

Downtown Revitalization & Historic Preservation

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, established a comprehensive program to preserve the historic and cultural foundation of the nation as a living part of community life. Section 106 is crucial to the program because it requires all federally funded projects be reviewed to determine their potential effect on historic resources. Section 106 reviews encourage, but do not mandate, preservation and ensures that preservation values are factored into planning. In Nebraska, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is charged with completing these reviews. **To learn more visit: history.nebraska.gov/historic-preservation**

Section 106: 4 Step Process

1. Initiation of the Process: submittal of a review by a designee (SENDD, NENEDD, etc.).
2. Eligibility for the National Register determination completed by SHPO.
3. Project evaluation if structure is eligible.
4. Project Review completed as either, No Historic Properties Affected, No Adverse Effect, No Adverse Effect with Conditions, or Adverse Effect.
 - If Adverse Effect, mitigation will begin to find an appropriate compromise.
 - An Adverse Effect finding could result in a loss of project funding.

What determines Eligibility?

- Being listed on the National Register of Historic Places individually or as part of a district.
- Being eligible for listing individually or as part of a district.
- A property's connection to historic events and/or people.
- Architecture
- Historic Integrity; does it still have its original features?
 - o Original doors, windows, siding, storefront, masonry, etc.

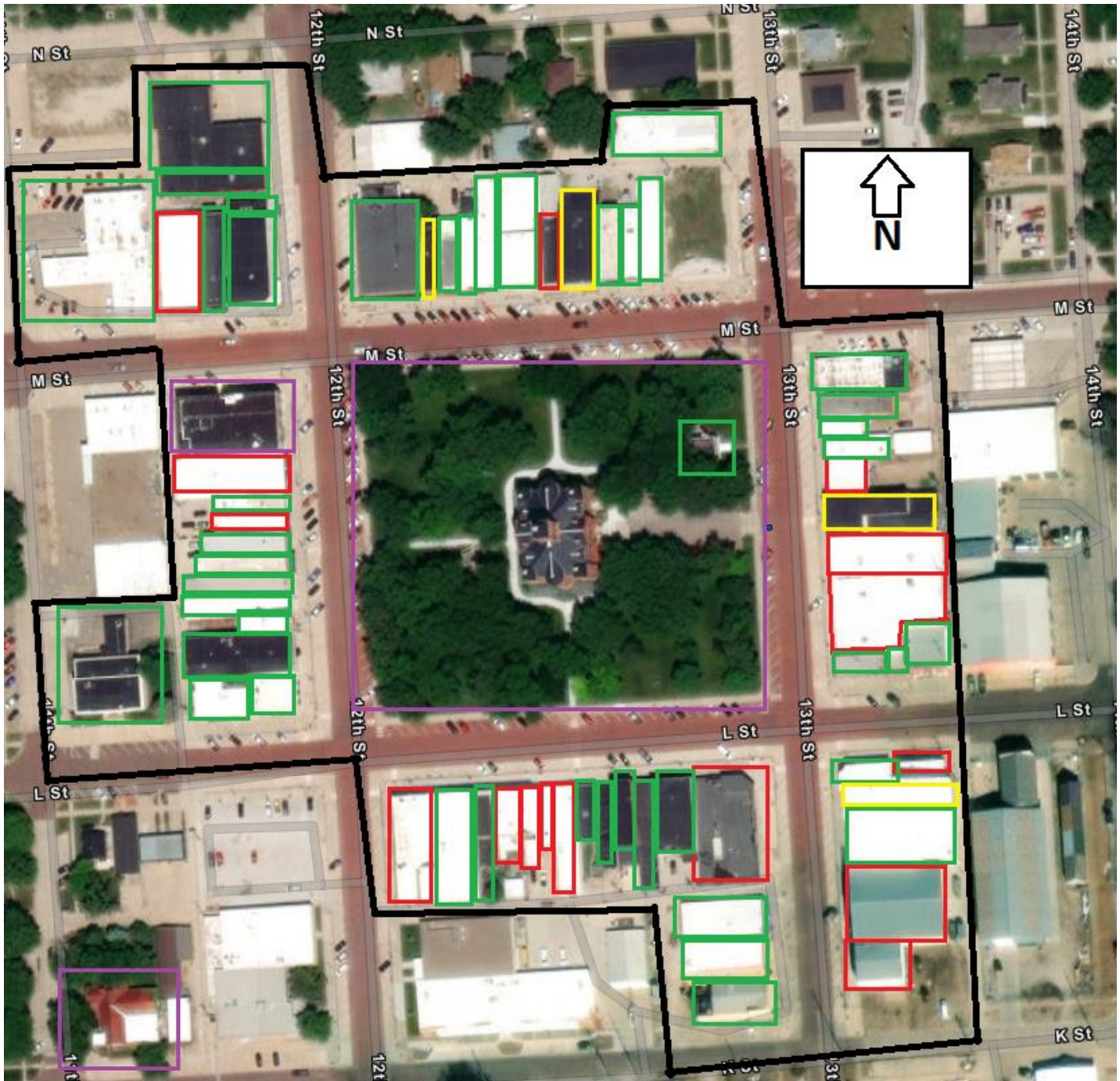
Appropriate Façade Projects

- Signage on windows and awnings
- Retractable or fixed cloth awnings.
- Repair/replace metal mid-century awnings
- Removing slip covers
- Returning windows to original size
- Wood or aluminum-clad window replacements
- Tuck-pointing
- Painting already painted brick

Inappropriate Façade Projects

- Signage over windows and mounting on masonry where no sign was before
- Metal awnings
- Installation of awnings on buildings that never had one
- Slip covers
- Removal of historic material
- Downsizing or enclosing windows
- Tinted windows
- VINYL replacement windows (PVC)
- Painting brick that was not painted before

Eligible Aurora Courthouse Square Commercial Historic District Map



Potential Period of Significance: **1889-1965**

- Black = Potential District Boundary
- Purple = Already Listed Individually
- Green = Contributing to Potential District
- Red = Non-Contributing to Potential District
- Yellow = Further Research Needed for a Determination