

## **Preservation Program Excelsior Springs, Missouri**



*Many doctors moved to town to set up practice near the mineral springs and lived in the historic residences.*



*Hotel renovations, such as the Hotel Oaks, are models for future preservation projects.*

### **Services:**

- Historic preservation assessment
- Preservation and revitalization plan
- Preservation plan implementation strategy

### **Client:**

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Excelsior Springs is located along the East Fork Fishing River in northwest Missouri. The town came into existence because of the popularity of the healing natural spring waters and enjoyed many years as a popular resort. Residents are experiencing a renewed interest in the town's history and historic resources. The City adopted a historic preservation ordinance and formed a historic preservation commission. It commissioned a review of its historic preservation program and clarification of how it contributes to overall City goals and visioning.

Winter & Company created a preservation and revitalization plan that evaluates the program as an interconnected system of tools. The role that preservation plays in economic development, neighborhood conservation and livability is clearly defined. A ten-year prioritized action plan was also established for the implementation of the preservation plan.

A key goal is to implement state-of-the-art strategies for local historic preservation planning that will serve the City's needs into the future. The revitalization component of the plan promotes historic resources and their role in economic development. The preservation plan coordinates with other planning efforts that are underway, including a new master plan and a downtown revitalization program through the Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) Initiative.



*The Hall of Waters, currently City Hall, is centrally located downtown and is an icon of the community's unique history.*