

PRESERVATION PLANNING SERVICES

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA



The preservation plan addresses diverse resources from downtown to historic neighborhood centers and residential historic districts.

SERVICES:

- » Comprehensive historic preservation plan
- » Coordination with diverse stakeholders, including FEMA
- » Public workshops

CLIENT:

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City of Cedar Rapids

DATE:

2014-2015

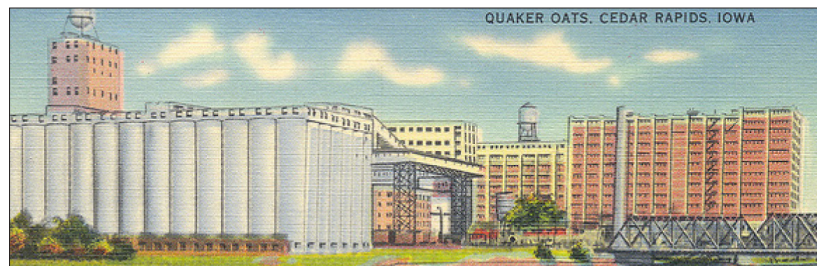
Historic Preservation Plan

Struggling from the aftermath of extensive flooding in 2008, Cedar Rapids seeks to ensure that its valued historic resources are protected and rehabilitated to maintain the community's unique character. Winter & Company worked with the City of Cedar Rapids and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to draft a preservation plan that clarifies community objectives and identifies practical implementation strategies.

Founded in the mid-1800s, Cedar Rapids is Iowa's second largest city. Its wealth of cultural resources includes 'Municipal Island' in the Cedar River, which was, until the 2008 flood, the center of City government. As an element of the Cedar Rapids Comprehensive Plan, the preservation plan will help coordinate the programs that guide reconstruction, while placing them within a broader framework of community and economic development. It includes:

- » Municipal policies for protection of historic resources and suggestions for ways to implement these policies through effective and efficient legislation and regulatory measures
- » Strategies and timelines for economic incentives to promote preservation objectives
- » Recommendations for preservation education and technical assistance programs that focus on retaining and improving historic properties
- » Strategies to conserve Cedar Rapids' historic neighborhoods while accommodating their history of organic development

The plan was completed in 2015.



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