

Statement of Preservation Objectives

In 1996, the Common council of the City of Monroe enacted procedures for designation of historic properties and sites. The procedure authorized the appointment of a citizens' commission to develop guidelines and assist property owners in efforts of preserve and restore historically and architecturally significant exterior features of designated properties. The commission offers the following as a statement of preservation objectives.

- (1) It is the policy of the City that the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of sites, and structures of special character or special historical interest or value is necessary to the prosperity and well-being of the people. This section is adapted to:
 - (a) Effect the protection, enhancement and perpetuation of such improvements and of districts, which represent or reflect elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political, architectural, archeological and geological history.
 - (b) Safeguard the City's historic and cultural heritage, as embodied and reflected in such landmarks and historic districts.
 - (c) Stabilize property values.
 - (d) Foster civic awareness and pride in the beauty and notable accomplishments of the past.
 - (e) Protect and enhance the City's attractions to residents, tourists and visitors and serve as a support and stimulus to business and industry.
 - (f) Strengthen the economy of the City.
 - (g) Promote the use of historic districts and landmarks for the education, pleasure and wellbeing of the people of the City.
 - (h) Integrate the modern environment with historic buildings and sites.