

Terms Used Within Cedar Rapids Historic Sites And Districts Identification System

BUILDING: A building, such as a house, barn, church, hotel, or similar construction that is created principally to shelter any form of human activity. "Building" may also be used to refer to a historically and functionally related unit, such as a courthouse and jail or a house and barn.

DEMOLISHED RESOURCES: The building, structure, or object which was surveyed on the parcel has been demolished after the survey had originally occurred.

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.

EIPD (ELIGIBLE IN POTENTIAL DISTRICT): A survey has indicated this parcel, within a broader area, likely could contribute to a potential historic district. An intensive survey of the broader area to further assess historic district potential, evaluate significance, define historic district boundaries, and further define contributing and noncontributing buildings would be recommended.

ELIGIBLE RESOURCES: These properties have been surveyed either through an intensive survey or reconnaissance survey and recommended as "eligible" for listing on the NRHP. Also see EIPD (Eligible in Potential District).

HISTORIC CONTEXT: A narrative created for planning purposes that groups information about historic properties based on a shared theme, specific time period and geographical area.

HISTORIC PROPERTY: A district, site, building, structure or object significant in American history, architecture, engineering, archeology or culture at the national, State, or local level.

INTEGRITY: The authenticity of a property's historic identity, evidenced by the survival of physical characteristics that existed during the property's historic or prehistoric period. Aspects of integrity include location, setting, materials, design, workmanship, feeling and association.

INTENSIVE SURVEY: A systematic, detailed examination of an area designed to gather information about historic properties sufficient to evaluate them against predetermined criteria of significance within specific historic contexts.

INTENSIVE LEVEL SURVEY AREA: An area where an intensive level survey has occurred.

INVENTORY: A list of historic properties determined to meet specified criteria of significance.

LISTED RESOURCES: An individual property, or grouping of properties forming a District, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT: An area designated by ordinance by the Cedar Rapids City Council which contains a significant portion of buildings, structures or other improvements which, considered as a whole, possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

1. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values, or that represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
2. Is associated with events that have made significant contributions to the broad patterns of our local, state or national history; or
3. Possesses a coherent and distinctive visual character or integrity based upon similarity of scale, design, color, setting, workmanship, materials, or combinations thereof, which is deemed to add significantly to the value and attractiveness of properties within such area;
4. Is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
5. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK: Any individual building, structure, object, archeological site, area of land or element of landscape architecture with significance, importance or value consistent with the criteria of a Local Historic District but on its own merits, designated by ordinance by the Cedar Rapids City Council.

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA: The established criteria for evaluating the eligibility of properties for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

NOT ELIGIBLE RESOURCES: These properties have been surveyed either through an intensive survey or reconnaissance survey as “not eligible” and do not meet any criteria for listing on the NRHP.

NOT EVALUATED RESOURCES: The parcel was not looked at as part of the survey.

NRHP PROPERTY (National Register of Historic Places): The official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources.

These individually listed properties appear in pink to be more easily discernable to the viewer.

OBJECT: The term "object" is used to distinguish from buildings and structures those constructions that are primarily artistic in nature or are relatively small in scale and simply constructed. Although it may be, by nature or design, movable, an object is associated with a specific setting or environment.

PROPERTY WITH MULTIPLE RESOURCES: This designation indicates more than one building was evaluated or more than one survey occurred, which looked at that particular parcel.

POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE RESOURCES: A survey has indicated a Building, Structure, or object on the parcel could be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

SITE: A site is the location of a significant event, a prehistoric or historic occupation or activity, or a building or structure, whether standing, ruined, or vanished, where the location itself possesses historic, cultural, or archeological value regardless of the value of any existing structure.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (SHPO): Iowa's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is part of the State Historical Society of Iowa, a division within the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. The SHPO's mission is to identify, preserve, and protect Iowa's historic resources.

STRUCTURE: The term "structure" is used to distinguish from buildings those functional constructions made usually for purposes other than creating human shelter.

Historic Preservation Useful Links

The National Register of Historic Places includes significant properties, classified as buildings, sites, districts, structures, or objects. The following are definitions of the different types of significant properties as defined by the National Register of Historic Places, U.S. Department of the Interior http://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb15/nrb15_4.htm

Other important historic preservation terms are defined in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines http://www.nps.gov/history/local-law/arch_stnds_10.htm

National Park Service Preservation Briefs webpage offer tips, advice and methods of acceptable treatment of historic properties. <http://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs.htm>

The Iowa State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) <http://www.iowahistory.org/historic-preservation/>

The City of Cedar Rapids Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) webpage offers links to historic surveys, information about upcoming meetings and other news related to the preservation efforts of the City. cityofcr.org/hpc

The National Park Service's National Register Bulletin Series provides guidance on evaluating, documenting and listing different types of historic places as well as specific guidance on photograph policy and mapping: <http://www.nps.gov/Nr/publications/index.htm>