

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

UPDATE

CITY OF OSHKOSH INTENSIVE HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY

The first Intensive Historic Resource Survey was completed for the City of Oshkosh in 1980. The survey produced an Intensive Survey Report covering many aspects of the history and historic built environment of the City and individual survey sheets for approximately 700 properties. The Survey Report and individual survey sheets are available for review at the Oshkosh Public Library.

While the project produced useful information, some portions of the City were not surveyed well and potentially historic areas and individual properties were missed. In addition, some individual properties in areas that were covered were not considered of historic interest at that time, and may be of interest now. For these reasons, the City will contract for an update of the Survey in early 2005.

To increase the quality of the final product, the City is seeking information from various institutions, organizations and individuals wishing to identify properties that may be of historic interest that were NOT included in the 1980 survey and were not subsequently identified as historic (ie. by being listed as a contributing property in a listed Historic District).

As background, the Criteria for Evaluation of Historic Status is as follows;

The quality of significance in American History, architecture, engineering, archeology, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and;

- 1. That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or*
- 2. That are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or*
- 3. That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a work of a master, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or*
- 4. That have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important to prehistory or history.*

In addition, to be eligible for listing, a property must be at least 50 years old, in essentially its original location, and not significantly altered from its original appearance.

Examples of potentially eligible properties that were not included in the original survey are Leons, Ardy and Ed's, the South Shore Yacht Club, the VFW, the Columbus Club and the home of Alberta Kimball.