

Keeping the stories of our history and heritage alive throughout the generations.

MNHS Heritage Preservation helps all Minnesotans keep the stories of their history and heritage alive. By using and sharing best practices for interpretation, conservation, and preservation, and by connecting Minnesotans with important state and federal resources that support that work, we help move history forward.

A statewide framework and vision for heritage preservation

- We are the statewide organization that administers and coordinates state and federal preservation programs, including the National Register of Historic Places.
- We are the leading statewide provider of public money and professional services to support thoughtful, ongoing interpretation, conservation, and preservation.
- We are home to one of the nation's leading coalitions of history professionals with a deep knowledge base and keen understanding of the social benefits of preserving and sharing our history and heritage.
- We work collaboratively with other local, state, and national history organizations.



▲ MNHS staff tour St. Paul's Union Depot, recently returned to passenger service under consultation with the Minnesota Historic Preservation Office.

On front: Heritage Preservation staff on the road to Kettle Falls Hotel (listed in the National Register of Historic Places), as part of annual compliance meeting with staff of Voyageurs National Park.

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MN HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANTS

As grantmakers, we ensure that state and federal grant funding for heritage preservation is administered with integrity, transparency, and fairness; meets the highest professional standards; and leaves a lasting legacy. Our staff expertly guides applicants and grantees through the process of applying for and using grant funds.

(Note: Grants are not made to individuals.)

• Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants

For projects focused on preserving Minnesota's history and cultural heritage, made possible by the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on Nov. 4, 2008.

• Certified Local Government Grants

Qualifying cities may apply for these federal matching grants for local preservation projects.

• State Capital Project Grants-in-Aid

Matching grants for capital projects for publicly owned historic buildings.

• Heritage Partnership Program

Supports the creation and development of sustainable, history-based partnerships throughout the state, made possible by the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on Nov. 4, 2008.

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Heritage Preservation staff and Western Hennepin County Pioneer Association staff discuss grants related to the conservation, interpretation, and protection of a 1,000-year-old dugout canoe from Lake Minnetonka.



▲ Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1988, these fiberglass statues of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox are a favorite photo-op. — in Bemidji, Minnesota.



MN HISTORY NETWORK

Advisers, coaches, educators, and networkers: since 1916, MNHS has actively supported local history and conservation efforts across the state. We connect individuals, groups, organizations, and institutions to technology, training, and financial resources, all for the purpose of helping build their capacity to interpret, conserve, and preserve Minnesota's heritage.

From producing the weekly *Local History News* e-newsletter, to coordinating our state historic markers, to advising heritage preservation commissions and county historical societies, we offer a broad cross-section of services to ensure that people engaged in heritage preservation in all 87 Minnesota counties are supported and connected.

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MN HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

The Minnesota Historic Preservation Office is responsible for leading the state's historic preservation efforts by articulating a statewide vision and supporting Minnesotans in the execution of that vision. We are also the primary advocates for the reasonable and appropriate care of our state's historically significant properties.

Perhaps our best-known role is administering federal historic preservation programs in Minnesota, which includes identifying, evaluating, and protecting thousands of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that have earned or potentially will earn a spot on the National Register of Historic Places.

We help move projects forward by assisting private citizens, public officials, businesses, non-profit organizations, and government entities understand the legal framework and financial incentives available to encourage community growth and development in conjunction with historic preservation, including:

- National Register of Historic Places
- Historic Preservation Tax Incentives
- Review and Compliance (Section 106)

Contrary to popular belief, we cannot and do not issue preservation mandates, but we do help others understand state and federal laws and regulations concerning historic properties.

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◀ National Register archaeologist conducts a public archaeology program at Mille Lacs Kathio State Park.



▶ MNHS ensures the preservation of Modern masterpieces such as Cedar Square West through tax credits, grants, and state and federal project reviews.

