November 2018
- Provide training to the Historic Preservation Commission—New Commissioner Training, July 2018



# 2018 Tasks

- Develop a list that prioritizes the community's buildings of historic significance / Develop an endangered properties watchlist—In progress, began September 2018
- Work with economic development partners to include historic resources in redevelopment policies and economic development plans—updated Historic Preservation Economic Development Incentives
- Maintain and enhance compliance regulations for Certified Local Government status—ongoing, met requirements in 2018





# 2018 Tasks

- Implement the City's Historic Rehabilitation Program and research and explore other financial resources for preservation related activities—Ongoing
- Incorporate historic preservation into Neighborhood Action Plans and Corridor Action Plans, planning Study Areas, and other City planning projects—Ongoing, College District Plan
- Work with the Linn County Health Department to promote historic preservation—issues addressed in ReZone, November 2018



# 2019 Tasks

**GOAL 1: Participate in preservation, salvage and documentation of historic structures**

| Task   | Lead                    | Completion Timeline          |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Finish developing the Historic Asset Inventory   | Sub-Committee/Staff     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 |
| Implement the Historic Asset Inventory with Action Steps in partnership with non-profits | Full Commission / Staff | Ongoing                      |
| CLG Grant: Intensive Survey of Bever Woods   | Staff / Full Commission | January 2019 - Spring 2020   |



# 2019 Tasks

## GOAL 1: Participate in preservation, salvage and documentation of historic structures

| Task  | Lead                  | Completion Timeline   |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| Continue to pursue landmark designation of eligible city-owned structures   | Staff                 | Ongoing: Plan to landmark City Hall in early 2019   |
| Consider developing a Neighborhood Conservation District program for neighborhoods that may not be eligible for historic district designation | Staff                 | Consider Neighborhood Conservation Districts as a potential proactive strategy following completion of the Historic Asset Inventory |
| Work with affordable housing organizations to use historic resources in their projects  | Full Commission/Staff | Ongoing   |



# 2019 Tasks

## GOAL 1: Participate in preservation, salvage and documentation of historic structures

| Task  | Lead                  | Completion Timeline   |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| Determine property owners' interests in establishing local historic districts/landmarks   | Full Commission       | Ongoing: 2 local landmark nominations in 2018, Grace Episcopal Church and Perkins House |
| Implement the City's Historic Rehabilitation Program and research and explore other financial resources for preservation related activities | Full Commission/Staff | Ongoing   |
| Work with economic development partners to include historic resources in redevelopment policies and economic development plans.             | Staff                 | Ongoing   |



# 2019 Tasks

## GOAL 1: Participate in preservation, salvage and documentation of historic structures

| Task   | Lead  | Completion Timeline                    |
|--|-------|--|
| Explore the preparation of an adaptive reuse ordinance   | Staff | Ongoing, partially addressed by ReZone |
| Incorporate historic preservation into Neighborhood Action Plans and Corridor Action Plans, planning Study Areas, and other City planning projects | Staff | Ongoing                                |
| Tailor energy efficiency standards to fit historic resources   | Staff | Ongoing                                |





# 2019 Tasks

## GOAL 2: Increase communication

| Task  | Lead                  | Completion Timeline   |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| Continue to improve the HPC website for ease of use and to provide more information | Staff                 | Ongoing: Added presentations as PDF, separate page for Historic Rehab Program |
| Implement an annual program review  | Staff                 | Ongoing—update annual work plan, include HPP in EnvisionCR review             |
| Maintain and enhance compliance regulations for Certified Local Government status   | Full Commission/Staff | Ongoing   |



# 2019 Tasks

## GOAL 3: Improve public relations

| Task  | Lead                  | Completion Timeline   |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| Identify outreach events with community organizations that may be interested in historic preservation.  | Full Commission       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018—change to ongoing: Preservation Showcase |
| Link interested property owners to training and technical assistance programs on the use of tax credits | Full Commission/Staff | Ongoing   |
| Continue to promote public access to historically significant civic resources                           | Full Commission/Staff | Ongoing: Mural open houses, City Hall tours                           |



# 2019 Tasks

## GOAL 4: Provide information and educational opportunities for the public

| Task   | Lead                  | Completion Timeline   |
|--|-----------------------|---|
| Develop and distribute educational materials (e.g. brochures, postcards, web-based materials) for property owners and the general public to enhance public awareness and understanding of the city's cultural and social history | Full Commission/Staff | Ongoing: Staff is currently working to develop a set of historic postcards, postcards advertising historic rehab program, annual newsletter |
| Update the content of the GIS database of historic properties  | Staff                 | Proposed: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2019   |
| Develop a formal heritage tourism program  | Full Commission/Staff | Ongoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>History Happened Here markers</li></ul>  |
| Maintain a training program for City staff.  | Staff                 | Ongoing   |



# 2019 Tasks

## GOAL 5: Provide educational opportunities for HPC members

| Task   | Lead                  | Completion Timeline  |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| Provide training to the Historic Preservation Commission | Full Commission/Staff | Ongoing: New member orientation, one-on-one conversations with new members, conference opportunity |



Demolition Review

823 11<sup>th</sup> Ave SE





# Project Description

- Primary structure built in 1890
- Condition is very poor, per City assessor
- Not eligible
  - Architectural History Survey and Update for the City of Cedar Rapids (2006)
- Included on the Clandestine Drug Laboratory Registry (U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration)





# 823 11<sup>th</sup> Ave SE





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- Poor candidate for landmarking
- No evidence of historic significance
- Staff recommends immediate release



# 526 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW

## Hold expires 1/7/19





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Discussion

# Iowa Civil Rights History Project



Discussion

# Hubbard Ice Building Update



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# Proactive Preservation



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