

National Historic Landmarks

In addition to the 23 locally designated Landmarks, Galesburg also has 2 *National* Historic Landmarks listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Central Congregational Church
60 Public Square
Designated in 1976

Old Main
Knox College campus
Designated in 1966.

National Landmarks should not be confused with Local Landmarks. Local designations are made by the GLC and City Council through the City's Historic Preservation ordinance and State enabling legislation. While some local properties are also listed on the National Register, there is no direct correlation between National Register listing and Local Landmark designation.

The listing of a property in the National Register places no obligation or restriction on a private owner using private resources to maintain or alter the property. A private owner of a National Register property becomes obligated to follow federal preservation standards only if federal funding or licensing is used in work on the property, or if the owner seeks and receives a special benefit that derives from National Register designation, such as a grant or a tax credit.

Designating Local Historic Landmarks: The Details

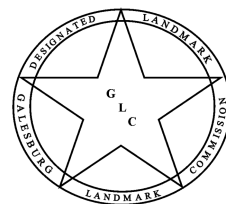


*Old Central Fire Station—
150 E. Simmons St*

Are you fascinated by Galesburg's historic properties?

Do you own or hope to one day own one of Galesburg's landmarks?

Ever wonder what responsibilities come with the reward of owning one of these beautiful properties?



*Central Congregational Church—
60 Public Square*

Introduction

The 1979 Historic Preservation Ordinance outlines criteria established for designating a building, structure or object as a Local historic Landmark. The property must have some historical or architectural significance or has economic or functional potential. There are currently 23 designated local historic landmarks.

<i>Historic Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Date approved</i>
Carl Sandburg Birthplace	331 E Third St	4 /6 /1978
Central Congregational Church	60 Public Square	9 /19/1977
Dr. George E. Luster	756 N. Broad St	9/22/1980
Dr. W.S. Williamson House	450 N Kellogg St	9 /19/1977
George Lawrence House & Barn	590 N Prairie St	8 /29/1977
George W. Gale Home	127 E North St	9 /19/1977
Hope Cemetery	64 S Academy St	8 /18/1980
Issac Burton Home	774 N Broad St	6 /17/1985
John C. Fahnestock House	591 N Prairie St	9/19/1977
John C. Stewart House	483 N Kellogg St	6 /19/1989
John William Lescher House	534 N Broad St	4 /17/1978
Nehemiah West Home	288 N Broad St	2 /18/1980
Dr. & Mrs. William H. Maley House	422 N Cherry St	7 /5 /1988
Old Brooks St Fire Station	564 E Brooks St	8 /18/1986
Old Central Fire Station	150 E Simmons St	8 /15/1977
Old City Hall	161 S Cherry St	10/31/1977
Old Knox County Jail	337 S Cherry St	8 /15/1977
Patch-Sisson House	435 N Kellogg St	8 /15/1977
Smith-Moreland Mansion	455 N Prairie St	10/31/1977
Taylor Commercial	62 S Seminary St	11/21/1977
W.S. Purington Home	464 N Prairie St	8 /15/1988
Wedgewood House	537 N Academy St	9 /17/1979
Wilkins Seacord Residence	624 N Cherry St	1 /16/1989



*Smith-Moreland Mansion—
455 N. Prairie St*

What does Local Landmark status mean?

To have your property labeled as a Local Landmark means that it is of historic significance and the community wants to ensure that it's character and architectural qualities are preserved and maintained for years to come. Once designated as a Local Landmark, the owners become caretakers of the property in a way that protects its historic integrity.

Through guidelines outlined in Galesburg's Historic Preservation ordinance and partnering with the Galesburg Landmark Commission (GLC), property owners are provided resources that afford them options when considering changes, as well as parameters designed to help maintain the historic significance of the property.

Any improvement to a Local Landmark that is visible from a public way requires a Certificate of Appropriateness (C of A), available through the GLC. Property owners present their ideas and plans to the GLC, and are involved in a process that allows owners to make updates and repairs to historic properties.

What kind of improvements require a C of A? Any work that changes, modifies, reconstructs, erects, moves, or demolishes (wholly or in part). If you're in doubt, any GLC member or the Community Development Department can help answer your questions.

Exterior paint schemes, storm doors, storm windows, screens, window air conditioners, antennas, and similar cosmetic items are not subject to a C of A. However, advice is available from the GLC on historically compatible or appropriate materials that can be utilized.

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Historic Preservation websites...
City of Galesburg
www.ci.galesburg.il.us/historicpreservation
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
www.state.il.us/HPA
National Park Service
www.nr.nps.gov

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What is the Galesburg Landmark Commission?

Made up of seven members who volunteer their time, the Galesburg Landmark Commission (GLC) is an advisory board appointed by the Mayor. Each GLC member has some interest or experience in historic preservation, including architecture and history. The GLC meets monthly to hear requests for C of A's and to recommend Local Landmark Designations. In addition, the GLC works with historic preservation districts, designation of properties suitable for limited business use and reviewing proposed façade improvements in the downtown area when City revolving loan funds are utilized.

Why consider Local Landmark status?

When your property is granted Local Landmark status, it is protected from drastic changes that would affect the exterior historic or architectural character and it will ensure that same protection for future generations.

Your property may become eligible for State or Federal property tax relief, or other incentives. Galesburg's stunning historic properties are part of a collective quality of life that citizens and visitors enjoy on a regular basis. Maintaining historic properties may also increase the economic viability of the City's tourism economy.

Your property will be recognized as a Local Historic Landmark by the City and become part of the collection of beautiful properties often featured in official literature, publications and the City's web site.

How do I nominate a building, structure or object as a Local Landmark?

Applicant. Any person may request local landmark designation by completing an application form furnished by the Community Development Department at City Hall.

Owners' consent. Upon receipt of the application, the GLC shall notify the owner of the proposed designation and request the owners' consent within ten (10) days. If no response is received, it will be assumed the owner does not consent.

Petition. If the owner does not provide consent, the GLC may request a petition be submitted within twenty (20) days of the owner's actual or presumed declination with a minimum of one hundred twenty-five (125) signatures of Galesburg residents. If such petition is not received, the request is null and void.

Scheduling a Meeting. Upon receipt of owner's consent or the petition, a public hearing will be scheduled within fifteen (15) days.

Notices. A letter shall be sent to the owner and any person having legal or equitable interest in the property indicating the date, time and place of the meeting. A legal notice shall be published in a local newspaper at least seven (7) days before the meeting.

Public Hearing. The GLC shall consider the application and may continue such hearing for a maximum of fifteen (15) days to allow for submission of additional evidence. Upon conclusion of the meeting, the GLC shall formulate its recommendation and submit it to the City Clerk for placement on the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

City Council. Council shall act upon the request within thirty (30) days. A simple majority vote is necessary for approval. If approved, a notice will be sent to the property owner and recorded with the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Knox County. If denied, no petitioner or applicant, other than the owner, may file for landmark status within one (1) year of the Council decision.

Moratorium. From the date of request submission to final decision of the City Council, no construction, alteration, demolition or removal of improvements on the property will be allowed.



Issac Burton House-
774 N. Broad St



John C. Fahnestock House-
591 N. Prairie St



Patch-Sisson House-
435 N. Kellogg St

Glossary of terms

Alteration means any act or process which changes one (1) or more of the exterior architectural features of a building or structure designated for preservation.

Building means a structure created to shelter any form of human activity, such as a house, barn, church, hotel or similar structure. Buildings may refer to a historically related complex such as a courthouse and jail or a house and barn.

Certificate of appropriateness means a certificate from the commission authorizing plans for alterations, construction, removal or demolition of an improvement within its jurisdiction as defined by this chapter.

Demolition means any act or process which destroys in part or in whole a building, structure or object.

Design criteria means a standard of appropriate activity that will preserve the historical and architectural character of the building, structure, object or area.

Exterior architectural appearance includes the architectural character, general composition and general arrangement of the exterior of a building or structure, including the kind and texture of the building material and the type and character of all windows, doors, light fixtures, signs and appurtenant elements visible from public streets and thoroughfares.

Improvement means any building, structure, object, parking facility, fence, gate, wall, work of art or other object constituting a physical betterment of real property, or part of such betterment.

Landmark means any improvement which has special character or special historical and/or architectural interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the city, the state or the nation which has been designated as a landmark in compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

Object means a material thing of functional, architectural, cultural, historical or scientific value that may be, by nature or design, movable yet related to a specific setting or environment.

Structure means a work made up of interdependent and interrelated parts in a definite pattern of organization. Constructed by man, it is often an engineering project large in scale.