

Neillsville's Historic District

A Historic District was created in 2000 by the City of Neillsville and the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) in the center of its downtown area. The 500 block of Hewett street has thirteen contributing properties in this District and West Sixth Street has one property listed on the Local, State and National Registry of Historic Places. By 2004, three more properties (on the 400 block of West Hewett Street) were added to this district as an expansion.

Neillsville's Historic Downtown features buildings constructed as early as the 1870s through the mid 1950s. These buildings represent in large part, the history of Neillsville, its businesses, families and events that all helped shape our community. Preservation of these properties are a key component and focus of the HPC.

Historic Tourism—Neillsville

The City of Neillsville is fortunate to have so many well maintained historic homes and buildings. The history of Neillsville and Clark County resonate throughout the community. People visit Neillsville to see the beautiful historic homes and buildings, learn about our local history and tour its historic sites, such as:

- Historic homes of the City's founders / residents
- 1897 Clark County Jail Museum
- Tufts Mansion
- Reed School (WI Historical Site)
- Neillsville Carnegie Library
- Historic commercial buildings, and
- Local cemeteries—the final resting place of so many of our founders and their families.

Historic Resources

From City Website: <https://neillsville-wi.com>

- How / where to obtain Building Permits
- HPC Certificates of Appropriateness Forms
- HPC Grant Application Forms
- List of Providers of Historic Materials or Services
- Frequently Asked Questions - Historic Properties
- Tax Credit Programs for Historic Properties
- Current List - Designated Historic Properties
- Current List - Eligible for Historic Designation

From WI Historical Society Website:

(<https://wisconsinhistory.org>)

- Tax Credit Program Information
- Information re: Grants or Loan Programs Available
- Research Local History and historic images



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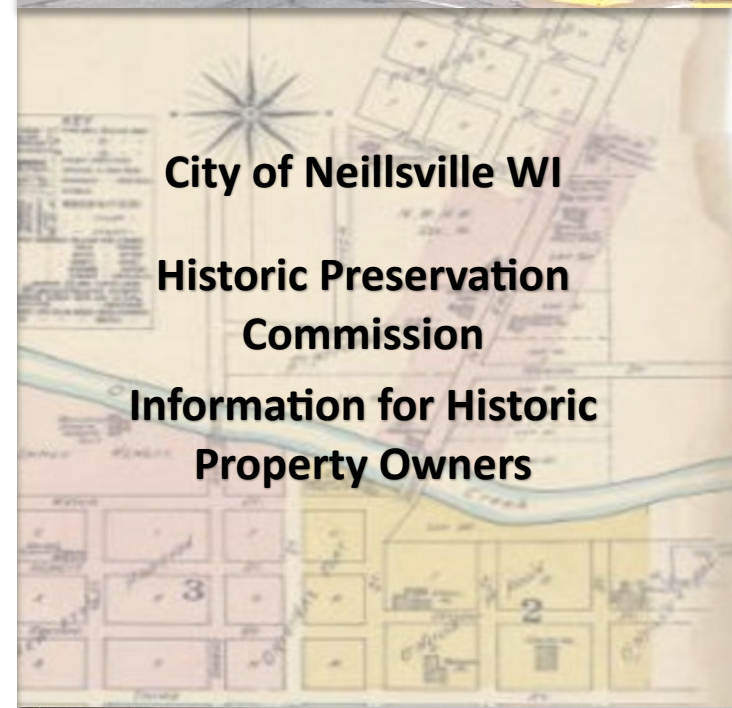
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The City of Neillsville HPC generally meets on the Third Wednesday of each month, at 6:00 pm at City Hall.



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Information for Historic Property Owners



Historic Preservation

Introduction

The City of Neillsville adopted Ordinances that protect historic structures and sites in 1994. Since then, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) together with the WI Historical Society have surveyed and documented the many beautiful homes, structures and districts of historic significance within the city limits.

Designated Historic Registries

Properties meeting certain criteria can be listed on **National, State and/or Local Historic Property Registers**. The HPC or current property owners may begin the nomination process. Upon review and acceptance by the appropriate governing bodies, the property is listed on the various historic property registries. The HPC will provide appropriate signage and posts for listed properties.

Historic Tax Credits / Incentives

Federal or State (WI) Historic tax credits (HTC) may be available to eligible historic property owners. These programs **should be investigated prior to any work being started on the property**. Work done or cost incurred before you submit an application are not eligible to receive HTCs. The HPC does not provide tax advice about specific HTC applications. Property owners should contact their own tax consultants with any questions they may have.

Certificates of Appropriateness

Requirements

A Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) is a written permit from the City's HPC that affirms changes proposed by the historic property owner are compatible with the historic property's character and consistent with Neillsville City Ordinances.

COAs and City building permits are required, **prior to work beginning**, when property owners intend to modify the **exterior appearance** of their designated historic property.

A COA is required for re-roofing, re-siding, alterations or changes to windows, doors, tuck-pointing, or other exterior features, as these changes have the potential to harm the historic character of the historic building or district and its unique characteristics. Additions, new construction, relocation or demolition in historic districts also require a COA.

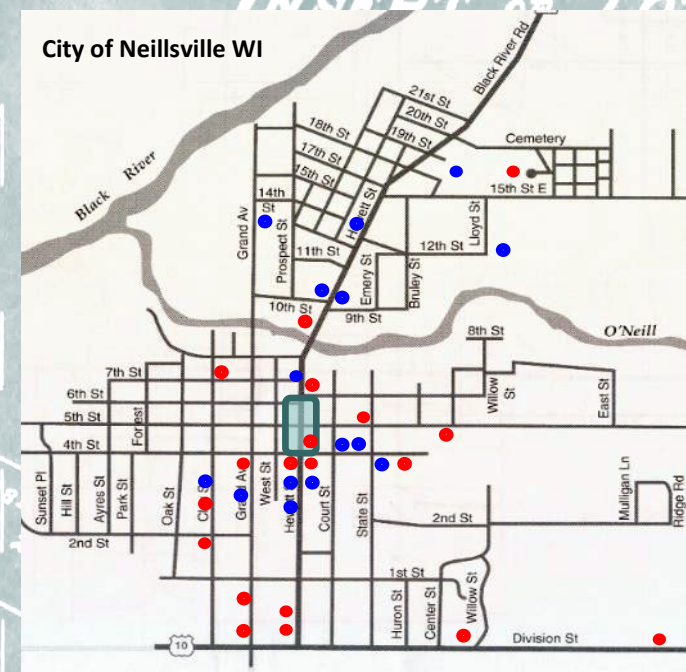
COA Application Process

COA are available from City Hall or the City's website (Forms). COAs must be completed and returned to City Hall **at least 10 days prior** to the next HPC meeting in order to be placed on that meeting's HPC Agenda.

HPC Application Review & Determination

Decisions on proposed alterations will be considered by the HPC and are based on the COA submitted by the Historic Property Owner. The information provided on the COA is compared to Neillsville City Ordinances and U.S. Secretary of Interior's standards and guidelines for historic

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properties and districts. The HPC will make a determination on any COA it receives within 45 days. If approved, the City's Building Inspector will be instructed to issue a building permit for the approved alterations. This building permit must be displayed per City Ordinance.

If the HPC denies a COA application, the property owner may appeal this decision as per City of Neillsville HPC Ordinances. This appeal process will be addressed by the City Council and the HPC.

Please Note: All materials, photos and information submitted with a COA become part of the Application File and are not returned.