

Founded in 1834, the Village of Springville displays a rich history and distinctive architectural character in its many historic structures.



Historic District - what does this mean for property owners?

An *historic district* is an area of historic resources recognized for their architectural character and connection with significant periods of history that is designated as a district by a government entity. Historic districts can be designated at the local, state and national levels. The purpose of designating historic districts (and individual landmarks) is not only to celebrate the unique community history they reflect, but also to develop a framework to incorporate historic resources into a community's continued development. The *Springville Local Historic Districts* encompass two areas of residential and commercial properties within the Village. Proposed alterations to the *exterior* of a building located in the locally-designated historic district are reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission for consistency with the district's historic character.

The *East Main-Mechanic Streets Historic District* is a core area of the *East End Local Historic District* and contains mostly commercial structures. Its architectural character was further recognized with a listing on the *State and National Registers of Historic Places*.

What is the Springville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)?

The Village created the *Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)* in 2006 to help preserve the historic architectural character of the Village. The HPC consists of five members who serve five year terms, appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Trustees. It is the responsibility of the HPC to review applications for proposed exterior alterations to buildings within the local historic district and provide guidance for historically sensitive alterations. Note that interior alterations are not reviewed by the commission.

When and where does the Historic Preservation Commission meet?

The *Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)* meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month and the third Tuesday if needed. Meetings are held at the *Municipal Building* at 65 Franklin Street in the second floor court room.

What is a Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA)?

A *Certificate of Appropriateness* is a determination by the HPC, based on the owner's application, that the work proposed will retain significant historic features, the overall integrity, and the character of the building's exterior. Once a Certificate of Appropriateness is granted, the property owner may apply for a building permit through the Code Enforcement Officer.

How do I apply for a CoA?

The instructions and application for a Certificate of Appropriateness are available at the HPC website. You will also find *Design Standards* that will help you plan your project and complete the CoA application. See www.villageofspringvilleny.com/historic_preservation.php. The commission is glad to meet with a property owner to discuss the proposed work while an application is developed. Once a complete application is submitted, it will be scheduled for consideration at an HPC meeting as soon as practicable.

Village of Springville Local and National Register Historic Districts

