

HISTORIC RESOURCE PRESERVATION

Many University of Minnesota (University) buildings, landscapes, areas, objects and archeological sites are listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as individual designations or as contributing elements to historic districts. For example, Northrop Mall has been designated by Minnesota Historical Society State Historic Preservation Office (MNSHPO) as eligible to the National Register, and is also named specifically in University of Minnesota Board of Regents 1997 Resolution Related to the Designation of Northrop Mall as a Campus Historical District.

Guiding Principles:

The following principles from the University Board of Regents 2008 Policy on Historic Preservation serve as a guide for the University's preservation and conservation of its historic resources:

- (a) The University is committed to the preservation and use of its historic resources and will take reasonable measures to ensure such preservation.
- (b) The University's historic resources possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, feeling, or association and provide the residents of the State with a sense of history and identity.
- (c) The University recognizes that its historic resources are emblematic of its research, teaching, and outreach mission.
- (d) The promotion of a broad understanding, awareness, enjoyment, and continued use of its historic resources is important to the stewardship of the University.

Feasibility of Reuse:

Historic resources are valuable assets contributing to future University of Minnesota campus development. Within the context of the campus master plans and academic and capital planning processes, historic resources will be evaluated as to their ability to be preserved and reused. Such evaluation shall balance functionality, cost, and historic significance.

Campus Master Planning:

Each of the University of Minnesota campus master plans include direction related to the identification, evaluation, maintenance, preservation, reuse, and redevelopment of historic resources. All Project Designers, Architect of Record (A/E), Contractors and vendors will be required to assist the University in implementing its obligations as stewards of its historic resources.

Implementation:

For both listed and eligible University historic resources, the form and detailing of materials that are important defining elements of a building, object, area, landscape and archeological site's overall character (interior, exterior and site) must be retained and preserved. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring & Reconstructing Historic Buildings, and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, with Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes, must be used for development of appropriate evaluation and treatment planning, as well as, for development of all project Contract Documents, and implementation of all physical interventions.

Preservation and mitigation guidance and oversight will be provided by University of Minnesota Capital Planning and Architecture (CPPM). Architect of Record (A/E) will be required to participate in Minnesota Historic Society State Historic Preservation Office (MNSHPO) reviews as initiated and coordinated by CPPM for all evaluation and treatment planning, as well as, for development of all project Contract Documents, and implementation of all physical interventions. All final building and site extant condition analysis, historic fabric interventions, treatments and mitigation solutions will be at the sole discretion of the University.

The A/E will be required to demonstrate leadership and significant experience in successful historic preservation projects, especially those past projects involving adaptive use rehabilitation of buildings and sites eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The A/E will be responsible for researching the extant building and site historic elements, including developing and documenting intervention/mitigation plans. The A/E will be required to follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Preservation Planning, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Architectural and Engineering Documentation, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Documentation and MNSHPO documentation requirements as directed by CPPM.

The A/E will be responsible for coordination and field direction of historic preservation technical sub-consultants and the Project Contractor(s) and Vendor(s) during any and all research and forensic efforts, as well as, during subsequent implementation/construction phases.

The University of Minnesota reserves the right at its sole discretion to engage a third party historic preservation consultant to provide both selective and/or comprehensive project historic preservation consultation, either in lieu of or as oversight to the selected A/E. The A/E will be required to cooperate with, coordinate with, and assist the University's historic preservation sub-consultant at all phases of the Project.

End of Historic Resources Preservation