Historic Preservation Program

The historic preservation program is intended for the protection, enhancement and perpetuation of sites, structures, objects, and districts of historical, architectural, and/or geographical significance to the Community of Fort Lupton. The City of Fort Lupton Historic Preservation Board, established in 1994 and comprised of seven members, is responsible for recommending historic landmark designations to the City Council, administering the Fort Lupton Preservation Plan, and promoting historic preservation through education and community outreach. The City of Fort Lupton Historic Preservation Board is a Certified Local Government, a status authorized by the National Park Service and the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office. The City of Fort Lupton Historic Preservation Board meets the First Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall at 130 South McKinley Avenue in Fort Lupton.

Local Designation: Fort Lupton High School - Murals
- Painted as part Franklin Roosevelt’s Work Program Adm.
- Painted in 1940 by Hayes Lyon

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Local Landmark Designation

A historic landmark is a structure, site or object that is over fifty (50) years old and has historic, cultural or geographical significance to the community.

1) Historical Importance. The site, structure, of object or district has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, state or nation; is the site of a historic event with an effect upon society; is identified with a person or group of persons who had some influence on society;

or exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community.

2) Architectural Importance. The site, structure, object or district portrays the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style; embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural-type specimen; is the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of the City; or contains elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation.

3) Geographic Importance. The site, structure, object or district, because of being part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area, should be developed or preserved according to a plan based on a historic, cultural or architectural motif or due to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or City.

With a landmark designation comes:
~ recognition - a plaque will be mounted on the building,
~ protection, permanence and stability - the property will be preserved for the use and enjoyment of future generations,
~ potential for grant funds and zero interest loans to help with the costs of rehabilitation and restoration,
~ tax credits,
~ increased property value,
~ neighborhood renewal and
~ pride of ownership.

Responsibilities as the owner of a landmark property:
There will be minor restrictions to the use of the property, specifically you must apply to the Historic Preservation Board to alter, move or demolish a structure. Apply to the Board if you plan major exterior alterations, repairs, rehabilitation, reconstruction or new construction. If you plan only simple repairs, routine maintenance, landscaping, low fences or walls, or painting, simply contact the Planning Department to determine if an application if it is designated as a local landmark.

As of January 1, 2007 the City of Fort Lupton has eight (8) properties designated as historic:
* Independence Schoolhouse, Historic Park
* Murals, Fort Lupton Middle School, 201 S. McKinley Avenue
* Fort Lupton Museum, 453 1st Street
* Donelson Homestead House, Historic Park
* St. Andrews Episcopal Church & Parsonage, 204 Park Avenue
* Ewing Barn, Historic Park
* St. John Building, 701 Fourth Street
* Ottesen Grain Company, 817 7th Street, Fort Lupton (National Register)

Local Designation: Donnelson Homestead House (1880s)
~ First frame house built in the area. (Historic Park)

National Designation: Ottensen Feed Mill (1920)
~ Currently houses La Familia Restaurant (817 7th Street)

Local Designation: St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church & Parsonage (1907)
~ Has been in continuous use by the same congregation since it was built.