

Florence Township Heritage Preservation Commission

2021 Annual Certified Local Government (CLG) Report

The following information is being submitted to satisfy the reporting requirements set forth in the Minnesota Certified Local Government Procedures Manual, dated September 2002.

National Register of Historic Places, Florence Township Assets

The National Register of Historic Places lists these items located in Florence Township:

- Old Frontenac Historic District
- Florence Town Hall

Old Frontenac Historic District

Information on file with the National Park Service regarding the Old Frontenac Historic District is available at this Internet location as of the date of this report
<https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/AssetDetailAssetID=585ba81b-1536-414ba495f66d6511d9eb>

The following significant Florence Township properties are within the boundaries of the Old Frontenac Historic and are listed in the National Register text:

- Locust Lodge — 29133 Garrard Avenue (1854)
- St Hubert's Lodge — 29055 Garrard Avenue (1855)
- Greystone — 29277 Garrard Avenue (1860)
- Frontenac Hotel (incorrectly listed as the "Pavilion") — 28971 Wood Avenue (1860-61)
- Frontenac Inn — 28796 Lake Avenue Way (1859)
- Dacotah Cottage — 28743 Garrard Avenue (1862)
- Joseph Wiech House — 34805 Sumner Street (1867)
- Christ Episcopal Church — 29036 Westervelt Avenue (1868)
- Engelbert Haller House — 28960 Wood Avenue (1860)
- Winona Cottage — 28895 Garrard Avenue (1889)
- Old Frontenac Cemetery — Green Steet
- Old Frontenac Parks — Wakondiota and Valhalla

Florence Town Hall

Information on file with the National Park Service regarding the Florence Town Hall is available at this Internet location as of the date of this report:

<https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/AssetDetail?assetID=Dee3aa591-dcbd-4cdf-9d536c722216dc38>

The Florence Town Hall continues to be the designated meeting place for the Florence Town Board.

Local Designation of Preservation Sites

The following properties in Frontenac MN are designated Florence Township Heritage Landmarks:

- Villa Maria – 29847 County 2 Blvd (Villa Maria Ventures, LLC)
- Locust Lodge – 29133 Garrard Avenue (Anteblian)
- St. Hubert’s Lodge – 29055 Garrard Avenue (Flynn)
- Greystone – 29277 Garrard Avenue (Webster)
- Winona Cottage – 28895 Garrard Avenue (Eustis)
- Dacotah Cottage – 28743 Garrard Avenue (Hodgson)
- Morton Carriage House – 29219 Garrard Avenue (Staker)
- Frontenac Hotel – 28971 Wood Avenue (Beckman)
- Post Office – 29039 Wood Avenue (Augustine)
- Brunner House – 29065 Wood Avenue (Lorenz)
- Ackerman House – 28929 Wood Avenue (Urbach)
- Engelbert Haller House – 28960 Wood Avenue (Carlson)
- Possehl Store – 28964 Van Barclum Avenue (Johnson)
- Parsonage (aka Moccasin Inn) – 28927 Manypenny Avenue
- Frontenac Inn (aka Lakeside Hotel) – 28796 Lake Avenue Way (Potter)
- Chapelwood – 28776 Lake Avenue Way (Johnson)
- Pepin Hall – 28822 Lake Avenue Way (Amundson)
- Grapevine Cottage – 28775 Lake Avenue Way (Milde)
- Fern Cottage – 28725 Lake Avenue Way (Flies)
- Boxrud Cottage – 28650 Lake Avenue Way (Anderson)
- Bender Cottage – 28384 Lake Avenue Way (Schroeder)

- Wakondiota Park – Van Blarcum Avenue (east), vacated Cathcart (west), vacated Waconia (north), Winona Street (south)
- Valhalla Park – Lake Avenue (east), Garrard Avenue (west), vacated Waconia (north), Wood Street (south)
- Frontenac Cemetery – Green Street (north), vacated Ludlow Street (south), Wood Avenue (east), Van Blarcum (west)
- Christ Episcopal Church – 29036 Westervelt Avenue
- Peterson Farm – 34661 McLean Street (Knudsen)
- Joseph Wiech House – 34805 Sumner Street (Roth)
- Virginia Cottage - 34810 Graham Street (Koplin)
- Little Dacotah – 34921 Dacotah Street (Loftus)
- Honey Bee Cottage – 34921 Dacotah Street (Walter Huneke)
- Henry Huneke House – 34921 Faribault Street
- Baxter House – 34953 Burr Oak (Stone)
- Wild Wings Museum – 34894 Johnston Street (Cox)

The following 100+ year old homes were added to this list based on information compiled for the Frontenac 160th anniversary celebration in September 2019:

- 34921 Faribault Street (Henry Huneke)
- 34850 Graham Street (Hans Olson)
- 34962 Johnston Street (T.S. Huntington)
- 28793 Lake Avenue Way (Schaller)
- 29050 LeRoy Avenue (Christian Friedericks)
- 28891 Manypenny Avenue (Israel Garrard)
- 34783 McLean Street (Israel Garrard)
- 34783 McLean Street (Henry Bartels)
- 34808 McLean Street (George Bartels Jr.)
- 34832 McLean Street (Emmanuel Schenach)
- 34844 Mc Lean Street (Gottfried Schenach)
- 34778 Sumner Street (Joseph Bremer)
- 34805 Sumner Street (Joseph Weich)
- 28957 Sumner Street – The Parsonage (Sara B. McLean)
- 34911 Sumner Street (Engelbert Haller)
- 29255 Wood Avenue (Fritz Friedericks)
- 29750 – Waconia Farm (George Bullard)

The following property in Frontenac Station, MN is designated a Florence Township Heritage Landmark:

- Florence township town hall – Highway 61

Local Inventories and Studies:

Old Frontenac Historic District Properties survey report prepared by Daniel J. Hoisington, Hoisington Preservation Consultants September 2003.

Currently in progress of a new survey report preparation by Landscape Research LLC via a CLG grant.

Heritage Preservation Commission Membership

- Cathy Kouchich, chair
- Carol Gardner
- Joyce Engstrom
- Todd Avery, Goodhue County Historical Society liaison
- Katy Beckman

Assurances

The Florence Township Heritage Preservation Commission held monthly meetings, all of which were open to the public. The time, location and minutes of the meetings are published on the Florence Township website www.florencetwp.org

2021 HPC Activities

- 8 design review application were approved
- In March the HPC submitted an application for a CLG grant for pursuing an update for the National Historic Registry Form
- A collaborative work with the township park commission and SHPO allowed 14 black locust trees to be saved in Valhalla Park as a nod to recognition of Locust Lodge.
- A discussion regarding bringing high speed broadband internet service in to the historic district as an asset for the community. A letter was composed and presented to all of the township commissions (park and planning and town board) for their signatures. The

letter was then mailed to state and local representatives as well as local internet providers.

- In May, the CLG grant was awarded to the HPC and township. Carole Zellie from Landscape Research LLC was hired to do the project of surveying the properties & updating the inventory and possibly revising the historic boundaries of the historic district in preparation for submission of the NRHP.

Anticipated 2022 HPC Activities

- Obtain a 2nd grant to prepare the final HRHP form.
- Explore activities to help create community connectiveness.
- Getting a revised boundary definition recorded at the county level.
- Continue correspondence with owner of Locust Lodge in regards to restoration.
- Review and revise design guidelines
- Continue updates on the official HPC webpage on the township website.

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HPC experience letter
Joyce Engstrom.pdf



Carol Gardner HPC member
application 2



Katy Beckman application
letter 2021

