



CITY OF LAKE CITY

HERITAGE
PRESERVATION
COMMISSION

CENTURY HOME
PROGRAM

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PURPOSE:

The Lake City Heritage Preservation Commission has established a Century Home Program to acknowledge residential structures of significant historical interest within the community. The intent of the program is to promote awareness and appreciation of Lake City's architectural heritage and to recognize homes that contribute to the historical integrity of the neighborhoods in which they are located. Qualifying homes will be provided with a historic building plaque for display according to the following guidelines. The program is voluntary for interested property owners.

COST:

\$150 to \$180 per plaque depending on number of homes that participate in the program. This is a one-time fee that will cover the costs of the plaque itself. Installation and maintenance will be the responsibility of the property owner.

CRITERIA:

1. Original structure should have been built for residential use (no combined uses with commercial or other types of uses). Multi-family structures, bed and breakfast establishments, and other properties are eligible as long as the building has retained its architectural integrity as a residential structure.
2. Building shall be documented to be 100 years old or older.
3. House must reflect its original architectural character.
4. Additions and alterations to the house are acceptable; however the original architectural character should not be compromised. Houses that have been re-sided with vinyl or other siding types are not automatically disqualified from recognition.
5. House shall not exhibit signs of deferred maintenance, which threatens the economic life of the structure.
6. House should demonstrate how to care for older homes.

7. A moved building may qualify as a site if the move was made to preserve the resource from demolition and if the moved building was not altered in a manner that is inconsistent with its historical integrity.
8. Other structures may be approved after review by the Lake City Heritage Preservation Commission.

SELECTION PROCESS:

All selection criteria shall be met and findings to this effect will be made for every qualifying home. Applicants are asked to be patient as it may take several months or more to accomplish the review of the application and production of the plaque.

RECOGNITION:

1. All qualifying homes will be recognized with a 10" x 7" bronze plaque for placement on the house.
2. Plaque must be placed on the front façade 4-6 feet above ground or at a visible, eye level location near the front door. Exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis.
3. Plaque shall be installed using brass screws.
4. Plaque face will have the name of the original owner and the date the structure was built.
5. Plaque will be presented by the Lake City Heritage Preservation Commission on an annual basis during Preservation Week (this event is sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and is typically held at the beginning of May).

NOTE: Program award is honorary only and does not qualify the home for local or national historical designation, nor does it provide financial assistance for maintenance of designated homes.

PROCEDURE:

1. A letter is sent to property owners advising them that they are part of a group of homes that are eligible to participate in the plaque program.

2. These property owners are encouraged to apply and are told of the application fee cost, which depends on the number of homes that qualify and the number of plaques ordered.
3. They are given information on the qualifying criteria selection process and recognition event and will be provided with suggestions for researching their home's history and an application form.
4. Application must be returned to the Heritage Preservation Commission at least two weeks prior to its April meeting. Applications submitted after this date will not be eligible for consideration until the following year. Research should include date of construction, first owner, architect and/or other pertinent information concerning the origin of the building. Photographs would be helpful.
5. Qualifying property owners are sent a letter advising them that they have been approved and payment for the plaque will be requested.

**LAKE CITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CENTURY HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Address of Home: _____

Present Owner: _____

Address of Present Owner if different than above: _____

Telephone: _____ Building Date: _____

Original Owner: _____

Documentation to support building date. Copy of documentation must be attached to this application form. Please list sources, page and volume numbers and/or names of individuals:

Other interesting facts about the home:

Researcher: _____ Date: _____

Return this application form to:

City of Lake City
Heritage Preservation Commission
205 West Center Street
Lake City, MN 55041

Staff only:

Accepted for designation: _____

**LISTING OF RESOURCES TO RESEARCH DOCUMENTATION
OF HISTORICAL HOME**

County Offices:

Wabasha County Courthouse
Office of Land Records
625 Jefferson
Wabasha, MN 55981
(651) 565-3623 (abstracts)

(651) 565-3021(torrens)

Goodhue County Courthouse
Office of Land Records
509 W. 5th St.
Red Wing, MN 55066
(651) 385-3032

County Museums:

Wabasha County Historical Society
P.O Box 255
Lake City, MN 55041

Goodhue County Historical Museum
1166 Oak St.
Red Wing, MN 55066
(651) 388-6024

Local Resources:

Lake City Historical Society
P.O. Box 246
Lake City, MN 55041

Lake City Public Library
201 S. High St.
Lake City, MN 55041
(651) 345-4013