

LOCAL DESIGNATION and the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

There is a difference

From a property owner's viewpoint, there are substantial differences between owning a property which is locally designated and one which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Local Designations

- Are recommended by the Heritage Preservation Commission for approval by the City Council under the City's preservation ordinance
- Require a public hearing
- Result in the Heritage Preservation Commission being involved in reviewing proposed alterations to the exterior of landmark properties
- Do not automatically provide protection from adverse effects caused by federal programs

The National Register of Historic Places

- Is the list of individual buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts deemed significant in American history, culture, architecture, or archaeology. It is a federal designation and is administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office.

Listing in the National Register:

- Recognizes that the property is important to the history of the community, state, or nation
- Allows the owners of income-producing properties access to certain federal and state tax incentives for rehabilitation
- Provides limited protection from adverse effects by federally funded, licensed, or assisted projects
- In no way limits the owner's use of the property unless public funding is used.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can a property be designated as both a local landmark and in the National Register?

A. Yes. In this case, property owners receive all the benefits from the federal listing *and* their property is subject to any local regulations governing historic landmarks.

Q. Would designating a property in either program restrict the use of the property?

A. No. Only local zoning ordinances restrict the use of the property?

Q. If my property is locally designated, can I paint it any color I want?

A. Each local historic preservation ordinance has its own set of rules and guidelines. Most do not restrict paint color. The National Register of Historic Places never addresses issues of paint color.