

Stillwater's Heirloom Homes Program
City of Stillwater
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Stillwater, MN 55082

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application in
an envelope

Frequently Asked Questions

What is an heirloom home?

An heirloom home is a house located in the older part of Stillwater that has good historical integrity and represents the various architectural styles of the nineteenth century or the first half of the twentieth century. Although generally not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, heirloom homes should be recognized due their local historical value.

What is a landmark?

A landmark is among the most historically and architecturally significant properties in Stillwater. A landmark retains its architectural integrity and has a strong connection to the history of the city. A landmark has been designated by the City of Stillwater and may be eligible for or is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Which homes are eligible?

Houses constructed in the older part of Stillwater prior to World War II that retain their historical character and integrity are eligible for the Heirloom Homes Program.

Are there strings attached?

No. The Heirloom Home Program is entirely voluntary, and, as a homeowner, you may withdraw your home from the program at any time.

Why join the program?

This honorary program is just one way to show your pride in owning a historic home in Stillwater. There are no economic benefits; however, you will receive a certificate to recognize your participation in the program. Additionally, technical information on how to preserve and maintain your historic house is available through the Heirloom Home Program.

How can my I join?

Fill out and mail in the attached application form and the HPC will review your application.



For more information, visit the Heirloom & Landmark Homes Program website: www.ci.stillwater.mn.us



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Stillwater's Heirloom & Landmark Sites Program

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The Heirloom Homes Program is a joint effort of the City of Stillwater and the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) to honor homeowners who maintain the historical character of their homes. The goals of the program are to:

- Acknowledge homeowners who have voluntarily preserved or restored their historic homes
- Showcase historic homes on Stillwater's Heirloom Homes and Landmark Sites Program website at www.ci.stillwater.mn.us
- Educate the public about historic houses in Stillwater
- Help property owners learn how to preserve their historic homes by providing technical assistance that shows homeowners how to maintain the historical character of their homes while also updating them to meet the demands of the twenty-first century
- Preserve Stillwater's historic neighborhoods to ensure that the community maintains its identity and appeal as a historic river city and tourist destination



An example of an Heirloom Home



Stillwater's Heirloom and Landmark Sites Program website

Your Participation Means City-wide Recognition

The Heirloom and Landmark Sites Program has a website, www.ci.stillwater.mn.us, that recognizes historic homes that participate in this program by providing:

- The history of Stillwater's pre-World War II neighborhoods
- Brief histories, descriptions, and exterior photographs of heirloom homes and landmarks
- Search features that allow website visitors to search heirloom homes and landmarks by neighborhood, street, address, date of construction, historical name, architectural style, architect, or builder
- Mapping features that allow website visitors to develop personalized walking and driving tours to see historic homes
- Information on how to preserve and restore historic homes
- Preservation success stories that describe the rewards and challenges of preserving and restoring a historic home

Do You Own a Historic Heirloom Home?

As the owner of a historic home, you can apply to be part of the Heirloom Homes Program, which recognizes historic homes in Stillwater.

To become an heirloom home, a house must be located in the older part of Stillwater, have good historical integrity, and represent one of the various architectural styles of the nineteenth century or the first half of the twentieth century.

Participation in the program is entirely voluntary and a property owner can withdraw from the program at any time. There is no cost to apply, and if your home is accepted into the program, it does not involve any additional city regulations.

Why Join?

This honorary program is just one way to show your pride in owning a historic home in Stillwater. There are no economic benefits; however, you will receive a certificate to recognize your participation in the program. Additionally, technical information on how to preserve and maintain your historic house is available through the Heirloom Homes Program.

To participate in the Heirloom Homes Program, please complete the attached application form and submit it to the address listed on the form. The HPC will then review the application. If your application is accepted you may be asked to provide the history of your home to help develop a historical description to appear on the website.

If your home qualifies as an heirloom home, you will be sent a certificate of recognition for your house.

Application for Stillwater's Heirloom Homes Program

Address of nominated property: _____

Only the owner of the property may apply to enroll a house in the Heirloom Homes Program.

Do you know the history of your home: Y N

If yes, are you willing to share this information? Y N

Do you have a historical photo of your home that we could use on our website? Y N

Property-owner's name and mailing address: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail (optional): _____

Personal information is for administrative purposes only. Personal information will not be placed on the Heirloom and Landmark Sites Program website.

I understand that Stillwater's Heirloom and Landmark Sites Program is entirely voluntary and does not involve any additional regulations. By altering the historical character of my home, I also understand that the Historic Preservation Commission may remove my home from the program. I also understand that I may request my property's removal from the program at any time.

Signature of property owner: _____

Date: _____