

HOLYOKE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Eligibility Determination for Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Applications

Historic Preservation funding through the Community Preservation Act (CPA) allows for the preservation of a building, structure, vessel, real property, document, or artifact (historic resource) that is on the Massachusetts Register of Historic Places (MRHP) **or** that has been determined by the Holyoke Historical Commission (HHC) to be a resource that is significant in the history, archeology, architecture, or culture of Holyoke. Funds may only be provided for the acquisition of an historic resource, preservation of an historic resource, rehabilitation of an historic resource, or restoration of an historic resource. For rehabilitation projects, work must comply with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

This policy is meant to provide clarity on the process of determining if an historic resource is on the MRHP or that an historic resource is significant in the history, archeology, architecture, or culture of Holyoke. The HHC is responsible for making these determinations.

1. HHC will annually provide an officially updated list of historic resources that are on the MRHP in Holyoke based on the annual listing compiled by the Massachusetts Historical Commission or listed in the Holyoke Historic Preservation Plan as Priority Endangered Properties. **NOTE:** Resources that are on the MRHP but are listed as “non-contributing” must follow step 4.
2. Based on the official list of historic resources in Holyoke, HHC and Community Preservation Committee (CPC) staff will identify CPA historic preservation applications project's historic resources that are on the MRHP or the list of Priority Endangered Properties.
3. An official determination notice will be provided to historic preservation CPA applicants that are determined to be on the MRHP or the list of Priority Endangered Properties by HHC staff.
4. For those historic preservation CPA application that are not on the MRHP or list of Priority Endangered Properties, applicants shall appear before the HHC* to request a determination that their project's historic resource is significant in the history, archeology, architecture, or culture of Holyoke.
5. The HHC will make a determination that a CPA project's historic resource is significant, or is not significant in the history, archeology, architecture, or culture of Holyoke, and an official determination notice will be provided to the applicant.
6. Historic preservation CPA applicants that had previously applied for CPA funding and received a determination notice that their project's historic resource was on the MRHP or significant in the history, archeology, architecture, or culture of Holyoke may reuse that determination notice in future CPA application rounds **if** there have been no significant changes/alterations to the project's historic resource since the determination notice was provided.

**The Holyoke Historical Commission generally meets monthly on the second Monday of each month. Applicants should contact the HHC early in the application process to ensure that the HHC has time to review and make a determination on the historic resource before applications are due.*