



The La Crosse County Historic Sites Preservation Commission is a branch of the County government that works to protect, preserve and nominate historic sites in La Crosse County. The Commission deals mainly with properties outside the County's municipalities, but inside the townships.

A historic site is usually considered to be a building, structure or archaeological site that is more than 50 years old and that is determined to be important either by who designed/built it, who lived there, what it was used for, or what it can tell us about the past.

The Commission meets on a monthly basis to discuss pertinent topics that deal with historic properties and archaeological sites in La Crosse County.

Please visit our website for more information on the county's historic sites, and how to nominate a property to the county's list of local landmarks.

Historic Sites of Northern La Crosse County



Burr Oak Evangelical Church
Town of Farmington

Founded in 1855 by German immigrants, this is the third church at this location built in 1898.

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#1 -Upper French Island School* - The Upper French Island School was built in 1925 and is located in the northeast corner of Plainview Road and Lakeshore Drive on French Island. Today, this functions as the Campbell Community Center.



#3 - McGilvary Bridges*—This photo is of one of seven bridges located in the Van Loon Wildlife Area, also known as the McGilvary Bottoms. These bridges were constructed to aid in spanning the maze of sloughs and channels in the bottom. Today, there are five steel bowstring arch truss bridges, built between 1905 and 1908. The bridges were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980, and McGilvary Road is designated as Rustic Road #64.



#5-Mindoro Cut* - The Mindoro Cut is located in the Town of Farmington along STH 108. This cut is the second deepest cut built by hand in the Western Hemisphere and the oldest functional cut which has not been improved upon. Work began on the cut in 1907 and it was completed in 1908.



#2 -Holmen Cooperative Creamery*—The Holmen Cooperative Creamery was organized in 1889 with a stone building being erected in 1895. That stone building was replaced in 1922 with this building, which at the time would have been a modern structure with new equipment. Over the years some additions were added to the property and in 1969, merger with the Blair Creamery caused the butter making and milk drying operations to move to Blair. Today, this property houses a meat processing and locker plant.



#4 -Charleston Inn Halfway House—The Charleston Inn Halfway House is located in the Town of Holland at W6266 CTH D. It was built in 1878 and was a stop over for stage coaches running between La Crosse and Black River Falls for carrying mail and passengers.

* Properties Open to the Public



#6 -Striped School—The Striped School is located in the Town of Burns at K5951 STH 162. This one room school was established in 1859 and was in continuous use until 1963. This building was modified in 1878, by cutting it in two and placing an addition in the center of the building. After its use as a school, it housed a community card club and is currently maintained by the Striped Community Club 4-H group.