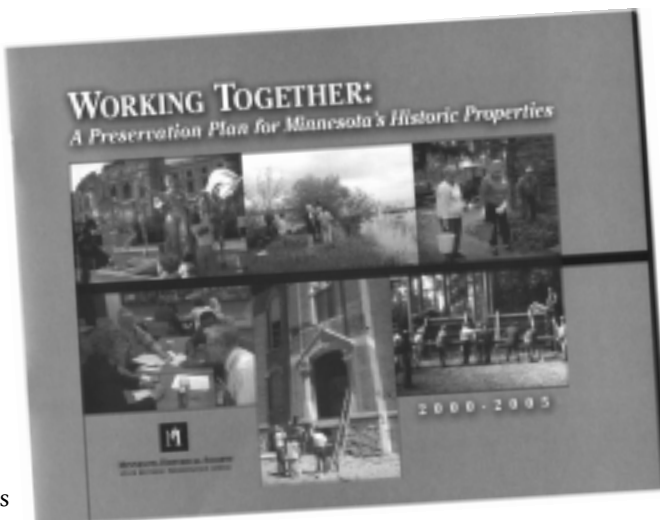


New Statewide Historic Preservation Plan: A Shared Vision and a Blueprint for Action

After nearly a year in preparation, *Working Together: A Preservation Plan for Minnesota's Historic Properties 2000-2005* was released this month. Its release is an accomplishment in itself, but what is more important, it launches a new beginning, for now the important work of implementation begins.

Many thanks to everyone who took time to attend meetings, review the draft plan, and to share comments, concerns and encouragement along the way. As the title suggests, it is by working together that we can improve the way we carry out the important work of preserving Minnesota's irreplaceable historic and archaeological resources.

The new statewide preservation plan updates an earlier plan that was implemented in 1995. Its general aims are to: encourage appreciation of the state's cultural resources and promote their relevance to the vitality of today's communities; mobilize the preservation community and enlist new partners in the process; and influence public policy and leverage the human, financial and technological resources to promote



historic preservation statewide. It adopts the six goals listed below and suggests some strategies for achieving them; these goals and strategies will help guide our work over the next five years.

So, you may ask, how is this a statewide historic preservation plan? The State Historic Preservation Office took the lead in preparing the plan, but the work was completed on behalf of Minnesota's entire preservation community. Also, as with the earlier plan, its success rests squarely on the many citizens, government agencies,

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2000-2005 Plan Goals

1. Increase community awareness of the value of Minnesota's historic resources.
2. Encourage integration of historic preservation at all levels of planning.
3. Expand the statewide network of organizations and individuals engaged in historic preservation.
4. Promote historic preservation as an economic development tool and provide economic incentives that encourage it.
5. Identify, evaluate and designate significant historic and archaeological resources.
6. Encourage appropriate management and treatment of historic resources.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Through Jan. 7, 2001: John Howe in Minnesota: The Prairie School Legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, 2400 3rd Ave. S., Minneapolis. John Howe was Frank Lloyd Wright's talented chief draftsman from 1935 until Wright's death in 1959. In Wright's studio, Howe directed the activities of the drafting room and completed many of Wright's presentation drawings. Howe moved to Minnesota in the mid-1960s, where he ran his own architectural practice that focused, like Wright's, on domestic architecture. This exhibition comprises 75 to 100 drawings, mainly from the collections of the Northwest Architectural Archives and the University Libraries, University of Minnesota. For more information, call 612/870-3131 or see the web site at: www.artsmia.com.

Oct. 24: State Review Board meeting, 7 p.m., Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul. For agenda information, call Michele Decker at 651/296-5434.

Nov. 1-5: 53rd National Preservation Conference, Los Angeles, Calif. For details call the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1-800-944-6847 or see the web site at: www.nationaltrust.org.

Nov. 11: 13th Annual Gales of November Shipwreck and Diving Program, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, 350 Harbor Dr., Duluth. Lectures, films, ship tours and exhibits on diving equipment, shipwrecks and more. Captain Jimmie Hobough, retired Commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Woodrush*, will present the

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evening program on the search for the *Edmund Fitzgerald*. \$15 for the day. For tickets, contact the Lake Superior Marine Museum Association, Box 177, Duluth, MN 55801-0177, 218/727-2497 or see the web site at: www.lsmma.com.

Nov. 15: SHPO Workshop for State/Federal Agencies, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Fort Snelling History Center, St. Paul; intended for state and federal cultural resource staffs and for historical and archaeological consultants. Registration information will be mailed in October. For further information, call Sarah Jordan Beimers at 651/296-5462 or e-mail, sarah.jordan-beimers@mnhs.org.

GRANTS DEADLINES

See also the article on p. 3.

Jan. 26, 2001:

Pre-application deadline for CLG grants.

March 2, 2001:

Final deadline for CLG grant applications.

April 5, 2001:

Grants Review Committee meets.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Nov. 1: Pre-application deadline. Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) is the federal transportation bill that provides funds for eligible projects under the "enhancement" category, including historic preservation-related projects. The Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership solicits proposals for state fiscal year 2004. For more information, contact Andrew Bramson, Arrowhead Regional Development Commission, at 1-800-232-0707 or see their web site at: www.ardc.org.

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organizations, elected officials, and preservation professionals who, by working together, will carry it out. The plan is designed to build consensus toward a shared vision and provide a blueprint for future action.

In implementing the plan, we need to be practical. It is up to each of us who have a stake in preserving the state's historic resources to share in advancing the plan's preservation agenda. For some, that may mean shaping our own work plans to include strategies that will advance the goals of the plan. For others, it may mean simply participating in the

programs initiated by other preservation partners. Regardless, it will require the diligence of all of Minnesota's preservation partners.

In the months ahead, this newsletter will carry regular progress reports, and will include suggestions for how you can help carry out this important work. We need to continue to hear from you as we begin the work of implementation. We look forward to working with you.

Again, our thanks.

Britta L. Bloomberg, Deputy SHPO

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The Graystone Hotel (1927) in Detroit Lakes before (left) and after (right) it was rehabilitated using federal preservation tax incentives. The work included restoring first-floor storefronts, tuckpointing brick, replacing windows on the second and third floors and updating electrical and plumbing systems. (Both photos by Denis Gardner, Hess, Roise and Co.)



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Florence Town Hall before (far left) and after rehabilitation and (near left) a detail of a window after rehabilitation.

The Florence Town Hall in Frontenac was restored with funds provided in part through the state bond-funded County and Local Preservation Project Grants-in-Aid program. The project involved tuckpointing the foundation, replacing windows, repairing the fascia and crown molding, replacing a section of the wood floor and repairing a water damaged ceiling.

The hall was built in 1875, three years after the village of Frontenac was established. Frontenac was founded to accommodate the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad and the commercial and transportation activities and opportunities the railroad would make possible. The building has been the seat of Florence Township government since its construction.

Draft Applications for CLG Grants Due in January

The deadline for grant applications in the next cycle of the Certified Local Government (CLG) program is March 2, 2001. Applications must be received in the Grants Office at the Minnesota History Center by 4:30 p.m. on that date.

You are encouraged to submit a draft of your grant application by Jan. 26, 2001, so that the Grants Office staff can offer comments and suggestions for your final application.

Only cities with local historic preservation ordinances, commissions and programs certified by the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service are eligible to apply for these matching grants. Heritage preservation commissions interested in achieving CLG status for their cities should call Michael Koop,

MHS historic preservation program specialist, 651/296-5451.

Special priority will be given to projects that:

- promote surveys in areas of known development activity, in order to reduce project delays;
- generate data for planning use;
- result in local designations; or
- involve properties associated with the history of under-documented groups or communities.

The Grants Review Committee will meet April 5, 2001 to make recommendations. Work on the projects that are recommended for funding can begin between July 1 and Oct. 1, 2001. In special circumstances earlier starting dates may be possible.

Funds for the CLG program are provided through the U.S. Department

of the Interior's National Park Service. The Service expects to approve the 2001 Historic Preservation Fund Program for Minnesota in the near future. Federal regulations stipulate that at least 10 percent of that allocation be awarded as pass-through funds to cities with CLG status. It is anticipated that at least \$62,000 will be awarded in Minnesota (subject to change pending adoption of the 2001 federal budget).

Grant guidelines, procedures and application forms will be provided in the 2001 Certified Local Government Grants Manual for Heritage Preservation Commissions, which will be mailed to eligible cities in early December, 2000. For information before that date, call the Grants Office, 651/296-5478.

REGISTRATION

Recent Additions to the National Register of Historic Places



The Ernest C. Oberholtzer Rainy Lake Islands Historic District consists of nine contributing buildings on Mallard Island, including the Japanese House (1922) perched over the water (see photo, lower right). The district is

significant for its association with one of the key individuals in what was to become a pivotal chapter in the history of the conservation movement in the United States. Ernest Oberholtzer (see photo above) organized and led the movement in support of wilderness preservation in an early conflict between industrialization and conservation in the border lakes region between the U.S. and Canada. Through Oberholtzer's island home, the story can be told of the emergence of industry in the border lakes region and the development of the modern conservation ethic.

Goodhue County: *Florence Town Hall*, 33923 Hwy. 61, Florence Twp. (Frontenac). Prepared by David C. Anderson.

Koochiching County: *Ernest C. Oberholtzer Rainy Lake Islands Historic District*, Mallard, Hawk and Crow Islands in Rainy Lake, Unorganized Territory, vicinity of Ranier. Prepared by Rolf T. Anderson.

Ramsey County: *Brooks House (Eastcliff)*, 176 N. Mississippi River Blvd., St. Paul. Prepared by Thomas Zahn and Steve Mueller.



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Mill Ruins Park Taking Shape

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Work is underway on Mill Ruins Park along the west bank of the Mississippi riverfront in downtown Minneapolis near the Stone Arch Bridge. Developed by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the 10-acre park will highlight the history of the milling district by exposing the ruins of historic mills that have long been buried beneath sand, gravel and concrete. These mills, which are within the St. Anthony Falls Historic District, made Minneapolis the flour-milling capital of the world between 1880 and 1930.



University of Minnesota archaeology students measure the limestone walls of one of the ruins.

Archaeological digging began this summer to expose walls and the many tunnels, headraces (which brought water into the mills), and tailraces (which carried the water back out to the river), which honeycombed the area. This year's dig will uncover the walls of the Minneapolis Flour Mill, the Pillsbury B Mill, the Excelsior Mill and the Minneapolis Paper Mill. Most of the mills were demolished from 1929 to

1931 and buried again in 1962 with fill that was dug out for the building of St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam.

Additional work this year includes constructing bike and pedestrian paths beneath the Stone Arch Bridge to



Walls of 19th-century mills, tunnel arches and steel columns of an 1890 railroad trestle emerge in the foreground of Mill Ruins Park.

connect with existing paths downriver, and constructing a new recreational island downriver from the mills to replace islands that were destroyed when the Lock and Dam

was built. The \$4.4 million first phase of Mill Ruins Park is the latest in a series

of public investments that have helped stimulate riverfront development. Across West River Parkway from the mill ruins, parts of the historic Washburn Crosby complex are being rehabilitated for housing. The Minnesota Historical Society is planning to reuse another part of the complex, including the National Historic Landmark Washburn A Mill, for its St. Anthony Falls Heritage Center, scheduled to open in late 2002.

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