



# VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE

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Dear Historic District Property Owner:

Your building is an important part of Thiensville's history. As part of the Village's Historic District and sites, you play an important role in helping preserve Thiensville's past.

As part of the effort to maintain Thiensville's unique charm, the Village Board adopted The Historic Landmark Ordinance nearly 30 years ago. It aims to promote the use of our historic structures, but also to stabilize and perpetuate improvements in a district that represents Thiensville's cultural, social and architectural history.

The Village Board established the Historic District and a Historic Preservation Commission to oversee and review proposed changes in the district. Since the Historic District's inception in 1991, the Commission and property owners have worked cooperatively to preserve Thiensville's heritage while maintaining a vibrant business district. A map of the District is on the back side of this letter.

*In part, The Historic Landmark Ordinance says: "No owner of the historic landmark site or structure or any property within the Landmark District shall reconstruct or alter all or any part of the exterior of such property or construct any improvement upon such property unless a Certificate of Appropriateness has been granted by the Commission." (This also includes signs, exterior painting and roof repair or replacement on buildings within the Historic District.)*

This letter is a reminder that if you are planning future projects, the Village will not issue a permit for such work until a Certificate of Appropriateness is approved by the Historic Preservation Commission, which meets on the second Wednesday of every month. The application form is available at Village Hall.

We are enclosing information on the tax credit program for historic income-producing buildings and historic homes. You can find more information at [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org). If you have questions, please feel free to contact Village Hall.

The Village of Thiensville sincerely appreciate your efforts to preserve the history of your building and our community. It helps foster civic pride in the beauty and noble accomplishments of our past.

Sincerely,

Ron Heinritz  
Village Trustee  
Chairman, Historic Preservation Commission