

## Historic Asset Inventory Committee (HAIC)

- The Cedar Rapids Historic Preservation Commission established the Historic Asset Inventory Committee (HAIC) to create an inventory of historic properties in the community
- The HAIC is made up of members from the Historic Preservation Commission and two community non-profits, Friends of Cedar Rapids Historic Preservation and Save CR Heritage.
- The HAIC established a list of focus properties for the year to apply proactive preservation strategies, which includes: owner outreach, local landmarking, adaptive reuse plans, National Register listing, and more.

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# Cedar Rapids Historic Preservation

## PROACTIVE STRATEGIES





## PROACTIVE PRESERVATION STRATEGIES

### Local Historic Landmarking

#### WHAT IS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?

A local landmark is an individual property designated by City Ordinance for being historically significant. Once a property is designated as a local landmark, all exterior changes to the structure require historic preservation review.

#### BENEFITS OF LOCAL LANDMARKING

- Local landmarks are eligible for the Historic Rehab Program, which provides grants for exterior projects.
- Local landmarks are protected from future demolition or inappropriate exterior changes, regardless of ownership.
- Local landmarks are recognized by the City as the highest protection for a historic property.

#### APPLYING FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION

If the property is historically significant and the owner is willing to landmark it, the first step to designate a local landmark is to fill out an application. The application must include a narrative explaining the property's historic significance, a map indicating its location, and signatures from all the property owners. For more information, visit [www.cityofcr.com/hpc](http://www.cityofcr.com/hpc).

### Adaptive Reuse

#### WHAT IS ADAPTIVE REUSE?

Adaptive reuse is the renovation and reuse of pre-existing structures for new purposes. Adaptive reuse of historic buildings helps preserve the character, while also putting a new and active use into the structure.

#### BENEFITS OF ADAPTIVE REUSE

- There are funding sources available for adaptive reuse projects, including the City's economic development incentives program and state/federal Historic Tax Credits.
- Reusing existing buildings can help save money on building materials and other construction costs.
- Adaptive reuse helps preserve the unique character of Cedar Rapids and helps tell the story of our community's history.

#### EXAMPLE

*The Chelsea (Cedar Rapids Milk Condensing Company)*  
Built in 1887, the Chelsea was first used as a condensed milk factory and later housed the American Manufacturing Company. After sitting vacant for many years, the building was adaptively reused into new apartments and designated as the City's third local historic landmark.

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### Funding for Preservation

#### City of Cedar Rapids

- *Economic Development Incentives:* Projects that redevelop, integrate, or move historic structures can receive up to 10 years of 100% tax exemption or reimbursement based on demonstrated increase in costs.
- *Historic Rehabilitation Program:* Grant program for exterior rehabilitation projects for local landmarks or local historic districts. Eligible for up to \$5,000 or \$7,500, depending on income. More information at [www.cityofcr.com/historicrehabprogram](http://www.cityofcr.com/historicrehabprogram).



#### State Historic Preservation Office

- *State Historic Tax Credits:* Offers a fully refundable and transferable tax benefit up to 25% of qualified rehabilitation expenses.
- *Federal Historic Tax Credits:* Administered by state and federal entities, provides a 20% rehabilitation tax credit. SHPO serves as the first point of contact for this program.
- *Historical Resource Development Program:* State grant program for historic preservation projects.

More information at:  
[www.iowaculture.gov/history/preservation](http://www.iowaculture.gov/history/preservation)