



Welcome to the neighborhood!

As the new or prospective owner of a historic property, you play an indispensable role in shaping and maintaining the visual character, social fabric and resiliency of Evanston's distinct neighborhoods. The continued integrity of your home is a testament to your care and the care of previous owners, who have labored to ensure a lasting legacy.

How does preservation help the City meet its Climate Action goals? Reusing and adapting historic resources preserves their embodied energy and reduces consumption of new materials, land and other resources. Rehabilitating existing buildings and maintaining existing materials are sustainable solutions, which are most often more cost effective over the life of the building and provide longer-lasting and higher quality solutions than replacement products or new construction.

Can I alter the exterior appearance of my home? Yes. Preservation is not a means of stopping change – rather it is a means of managing change and building on the past toward a more vibrant and sustainable future. A Certificate of Appropriateness is needed for work visible from a public way (street, alley, or sidewalk). Repair or replacement when no change in general appearance or materiality is proposed does not require review. Before undertaking a project, we recommend a consultation with one of the City's Preservation Planners to discuss a proposal which meets the Standards for Review and sets expectations for approval.

Are there incentives to help preserve my home? Yes. The City's Planning Division and the Preservation Commission offer residents valuable design expertise and technical assistance. Additionally, the State and various Non-Governmental Agencies offer financial incentives for local Landmarks and Historic Properties in Evanston, including: Preservation Easements; The Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program; and Class L Designation for income-producing properties.

Can I get historic information on my new home? Yes. Both the City of Evanston and the Evanston History Center are helpful resources for information on your new home.

Contact us

The Preservation Commission and the City's Planning Division are here to serve you as we work together to provide a continued quality environment for future generations through historic preservation. If you need assistance, are planning a project, or have questions, please contact us at preservation@cityofevanston.org or **847-448-4311**.

Additional resources can be located on the Preservation Commission webpage, at cityofevanston.org/preservation. Or the Historic Preservation webpage, at cityofevanston.org/historicpreservation

Contact the Evanston History Center, located at 225 Greenwood St., by calling **847-475-3410**.