

SPRINGFIELD REGISTER OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Springfield Historic Landmarks Commission Nominations Fact Sheet

Who may nominate properties to the Register?

Any interested person, the Landmarks Commission, or the owner.

What is required for the nomination?

The nomination must document historical significance in Springfield's development or architecture. Photographs and a plot description must be included. Owner's consent is not required but must be sought. If the owner has not consented to the proposed listing, the Landmarks Commission must schedule a public hearing to consider it.

What are the tangible benefits?

Presently, few federal, State, or local funds exist for renovation. Any projects funded by federal funds (such as road widening or structure rehabilitation) must be reviewed for negative impact to listed historical sites or structures. Some tax benefits are available but these only apply to commercial structures.

What are the intangible benefits?

Architectural changes (exterior) to listed properties must be appropriate to the style of the building or district, preserving historical integrity, thereby stabilizing or improving property values. There is public interest and local pride in designated properties.

What else?

Once a property is listed, any proposed change involving an exterior architectural or environmental feature must be reviewed by the Landmarks Commission for appropriateness. This includes painting and landscaping features. No sign, demolition, or building permit can be issued by the City without the review.

For more information, contact Mark Luttrell, Secretary of the Springfield Historic Landmarks Commission, at 324-7662.