HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

A guide to understanding your building’s architectural value to the City of Milwaukee
Historic Architectural Significance

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Amidst the rubble decay and modification of existing historic buildings, lies the possibility of architectural greatness. The following inventory was created to serve as a guide to building owners, tenants, city officials and the general public. As growth and investment in the city continues to increase, the need for a skillful evaluation of architectural value has become important. Though many buildings and districts are protected by local landmark status, the majority of existing buildings are not. This guide is a first step in a comprehensive plan to list existing Milwaukee buildings, particularly in the historic city center. The evaluation team includes members of University of Wisconsin Milwaukee’s Historic Preservation Institute and the city of Milwaukee Historic Planning Commission staff. Please contact the numbers listed below with any questions or comments.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION INSTITUTE - SCHOOL of ARCHITECTURE and URBAN PLANNING - UNIVERSITY of MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN

Finest Architectural Quality
Significant Architectural Quality
Average Architectural Quality
Some Architectural Quality
Minimal Architectural Quality
HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

BUILDING LOCATION:

BUILDING INFORMATION:

Address: 235-237 S. 2nd Street
           Milwaukee, WI 53211
Name: Borger Bldg.
Photo Date: 11-06-2004

Historic Architectural Scale

- Finest Architectural Quality
- Significant Architectural Quality
- Average Architectural Quality
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Historic Architectural Rank

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Current home of Barossa restaurant.

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East Facade

South Facade

West Facade
BUILDING INFORMATION:

Address: 157 - 159 S. 1st Street
           Milwaukee, WI 53211

Name:

Photo Date: 11-06-2004

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Current home of Brass Light Gallery Antique & Vintage Storehouse.
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BUILDING INFORMATION:

Address: 231-233 S. 2nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53211
Name: Seidler Building
Photo Date: 11-06-2004 and 11-22-2004

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BUILDING INFORMATION:

Address: 225 S. 2nd Street
Name: Stamm Building
Photo Date: 11-06-2004 and 11-22-2004

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Built 1896, former the home of H.G. Gregory Baker’s Supply.
BUILDING INFORMATION:

Address: 213, 215, 217, 219 S. 2nd Street
           Milwaukee, WI 53211

Name: Photo Date: 11-06-2004

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Current home of Sun Control and bar 219.

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**BUILDING LOCATION:**

- **Address:** 209 - 211 S. 2nd Street
  Milwaukee, WI 53211
- **Name:**
- **Photo Date:** 11-06-2004 and 11-22-2004

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- **Address:** 209 - 211 S. 2nd Street
  Milwaukee, WI 53211
- **Name:**
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Current home of Redi-Products Co..

**West Facade**

**East Facade**

**North Facade**

**West Facade**
BUILDING INFORMATION:

Address: 212 S. 2nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53211
Name: Photo Date: 11-06-2004

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Building Location:

Address: 205 S. 2nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Name:  

Photo Date: 11-06-2004 and 11-22-2004

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Current home of Prime Leather Finishes.

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Current home of Reed Street Lofts.

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Name: Photo Date: 11-06-2004

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Current home of Just Art’s Saloon.
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Address: 173 S. 2nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Name: Photo Date: 11-06-2004 and 11-22-2004

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Address: 169 S. 2nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53211
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BUILDING LOCATION:

West Facade

East Facade

North Facade
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Current home of Nedobeck Art Gallery.

BUILDING INFORMATION:

Address: 216 S. 2nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Name: Photo Date: 11-06-2004 and 11-22-2004

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BUILDING INFORMATION:

Address: 200 S. 2nd St. & 133 W. Pittsburgh Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Name: Bostrom

Photo Date: 11-06-2004

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Current home of Mainstage Theatrical Supply at 129 W. Pittsburgh Ave.

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BUILDING LOCATION:

Current home of Mainstage Theatrical Supply at 129 W. Pittsburgh Ave.

North - West Facade

West Facade
BUILDING INFORMATION:

Address: 117-121 W. Pittsburgh Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Name:

Photo Date: 11-06-2004 and 11-22-2004

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Composed of three connected buildings. Middle building upper north facade has “A.P Prasser 1881” carved in stone.
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BUILDING INFORMATION:

Address: 130 W. Pittsburgh Ave.  
           Milwaukee, WI 53211

Name:  

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**BUILDING LOCATION:**

Current home of a bar called, *The Ballgame.*

**BUILDING INFORMATION:**

- **Address:** 196 S. 2nd Street  
  Milwaukee, WI 53211
- **Name:**  
- **Photo Date:** 11-06-2004 and 11-22-2004
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Painted on the upper west facade is, “Mabbet & Breeds Block”, current home of Prime Leather Finishes Co.

BUILDING INFORMATION:

Address: 188 S. 2nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Name: Mabbet & Breeds Block

Photo Date: 11-06-2004

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- **Photo Date:** 11-06-2004

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![Building Location Diagram]

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Current home of Downtown Mini Warehouse, GEM Ventures Ltd. and Glenda E. Holm CPA. Base of cast iron corner pieces at north-west and southwest corner of building read: “Geo. L. Graves & Co. Milwaukee”.

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![West Facade]

West Facade

![North Facade]

North Facade

![South Facade]

South Facade
HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

BUILDING LOCATION:

BUILDING INFORMATION:

Address: 160 S. 2nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Name: Walsh Building

Photo Date: 11-06-2004 and 11-22-2004

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Walsh Building, current home of Badger Becker Printing, Props Unlimited & ICI Paint Store.
HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

BUILDING LOCATION:

BUILDING INFORMATION:

Address: 112, 118, 126, 148 S. 2nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53211
Name: Lindsay Bros. Inc.
Photo Date: 11-06-2004 and 11-22-2004

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Current home of Lindsay Bros Inc..
Lettering on facade reads;
“Lindsay Bros. Inc. 1892”.

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HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

BUILDING LOCATION:

BUILDING INFORMATION:

Address: 131 W. Seebooth Street
           Milwaukee, WI 53211

Name: Photo Date: 11-06-2004 nd 11-22-2004

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Current home of Spectra Com.

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North Facade

East Facade

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North Facade

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Current home of Brass Light Gallery.
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![East Facade Image]

East Facade

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Building Location:

- 149 - 153 S. 1st Street
- Milwaukee, WI 53211
- F. Holzinger
- Photo Date: 11-06-2004 and 11-22-2004

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Lettering at top of east facade reads;
- F. Holzinger.

West Facade

East Facade

South Facade