

## Criteria for Local Historic Designation

A local historic building or site must have some archaeological, architectural, cultural or historical significance. Any of the following criteria may be used to determine local historical eligibility:

1. Sites with subsurface or above-ground structural remains, artifacts or other natural or cultural features of past human life or activities and may yield additional information about prehistory or history.
2. Distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen inherently valuable for a study of a period, style, method of construction, or of indigenous materials or crafts-manship, or that represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
3. Associated with an event, or series of events, trend that made a significant contribution to the development of Appleton, the state or the nation.
4. Identified with an important person or persons that have made specific contributions to national, state or Appleton history, including but not limited to, medicine, politics, commerce, history, engineering and/or architecture.
5. Identified with an important event that exemplify or reflect the broad history of the nation, state or Appleton history.
6. Representative of the notable work of a master builder, designer or architect who influenced his age.

## Local Historic Designation DOES Require Approval From the Appleton Historic Preservation Commission for:

1. Installation or alteration of windows, doors or other architectural features where the original opening is proposed to be enlarged, reduced, or altered.
2. New construction of any improvement or additions to a local historic structure, local historic site or contributing structure.
3. Reconstructing and replicating specific exterior architectural features and detailing that no longer exist.
4. Moving a local historic structure, local historic site or contributing structure from its original location.
5. Rehabilitation efforts that return a local historic structure, local historic site or contributing structure, through repair, alterations or additions, which makes it possible for the property to be used for its historic purpose or be used for a new use while preserving those portions and features of the property which are significant to its historic, architectural, and cultural values.

- \* To make your property eligible for possible historic grant funds administered by the City of Appleton pursuant to the Neighborhood Program.
- \* To maintain Appleton's quality of life and increase the economic viability of the City's tourism economy.

## Local Historic Designation DOES NOT Require Approval From the Appleton Historic Preservation Commission for:

1. Painting, staining or cleaning of exterior surfaces.
2. Repairs intended to prolong or replace deteriorated, decayed or damaged existing original exterior features or part thereof such as the kind and texture of exterior building materials, trim, gable cornices, columns and other decorative architectural features provided where possible, original materials or like materials are used and provided the work does not require the issuance of a building permit.
3. Repairs intended to prolong or replace deteriorated, decayed or damaged existing original exterior windows and doors provided where possible, original materials or like materials are used and the original opening will not be enlarged, reduced or altered and provided the work does not require the issuance of a building permit.
4. Landscaping, groundskeeping, or similar exterior activities.

## More Benefits to Designation

- \* Designation can help to stabilize property values by maintaining the neighborhood's character, and it benefits property owners by protecting them from inappropriate changes made by other owners that might destroy the special qualities of the neighborhood.
- \* To protect your property from future demolition.

## What are Local Historic Buildings and Sites?

Local register properties are buildings, sites, objects, districts or structures that are tangible links to the past which contribute to the inherent character and heritage of the community. Buildings that meet certain architectural standards such as the Trettin House, Henry Schuetter House and John Hart Whorton House, as well as economic history sites like the Lutz Ice Company Artesian Well and the Vulcan Street Hydroelectric Central Station replica building are identified in Appleton. In addition, neighborhoods can be designated historic districts.

## How Do I Apply?

Applications for historic designation in Appleton are available on-line or at the Community and Economic Development Department office on the 5th floor of City Hall. Although the applications provide detailed instructions, it is highly encouraged to discuss your interest in historic designation with Community and Economic Development personnel. While no fee accompanies the application, an application will not be accepted without the original signature of the property owner or other authorized representative of the owner.

For more information about the Historic Preservation Commission and the historic designation process, contact the Community and Economic Development Department.

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For additional information, please visit <https://www.appleton.org/> or scan the QR code below with your smartphone:



## Designating Appleton's Local Historic Buildings and Sites

### *“Specific Details”*

**City of Appleton  
Historic Preservation Commission**







This structure is a two-family home that was constructed in 1918 and is an example of the Prairie style. The house was designed by architect Edward Wettengel Sr. It was designated as a local historic structure in 2005.



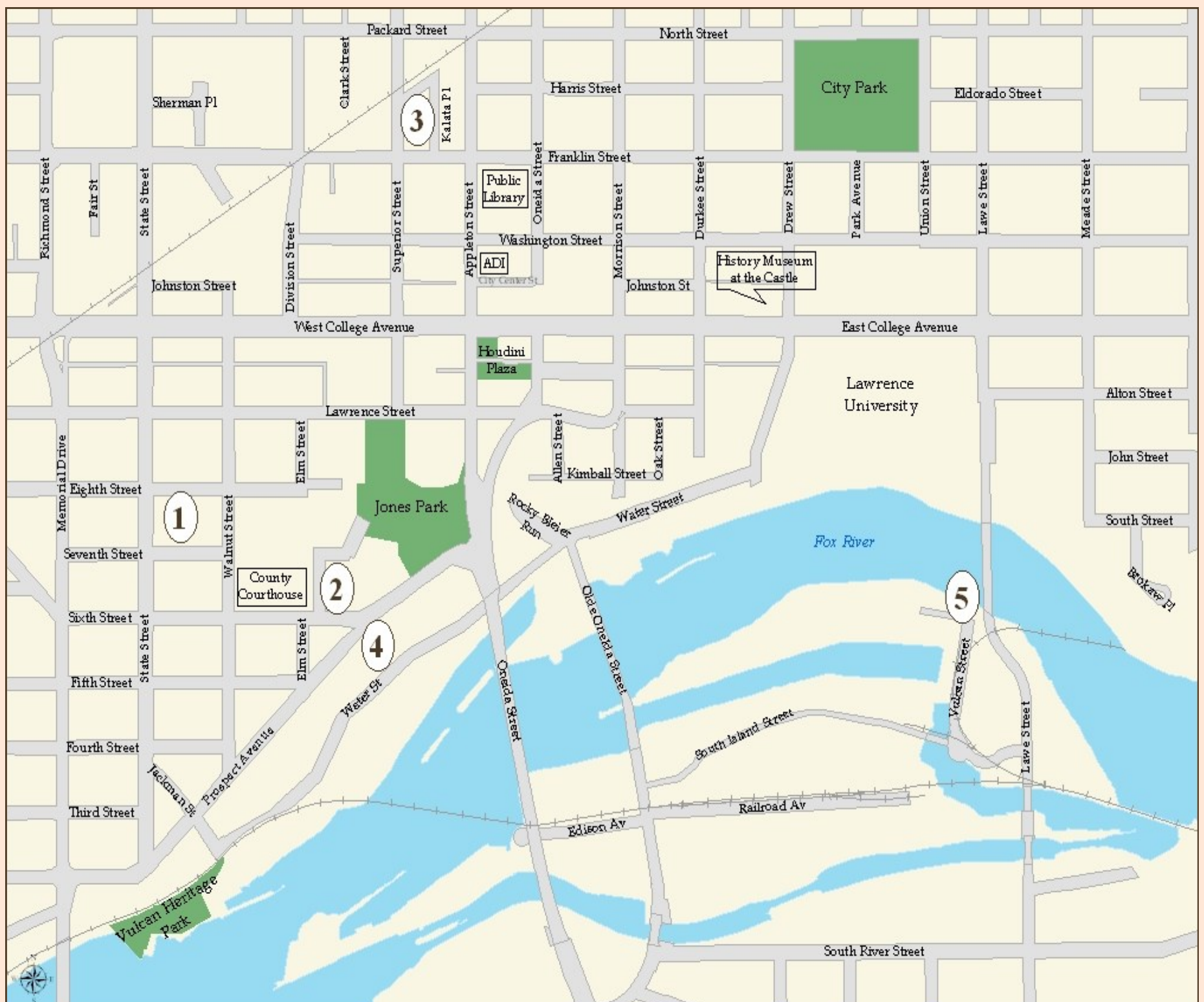
This structure is a single-family home that was constructed in 1890 and is an example of the Queen Anne style. The house was designed by local architect G.A. Tenbusch. It was designated as a local historic structure in 2004.



Union Springs Park  
Lutz Ice Company Artesian Well Site  
323 Kalata Place

This is the site of the artesian well which supplied water from 500 feet underground to the Lutz Ice Company at a rate of 100 gallons per minute.

This park was designated as a local historic site in 1997.



John Hart Whorton House  
315 Prospect Avenue

This structure is a single-family home that was constructed in 1870 and is an example of the High Victorian Italianate Villa style. John Hart Whorton was instrumental in the organization of the Fox River Paper Company. The house was designated as a local historic structure in 2000.



Vulcan Street  
Plant Replica

On November 25, 1882, the Vulcan Street Hydroelectric Central Station began operation. The Vulcan Street Plant represents an early use of hydro-power to generate electricity and perhaps one of the earliest examples of a hydroelectric plant that sold electricity commercially and provided incandescent lighting service to the public. The replica was designated as a local historic structure in 2007.