

Hennepin County Foreclosure Assessments

Hennepin County, Minnesota



The crisis in the housing market created a situation in Hennepin County that required fast action and creative solutions. With many foreclosed properties entering the local housing market in 2008 and 2009, the 106 Group was retained to develop and implement a revised and expedited review process by the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). This process helps the county assess if they should provide Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds to foreclosed properties.

Working with the SHPO and other consultants, the 106 Group developed an agreement that allows the consultant team to make an eligibility recommendation that would be upheld by the SHPO. Only buildings that appear to be historic would be submitted to SHPO for review. As the number of eligible properties increases, the 106 Group will submit all evaluations at regular intervals throughout the year.

This approach provides Hennepin County with timely information to help them make decisions about where to allocate federal funds. It also streamlines the workload for the SHPO by reducing the number of evaluations that require weekly review.

