VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE

250 Elm Street
Thiensville, WI 53092-1602

Phone (262) 242-3720
Fax (262) 242-4743

April 13, 2020

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 that represent 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 attached.

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.

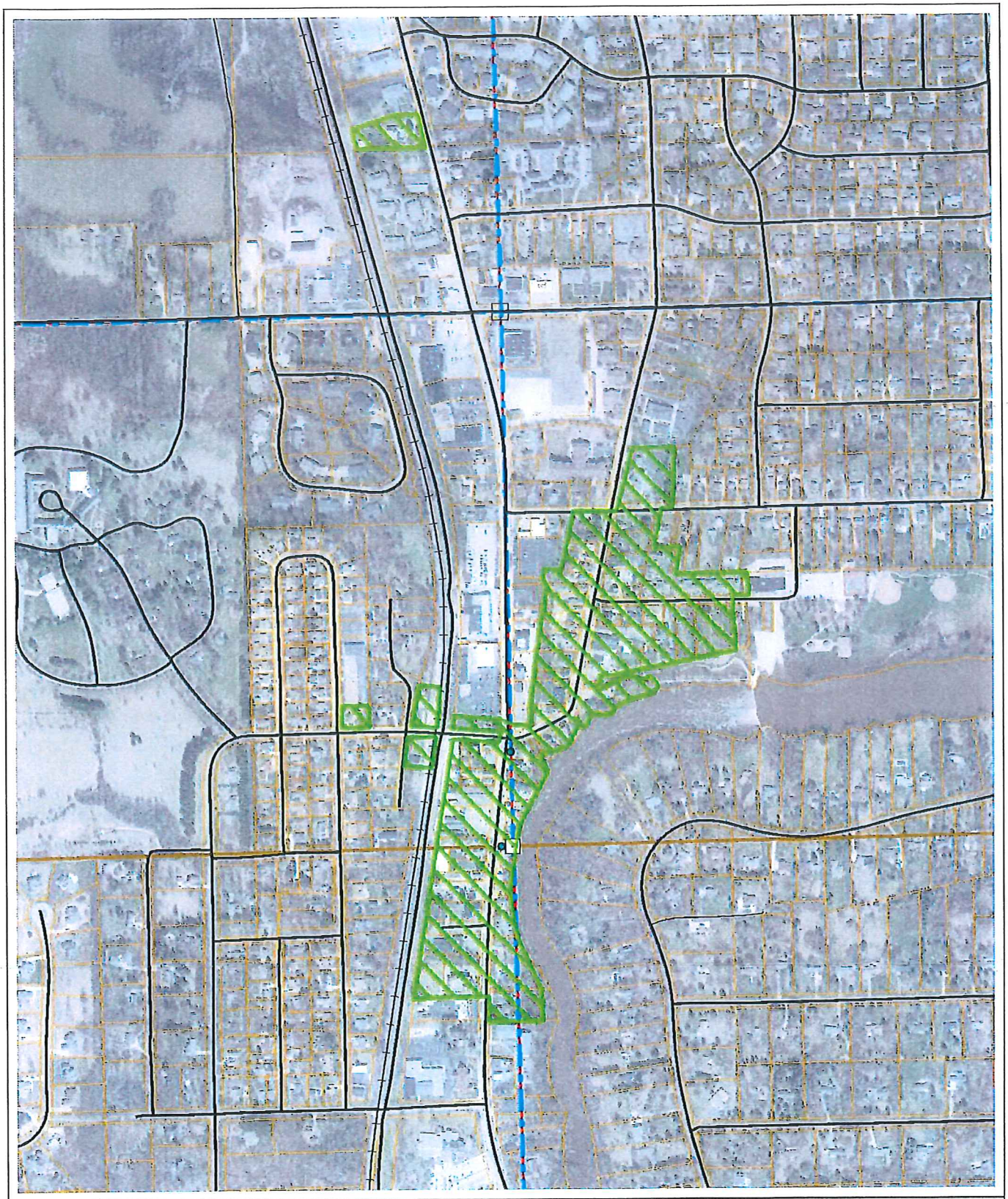
We are enclosing information on the tax credit program for historic income-producing buildings and historic homes. You can find more information at www.wisconsinhistory.org. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Village Hall.

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

Ron Heinritz
Village Trustee
Chairman, Historic Preservation Commission



Village of Thiensville Historic Districts/Properties

DISCLAIMER: The Village of Thiensville does not guarantee the accuracy of the material contained here in and is not responsible for any misuse or misrepresentation of this information or its derivatives.

SCALE: 1 = 667'

Village of Thiensville
250 Elm Street
Thiensville, WI 53092
262-242-3720

Print Date: 4/10/2020

WHAT IS THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION

TAX CREDIT PROGRAM?

Commercial property owners who invest in the preservation of their buildings may be eligible for state and federal tax credits. Approved costs of 20% for state tax credits and another 20% for federal tax credits may be available for up to a total of 40% eligible tax credits.

ANNUAL STATE-WIDE

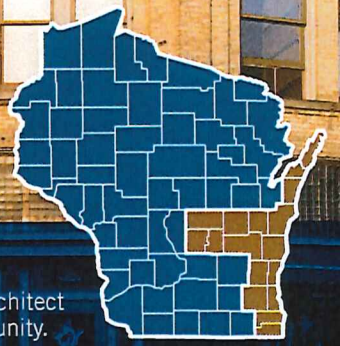
AVERAGE

$283.7M ▶ IN TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

$56.7M ▶ IN STATE TAX CREDITS

$56.7M ▶ IN FEDERAL TAX CREDIT

WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Contact the preservation architect for your community.

WESTERN DISTRICT
JEN DAVEL
608-264-6490
jen.davel@wisconsinhistory.org

EASTERN DISTRICT
MARK BUECHEL
608-264-6491
mark.buechel@wisconsinhistory.org

INVEST IN YOUR COMMERCIAL BUILDING USING

TAX CREDITS

wisconsinhistory.org/taxcredits

DOES MY PROPERTY
QUALIFY?

1. Property must be a "certified historic structure"
2. Listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places
3. Project must meet a minimum investment
4. Work must be approved in advance and meet historic preservation standards

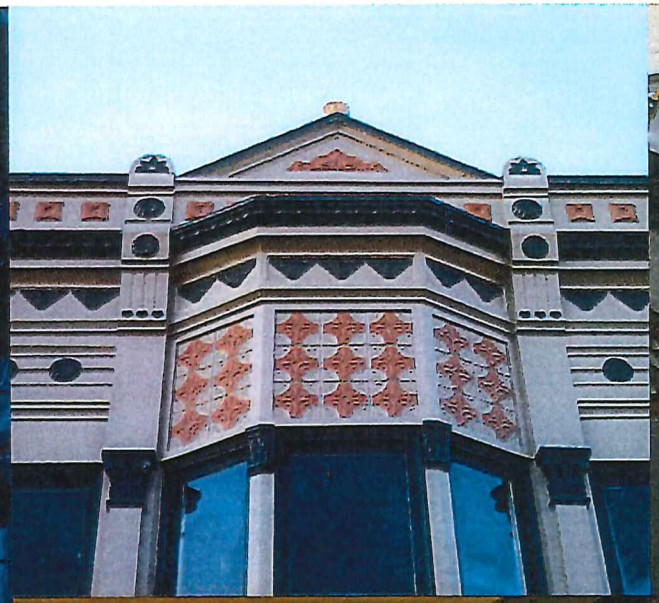
What should I do first?

Prior to submitting your application contact the preservation architect assigned to your county to discuss your project and answer your questions.

Have a question about how to care for a commercial building?

Visit our website at **wisconsinhistory.org/preserve-your-building** to browse over 100 articles.

Additional information can be found online at
wisconsinhistory.org/taxcredits



WHY SHOULD I PRESERVE
MY PROPERTY?

Historic Preservation is intrinsically important for its ability to enhance community pride and to create a sense of rootedness and belonging. Through a connection with history, preservation can improve the quality of life and livability of communities. It also stimulates reinvestment and contributes to our economy, creating jobs in construction, architecture, interior design, engineering, real estate, accounting, tourism and more.

WHAT QUALIFIES FOR
TAX CREDITS?

WHAT COSTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

All work inside and outside the building except movable equipment

WHAT COSTS ARE INELIGIBLE?

- Landscaping
- Paving
- New additions

WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

wisconsinhistory.org

WHAT IS THE HISTORIC HOMEOWNERS

TAX CREDIT PROGRAM?

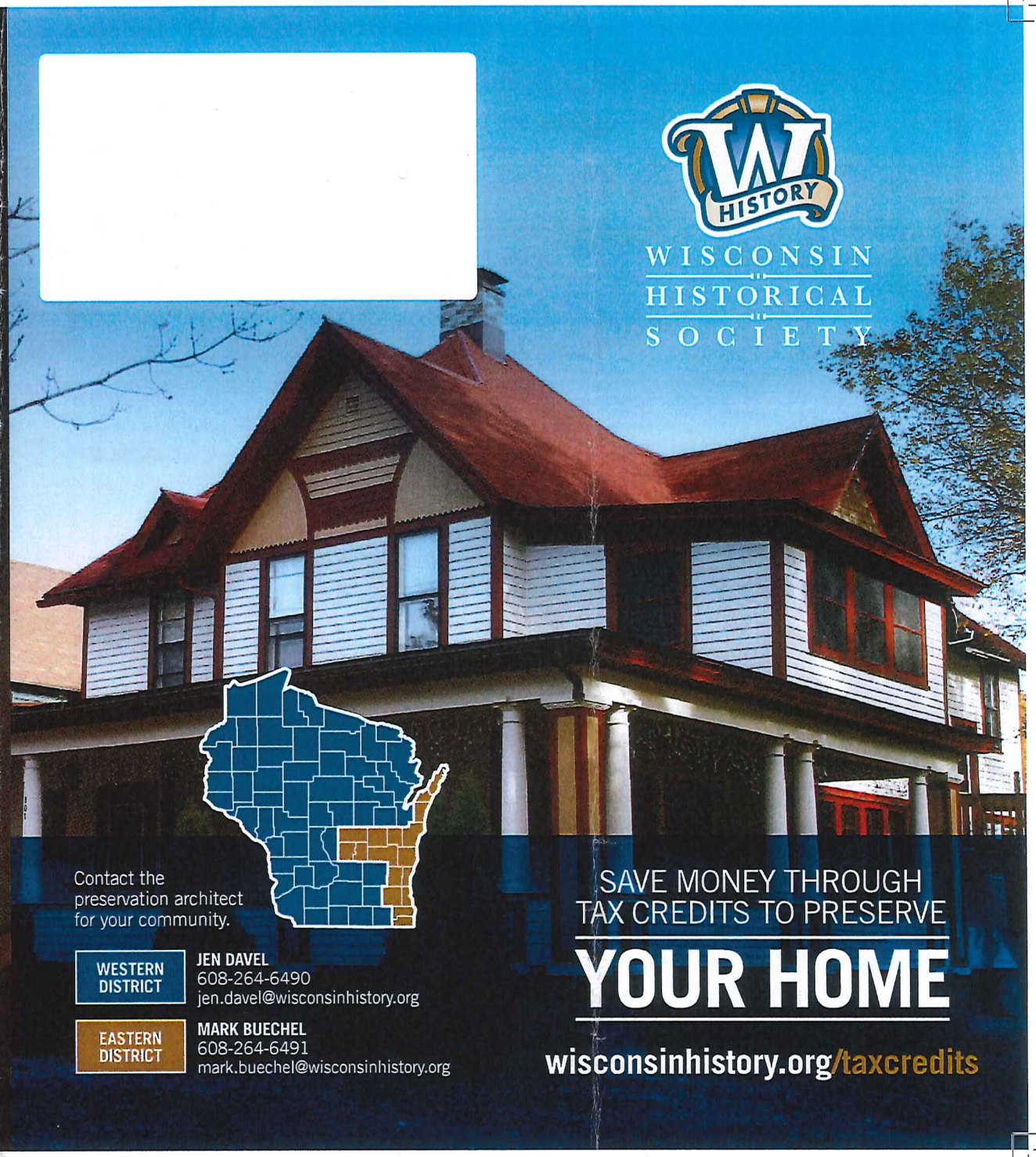
Homeowners who invest in the preservation of their houses may be eligible for Wisconsin income tax credits of 25% of approved costs.

ANNUAL STATE-WIDE

AVERAGE

$6.4M ▶ IN TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

$1.28M ▶ RETURNED TO HOMEOWNERS IN TAX CREDITS



WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Contact the preservation architect for your community.

WESTERN DISTRICT
JEN DAVEL
608-264-6490
jen.davel@wisconsinhistory.org

EASTERN DISTRICT
MARK BUECHEL
608-264-6491
mark.buechel@wisconsinhistory.org

SAVE MONEY THROUGH TAX CREDITS TO PRESERVE

YOUR HOME

wisconsinhistory.org/taxcredits

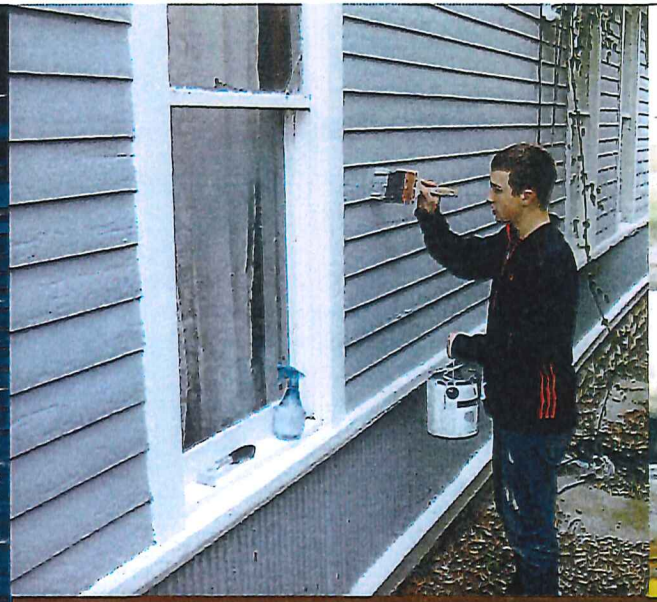
HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Make sure your house is historic by visiting the Property Record Search at **wisconsinhistory.org**
2. Mail the application to WHS before you start work Applications can be found at **wisconsinhistory.org\taxcredits**
3. After you receive approval from WHS – start your work
4. Notify WHS when the work is complete

Have a question about how to care for a historic house?

Visit our website at **wisconsinhistory.org/preserve-your-building** to browse over 100 articles.

Additional information can be found online at
wisconsinhistory.org/taxcredits



WHY SHOULD I PRESERVE MY HOUSE?

Historic Preservation is intrinsically important for its ability to enhance community pride and to create a sense of rootedness and belonging. Through a connection with history, preservation can improve the quality of life and livability of communities. It also stimulates reinvestment and contributes to our economy, creating jobs in construction, architecture, interior design, engineering, real estate, accounting, tourism and more.

WHAT WORK QUALIFIES FOR TAX CREDITS?

WHAT TYPE OF WORK IS ELIGIBLE?

- Exterior Painting
- Roof Replacement
- Exterior Brick & Stone Repairs
- Window & Door Repairs
- Porch Repairs
- Replace HVAC
- Replace Electrical
- Replace Plumbing
- Structural Elements

WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

wisconsinhistory.org