

# Springfield Preservation Alliance

# Adopt a Preservation Priority

Each year, the Springfield Preservation Alliance recognizes five irreplaceable community assets that need our help. These *Preservation Priorities* contribute to Springfield's distinct identity and help create our unique sense of place. Often suffering from years of disregard, these historic resources are in varying states of neglect. Some are even threatened by demolition. However, they are too important to lose. This is why we need your help in protecting, promoting, and preserving these historic resources for future generations.

Being declared a *Preservation Priority* does not guarantee action, or even protection, but is designed to increase awareness and understanding of each site's importance. The *Adopt a Preservation Priority* program partners our community's dedicated citizens with these significant local resources. Here are ways that you can get involved:

1. Complete historic research on a property
2. Talk to the property owner about their plans for a property
3. Survey and document a property
4. Promote a property through walking tours, texts, and/or podcasts
5. Write a letter supporting a property's preservation to the local newspapers
6. Plan a community clean up day in the area around a property
7. Nominate a property as a Springfield Landmark

If you are interested in getting involved in protecting, promoting, and preserving one of these significant historic resources, signup now to be a *Priority Liaison*. Liaisons will work with a member of our Public Policy Committee to determine which measures are appropriate and work to implement these ideas. Do not worry if you do not have experience. An eagerness to effect change through preservation is the only requirement! To get involved in protecting the best of our past for our future, please fill out and return the form below!

Volunteers can also help raise funds to help implement measures that take more than hard work and determination. With proper funding, the Springfield Preservation Alliance can also work to implement the following measures:

1. Start an advertising campaign promoting a property (posters, advertisements, radio spots)
2. Nominate a property to the National Register of Historic Places
3. Conduct a feasibility study to promote the reuse of a property
4. Conduct a structural report to ensure that a property is able to be rehabilitated

**I would like to volunteer as a liaison for a Preservation Priority.** Please select a priority below and tell us how you would like to help. A member of our public policy committee will be in contact with you soon.

**I would like to make a donation to help protect, promote, and preserve a Preservation Priority.** We appreciate donations of any amount. Donations over \$250 can be designated to a specific priority. All donations are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations. Please send a check or money order with a completed form to the address listed below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to get involved: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2006 Preservation Priorities

- Charles A. Cregar House
- Lincoln Theatre
- Regent Theatre
- Memorial Hall
- Washburn-Winters House (Lost)

## 2007 Preservation Priorities

- Phineas P. Mast House
- Lillian Gish Birthplace
- Demint Cemetery
- Folrath-Harbaugh House
- Clark Street Craftsman Bungalow

## 2008 Preservation Priorities

- Snyder Park
- Springfield (South) High School
- Mother Stewart House
- Charles and Vinnie Bauer House
- Greenmount Avenue and Cemetery