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The State and the National Register of Historic Places in Wisconsin

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National Register – what is it?

The official federal list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture that have significance to the prehistory or history of their community, State, or the Nation.



A: HISTORY

Chalet of the Golden Fleece, New Glarus



Orpheum Theater, Madison



Dr. Samuel Blumer House, New Glarus



New Glarus Town Hall, New Glarus



B: ASSOCIATION WITH A PERSON



Halle Steensland House,
Madison



Ben Hunt Cabin,
Hales Corners



Ten Chimneys, Town of Genesee



Alexander Herschel and Pauline G. McMicken
House, West Allis



C: ARCHITECTURE



Uptown Theater, Racine



Wadhams Gas Station, West Allis

New Glarus Public School and High School, New Glarus



Chalet of the Golden Fleece, New Glarus



D: ABILITY TO YIELD INFORMATION



Lemonweir Rock Art Site, Juneau County



Aztalan, Jefferson County

Oceanwave Skow Schooner, Lake Michigan



What is a Historic 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.”

Examples include business districts, residential neighborhoods, rural villages, collections of archaeological sites.





Nakoma Historic District

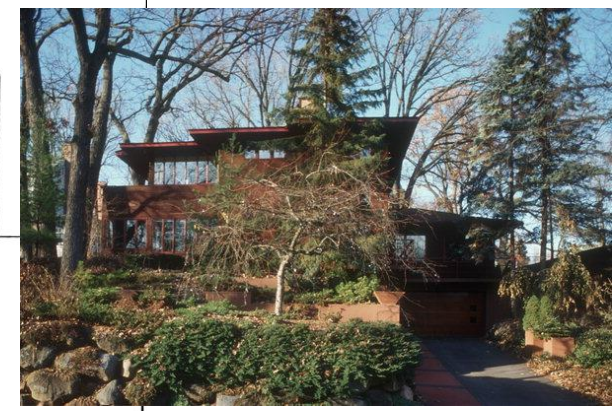
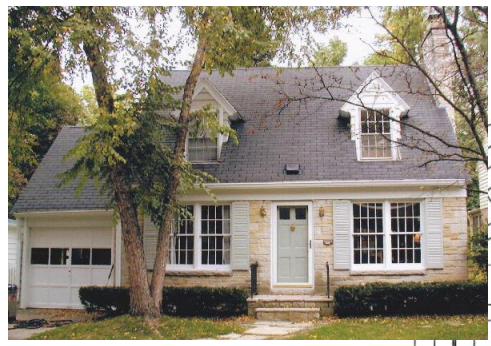
City of Madison
County of Dane, Wisconsin

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Legend

- District Boundary
- ▨ Contributing
- Non-Contributing

North



QUIZ TIME



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FALSE



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YOU CAN

- Remodel your kitchen or bathroom
- Put on an addition
- Add air conditioning
- Update the electrical system
- Give a building a new use
- Do **whatever you want**, as long as there is no federal or state money, license or permit involved



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A property must possess integrity and significance





- Federal 20% + State 20% for income producing properties
- State 25% for non-income producing residential properties
- Application must be approved before work begins for the State credit



TAX CREDITS





State Historic Home Owners' Tax Credit:
Work on the exterior of your house, such as roof replacement and painting, but not including site work such as driveways and landscaping;
Electrical wiring, not including electrical fixtures;
Plumbing, not including plumbing fixtures;
Mechanical systems, such as furnaces, air conditioning, and water heaters; and
Structural work, such as jacking up floors.



Who decides what properties are historic?

State and Federal Designation

- Administered by WHS
- Under state and federal law
- Reviews state & federal actions only
- Honorific
- Eligibility for Tax Credits

Local Designation

- Administered by local unit of government
- Under local zoning ordinance
- Reviews any action that requires a building permit
- Review authority
- Protects property values



Web Resources:

wisconsinhistory.org

Architecture and History Inventory
National Register Database
Pages for Property Owners
Wisconsin Historic Images





Questions?





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