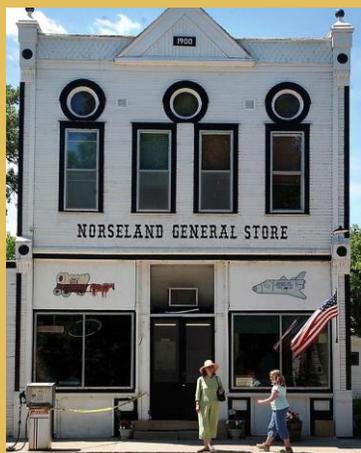


## YOUR PARTICIPATION MEANS COUNTY-WIDE RECOGNITION

This is your opportunity to be recognized for your efforts of continuing the history of Nicollet County at the local level. The National Park Service, U.S. Department of Interior, maintains the official list of historic places as authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Those places named to the list have completed an extensive and lengthy application process. Although, generally many of the properties in Nicollet County will not be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, they need to be recognized as an important part of the history of Nicollet County.



*Norseland General Store*

## WHY JOIN?

This honorary program is just one way to show your pride in owning a piece of history in Nicollet County. There are no economic benefits; however, you will receive a certificate to recognize your participation in the program. To participate in the Historic Preservation Program, please complete the application form and submit it to the address listed on the application. You will be notified of the HPC meeting date when your application will be reviewed. If your application is approved, you may be asked to provide a detailed history of your building, area, structure, land, district, or object to help develop a historical description to appear on the County website. If your application is approved, you will be sent a Certificate of Historic Appropriateness.

For additional information, visit our website:

[www.co.nicollet.mn.us](http://www.co.nicollet.mn.us)

Or contact us at:  
(507) 934-7070

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## HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

*Brought to you by Nicollet County's  
Historic Preservation Commission*



*Alexander Harkin Store*

## PRESERVATION PROGRAM

### WHAT IS IT?

The Historic Preservation Program is a joint effort of Nicollet County and the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to honor property owners who maintain the historical character of their building, area, structure, land, district, or object. The purpose of the program is to:

- Promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the recognition, enhancement, and perpetuation of sites and areas of historical and cultural significance.
- Safeguard the county's historic, aesthetic, and cultural heritage by encouraging the preservation of sites of historic and cultural significance.
- Stabilize and improve values.
- Foster pride in the legacy of beauty and achievements of the past.
- Protect and enhance the county's attractions to tourists and visitors and the support and stimulus to business thereby provided.
- Strengthen the economy of the county.
- Promote the use of sites and areas of historic and cultural significance as places for education, pleasure, and welfare of the people of the county.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Nicollet County adopted the first county Historic Preservation Ordinance in the State of Minnesota. This was made possible with the assistance by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, the Nicollet County Historical Society and the members of the Historical Preservation Ordinance Committee.



*Nicollet County Courthouse*

## PRESERVATION PROGRAM

### DO YOU OWN A HISTORIC BUILDING, AREA, STRUCTURE, LAND, DISTRICT, OR OBJECT?

As the owner of a historic building, area, structure, lands, district, area, or object, you can apply to be part of the Historic Preservation Program, which recognizes historic buildings, areas, structures, land, districts, or objects in the unincorporated areas of Nicollet County.

To receive a historic preservation designation for a building, area, structure, land, district, or object, it must be located in the unincorporated area of Nicollet County, have good historical integrity, embody the characteristics of the county, and have a familiar visual feature of the county.

Participation in the program is entirely voluntary and a property owner can withdraw from the program at any time. There is no cost to submit the application; applicants are required to record the designation at the County Recorder's Office. If your home is accepted into the program, it does not involve any additional county regulations, such as building restrictions.