

## Downtown Design Guidelines Mackinac Island, Michigan



*This site includes some state-owned landmark buildings that date from an earlier period than most of the buildings in the downtown.*

**Services:**

- Public meetings
- Commission meetings
- Design review
- Design guidelines

**Client:**

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Mackinac Island is in an extraordinary setting in Lake Huron and is valued by residents and summer visitors alike. Downtown Mackinac Island is the heart of business and cultural activity in the community, in which the distinct physical character contributes to its vitality. The concentration of historic commercial buildings, active businesses and public amenities are important assets that people cherish. A rich diversity of building styles, details and materials enhance the quality of the area. Many have historic significance and contribute to the value of the area as a National Historic Landmark.

When people plan improvements to their properties, questions sometimes arise about the best methods to repair historic features, to design alterations and to plan for compatible new construction. In this project, Winter & Company assists the City in preparing a handbook of design solutions for property owners to help them plan successful improvement projects. It also will help to clarify the City's criteria that it uses under the existing architectural review process.

The handbook will focus on the areas along Market and Main Streets, from Fort Street to the school. The process includes workshops that elicit residents' input as well as contributions of City staff, boards and commissions.



Main Street