

# DESIGN GUIDELINES SERVICES

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## DUBUQUE, IOWA



### Citywide Historic Preservation Guidelines

Dubuque is noteworthy as one of the most livable small cities in the nation. It retains a robust collection of historic resources, sits at a strategic point on the Mississippi River, and enjoys a quality of life that many other communities aspire to achieve. The historic core of Dubuque has served as the cultural center of the region for many years and retains numerous buildings that convey its early character.

In 2009, Winter & Company worked with the City to develop design guidelines for the Downtown area, which cover the downtown core and the Historic Millwork District. The warehouse district was recently listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is attracting investment with opportunities for loft housing and other mixed use projects for adaptive reuse.



*The Dubuque town clock and City Hall are two of the many historic resources that grace downtown.*

The design guidelines addressed four character areas. They include the Neighborhood Corridor to the north, the Warehouse Area, the Downtown Core Area and the Downtown Transitional Area.

City Council adopted the design guidelines in April of 2009.



*Dubuque is the northernmost port city on the scenic Mississippi River.*

In November 2009, the downtown design guidelines were awarded the Best Design Education/Preservation project by the Dubuque Main Street organization.



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Since the original Downtown Design Guidelines were produced, Dubuque has been named a Preservation Green Lab community. The City recently retained Winter & Company to incorporate sustainability guidelines and update existing guidelines into one document. In addition, Winter & Company is incorporating modern accessibility guidelines into the document.

The Downtown Design Guidelines were financed in part by federal funds from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The State Historical Society of Iowa administered the funding. Winter & Company closely coordinated the review of documents with both state and city authorities. The more recent project was financed in part by the National Trust Preservation Fund.

### SERVICES:

- » Analysis of existing conditions
- » Guidelines for treatment of historic properties and new infill
- » Guidelines update

### CLIENT:

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### DATE:

2008-2009 and 2013-2014



*Warehouse District - before*



*Improvements in the Warehouse District following the design guidelines.*



*Downtown Core historic resource*



*Warehouse area context*



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