

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION ISSUES AND OPTIONS

<b>PRESERVATION ISSUE</b>	<b>CURRENT SITUATION</b>	<b>PROGRAMS/PROCESSES NEEDED</b>
<p><b>The whole of the city’s historic resources require recognition and protection.</b> National Register listing is too complicated for volunteers to do and too expensive for current programs to afford so limited areas of historic value are under the protection of existing limited ordinances.</p>	<p>State Law allows less complex means of recognizing and protecting historic resources.</p>	<p>Expand potential ordinance protection to greater areas by using new state legislation to list and protect historic architectural neighborhoods. Prepare ordinances in consultation with historic property owners and have their support when those ordinances are proposed.</p>
<p>Alteration of Buildings – Awkward or ill-conceived improvements are done without owner knowledge of better means of meeting owner needs while maintaining historic character of property.</p>	<p>Informal agreement with city that building permits are reviewed by the historic preservation commission if in historic districts.</p>	<p>Design Review Ordinance. A formal system of consultation between a local historic preservation expert and owners planning work on historic buildings.</p>
<p>Demolition of Buildings – Wholesale removal of historic buildings – has been a problem.</p>	<p>Demolition Review is required in existing historic districts. It requires due diligence on the part of the owner to demonstrate the demolition is necessary.</p>	<p>Expanded Protection to greater areas of the city’s historic core under the protection of local preservation ordinances (design review &amp; demolition review).</p>
<p>Linking historic properties to their value as economic resources is valuable in maintaining support for those resources.</p>	<p>The community has developed a renewed interest in expanding tourism in the area.</p>	<p>Use new state legislation to highlight the role historic properties play in maintaining and attracting traveler interest and to direct resources at visitor services, i. e., marking historic places for visitor appreciation. (i.e., cultural tourism)</p>
<p>Financial assistance is provided to historic property owners through tax abatement. No direct means of financial assistance is consistently available.</p>	<p>Some funding may be available through federal programs to provide loans or grants to historic property owners.</p>	<p>Undertake consistent search and apply effort to securing programs that can contribute to financial assistance to property owners in historic districts for repairs, rehab and restoration.</p>
<p>The traditional historical institutions lending support to historic places – a local historical society and local archives – do not exist in the county or city. As a result, historic data and other advantages are being lost.</p>		<p>Pursue the development of these institutions.</p>
<p>Citizen participation in historic preservation issues is essential for any community preservation program.</p>	<p>The Helena/Lewis and Clark County Historic Preservation Commission has demonstrated innovation and success in supporting area historic resources.</p>	<p>Continue to maintain and strengthen the Commission.</p>