

Municipality	Number of HDs	Is landmarking available	Number of local landmarks	Is owner consent required	Summary of landmark process	Incentives for landmarking	Application fee	Any other notable processes (super vs simple majority, vote required by CC)	Link to Page
Aurora	4	Yes	58	No. Any resident of the city of Aurora or person representing, by written authority, a resident of the city of Aurora or the commission by a three-fifths vote of all members then appointed, may apply for a landmark designation for a site located within the corporate limits of the city.	Once an application is received a preliminary review is scheduled with the HPC to determine if there is specific merit to the application. If the application does not have sufficient merit, the application is formally denied by the Commission. If the application has merit, it is sent through the public hearing process with a newspaper notice. The Commission has the final approval on the landmark application.	1. City is part of the Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program administered by the IL SHPO. 2. City also has an Historic Preservation Grant Program, which is a reimbursable grant for exterior historic rehabilitation projects. The minimum amount of each grant is \$5,000 and the maximum is \$20,000. All grants at or under \$10,000 require no cash match. All grants over \$10,000 require a dollar for dollar amount for every dollar over \$10,000. 3. City also part of IL SHPO program that offers 25% state rehabilitation income tax credit for rehabilitating historic, income-producing properties in River Edge Redevelopment Zones. The Village was recently approved to be a part of the Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program administered by the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (IL SHPO) in the Department of Natural Resources. The free program is administered by the IL SHPO as a benefit to historic landmark property owners who are interested in rehabilitating their historic homes. The program can freeze the assessed value of the historic, owner-occupied, principal residence for a period of 8 years, followed by a four-year period during which the property's assessed value steps up to an amount based upon its current market value. This results in 11 years of reduced property taxes.	None listed	Public hearing and decision by the Preservation Commission. A decision that grants or grants with modifications any designation may be appealed to the city council only by an owner of the subject property. If the city council modifies the commission's designation, such modification shall be subject to approval by the commission at its next regular meeting. If the commission does not approve such modification, the designation shall be deemed to have been denied by the city council.	https://aurora-il.municipalcodeonline.com/book?type=ordinances#name=ARTICLE_37-III_LANDMARKS
Downers Grove	None listed	Yes	30	Yes, owner consent is required to become a local landmark.	Once an application is received a public hearing is held within 60 days. Notice is required. The Historic Preservation and Design Review Board provides a recommendation to the City Council for the final decision. The decision is sent via mail to the owner. If the application is denied, the owner may not apply for two years from the date of denial.		None	Public hearing and recommendation by the Historic Preservation and Design Review Board then final consideration by City Council. A resolution passed by majority vote of the Council is necessary for approval of a landmark	https://downersgrove.municipalcodeonline.com/book?type=ordinances#name=Sec_12.301_Landmark_Designation_Procedures
Elgin	5	Yes	22	No	After an application and fee is submitted, a public hearing must be scheduled for the case within 90 days. Elgin requires several newspaper notices during the review period. The Heritage Commission has the final decision on the landmark application. Notification of the decision is sent to the owner. Appeals can be made to the City Council within 30 days of the notice of determination.	None	\$50	1. \$200 deposit for public notice. If the notice cost is more or less the deposit will be refunded or the applicant will be required to pay more. 2. Commission makes the final decision. The applicant is able to appeal their decision to the City Council.	https://library.municode.com/il/elgin/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TITLE%2020%20HISTORIC%20PRESERVATION
Galena	1	Yes	None listed	No	After an application is submitted, a public hearing must be scheduled for the case within 60 days. A preliminary determination is made by the Commission within 15 days of filing the nomination. Notice is required to be sent to the owner, applicant, adjoining property owners and newspaper. A preliminary review is conducted and a public hearing is scheduled where the HPC makes a recommendation. Following the HPC decision the City Council has the final decision.	None listed	None listed	Final decision is made by a simple majority vote from the City Council.	https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/galena/latest/galena_il/0-0-0-35179
Geneva	1	Yes	9	No, but a 2/3 vote by the City Council is required to approve an application where 51% or more of the owners object to the petition.	A pre-application meeting is required. After the application and fees are submitted, notice must be sent out and a notice sign must be posted on the property. A public hearing is held by the Commission and a final decision is made by the City Council. If 51% or more of the owners of the property object to the application, then the City Council can only approve the application by a 2/3 or more vote of approval. If the application is denied, then a new application cannot be submitted for 12 months.	None listed	\$500 deposit	\$500 deposit is used for public notice publication, mailings, recordation and transcription of public meetings and/or hearings, attorneys' fees and/or staff time.	https://library.municode.com/il/geneva/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT10BURE_CH6HIPR_10-6-6HILADE
Joliet	3, plus 4 thematic historic districts	Yes	130	No, but the landmark application requests the owner sign and fill out a form and explain whether or not they consent to the application.	After an application is submitted, there is a preliminary review conducted by the Commission to determine if a public hearing should be scheduled. Then a public hearing is scheduled with notice sent out to the owners and applicant. A notice is also required in the newspaper. The Commission shall make a recommendation, with the final decision made by the City Council.	City is part of the Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program administered by the IL SHPO.	None listed	The nomination is filed with the Commission. A public hearing is held. The Commission then makes its recommendation to the Joliet City Council. The City Council must approve the designation.	https://library.municode.com/il/joliet/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH8BUCOPRMA_ARTXIHIPR_DIV4DEPR

				A preliminary determination is made after an application submission by the HPC. If the HPC determines that at least one of the criteria is met, then a public hearing will be scheduled. If the HPC feels the criteria will not be met, then a formal denial of the nomination is sent. Notice is required to the owners, owners within 250' of the property. During the public hearing at the HPC a recommendation of denial serves as a denial of the nomination. If the HPC recommends approval, the Village Board must make the final determination. A majority vote is needed, unless the owner does not consent to the petition. In this case, a unanimous vote by the Village Board approves a landmark application where the owner does not consent.				https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/oakparkil/latest/oakpark_il/0-0-0-4112
Oak Park	3	Yes	No, but if the owner is opposed to the nomination, in which case designation of the historic landmark may only occur upon a unanimous vote of the Village Board.		County, state, and federal tax incentives	None listed	Public hearing and recommendation by Commission followed by final decision by Village Board. Requires simple majority vote of the full Board.	
Plainfield	2	Yes	Yes, property owner must be the applicant or a statement of consent signed by the owner(s) of record of the subject property must be attached to the nomination form if the applicant is not the owner,	A public hearing shall be held 30 days within submission of an application. The Commission recommends with Village Board having the final approval. A nomination for the same property cannot be submitted for 12 months.	1. Property tax freeze administered through IL SHPO. 2. Façade grant program (only for downtown). 3. Historic Preservation Tax Credits through the National Trust and US Park Service.	None listed	1. Approval requires HPC recommendation and City Council approval. 2. Landmark application has the ability to be rescinded by the same process. 3. Plainfield has a process to approve work that has been previously denied through the COA process because of economic hardship.	https://library.municode.com/il/plainfield/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH9ZOOR_ARTXVHIPR_S9-147HILANODEPR
St. Charles	3	Yes	No. A property or site may be nominated by any St. Charles property owner or the Historic Preservation Commission.	A public hearing is required to be held 30 days after the application submission. The HPC shall hold the public hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council. After the decision of the City Council, a nomination for the same property cannot be made for six months.	Yes, they have a Façade Improvement Grant Program for properties that are in the Historic Districts, Downtown Special Service Area or are Landmarked. Multifamily and commercial projects are eligible for 25% reimbursement for maintenance and 50% reimbursement for other improvements. Single family is eligible for 50% reimbursement for certain projects. For single family, multifamily and commercial, architectural services are eligible for 100% reimbursement. Grants are generally limited to \$20,000 for commercial and multifamily projects and \$5,000 for single family projects within a five year period.	None listed	1. Approval requires HPC recommendation and City Council approval. 2. Landmark application has the ability to be rescinded by the same process. 3. St. Charles has a process to approve work that has been previously denied through the COA process because of economic hardship.	https://codebook.stcharlesil.gov/1732-%E2%80%93historic-preservation/1732060