

Carver County Preservation in Comprehensive Planning

Carver County, Minnesota



The 106 Group worked with Carver County, one of the fastest growing counties in Minnesota, to develop a historic preservation chapter for the county's new comprehensive plan. The intent of the preservation chapter, an entirely new component of the plan, is to establish a vision and direction for historic preservation to ensure that the county's rural heritage and cultural resources are not lost as the county grows and develops.



For the plan, the 106 Group collected baseline data and conducted a reconnaissance survey to identify potential historic resources in proposed growth areas to determine the existing state of preservation efforts in the county. The 106 Group also attended open houses and facilitated stakeholder input from the public, county departments, historic preservation commissions, and the State Historic Preservation Office to gain perspective on issues and challenges surrounding historic preservation, identify goals and desired outcomes, and build consensus for the plan. The plan includes goals, strategies, and policies for integrating preservation planning into the broader planning process; identifying and evaluating historic resources; designating, preserving and protecting historic resources; developing incentives for historic preservation; and developing outreach and education programs to raise awareness about preservation and to encourage heritage tourism in Carver County.

