



City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission 2021 Annual Report

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Historic Preservation Commission Administration

Membership:

Evansville's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) consists of seven members who are appointed by the Mayor. One member of the HPC is simultaneously a City Alderperson and the remaining six HPC members are volunteer citizen members. All the committee members are selected for their recognized experience, interest, or professional knowledge of historic preservation

Mission:

The HPC reviews proposed changes to existing historic buildings, additions of new buildings and signs in the Historic Districts, and issues Certificates of Appropriateness. The HPC also serves to inform and educate the residents on matters regarding preservation.

Goal:

The Evansville HPC strives to find reasonable solutions for the preservation of Evansville's historic properties, acting as a resource to homeowners in the districts. The HPC also protects Evansville's Historic Districts and other designated properties by administering Evansville's preservation ordinance, Chapter 62 of the Municipal Code.

Annual Communications:

The City typically mails an annual letter or other information to historic district property owners and owners of other designated historic properties. These communications remind owners of the significance of their properties. Letters describe the responsibilities of the property owner and the historic tax credit program when applicable. This Annual Report for 2021 is being sent to all property owners in the districts.

Meetings:

The HPC meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm on the 3rd floor of City Hall; 31 S. Madison Street, Evansville WI.

Data:

Number of City of Evansville Parcels: **Approximately 2,340**

Number of City of Evansville Historic Parcels (properties in Historic Districts and designated parcels outside of Historic Districts): **384**

Evansville has **4** Historic Districts listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

There are **351** contributing assets within those Historic Districts.

There are also **4** designated properties not within one of those four Historic Districts as well as **3** properties listed on the State and National Register.

An estimated **\$514,104** was spent on improvements in the district this year.

Historic Preservation Commission Activity

Total number of projects reviewed (alterations, new construction, land divisions, and demolition): **44**

Number of Certificates of Appropriateness approving the proposal: **42**

Number of Certificates of Appropriateness not approving the proposal: **1**

Number of Certificates of Appropriateness tabled for further review: **1**

Approval Rate: **97.6%** (*this percentage does not include an application that was tabled for further review*)

Number of appeals of proposals not approved: **0** (Results of appeals: **N/A**)

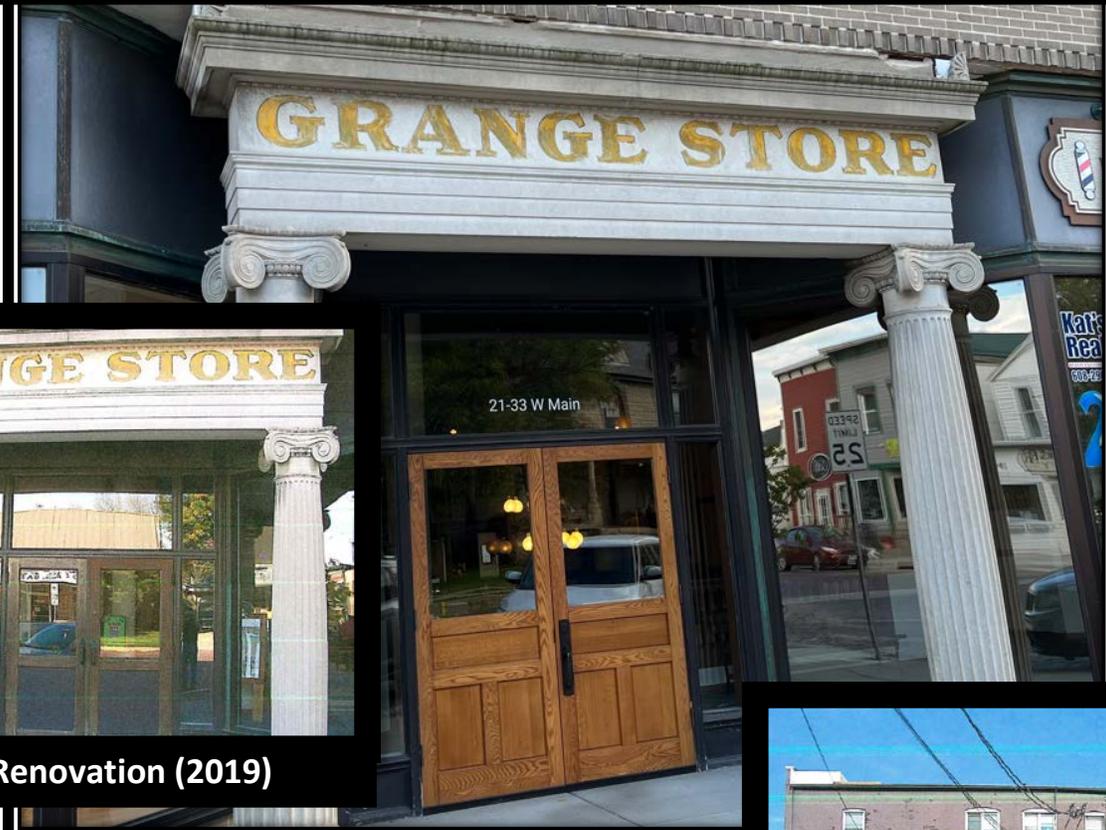
Advisory Recommendations to the Planning Commission: **2**

Advisory Recommendations to the Park Board: **0**

The HPC has provided the Community Development Director with the authority to provide administrative approval for certain types of work. The Community Development Director administratively approved **4** of the above certificates of appropriateness in 2021.

On occasion, approvals were given with specific conditions. Small modifications from the original applications were also allowed based on approval or recommendation from the Community Development Director and/or the HPC.

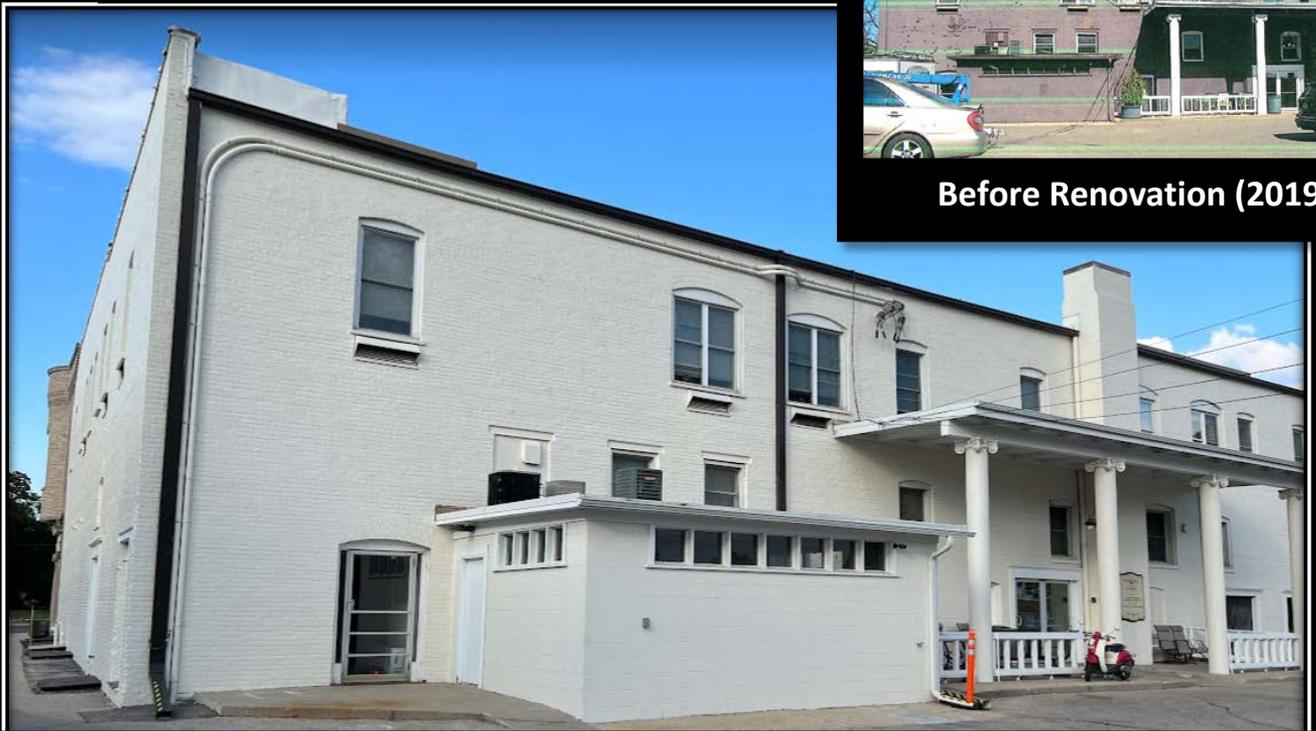
Historic Preservation Commission Project Highlight



Before Renovation (2019)

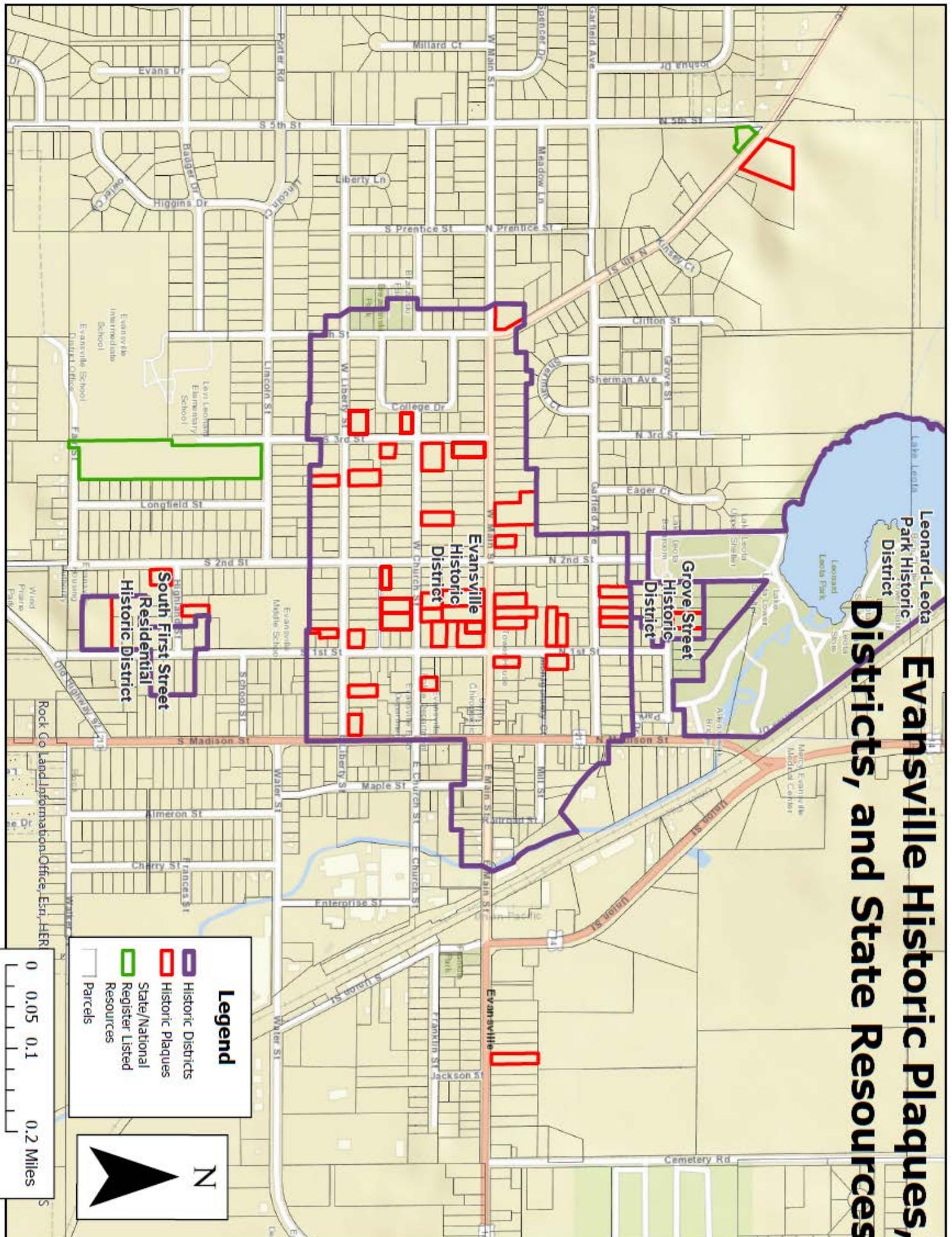


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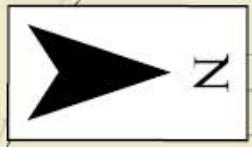
Work on the Grange Store building was completed in 2021. Extensive renovation to the building's outside, including door replacement and brickwork resulted in site-wide visual and structural building improvement. The applicant was able to utilize both State and Federal historic tax credits to offset the cost of renovation.

Evansville Historic Plaques, Districts, and State Resources



Legend

- Historic Districts
- Historic Plaques
- State/National Register Listed Resources
- Parcels



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