

## Historic Cultural Resources

### What

Historic cultural resources are any historic remains of past human activities that are usually over 50 years old. These most commonly take the form of structures, landscapes, sites, and objects of importance to a culture or community. Historic resources are protected under state and Federal laws, mainly the National Historic Preservation Act. Historic sites that are already on or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) should be avoided if possible, or potential adverse effects minimized and then mitigated.

Cultural resources can be in or eligible to the NRHP under four criteria:

- Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to broad patterns of our history
- Associated with lives of persons significant in our past
- Embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master or possess high artistic values
- Have yielded, or may yield, important historical information

Along with these criteria, historic resources must also have integrity, the degree to which a property retains its historical identity and authenticity, evidenced by the survival of physical characteristics that existed during the property's historic period.

### Where

Known historic resources in the I-94 project area include:

- Calvary Cemetery
- Northwestern Branch, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers Historic District (includes Wood National Cemetery on both sides of I-94)
- Northwestern Branch, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers National Historic Landmark (includes Wood National Cemetery on both sides of I-94)
- Soldiers' Home Reef National Historic Landmark
- Story Hill Residential Historic District 1
- Story Hill Residential Historic District 2 and 3

### Who

For the I-94 East-West Corridor, WisDOT and FHWA have consulted with the National Park Service and Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has elected to participate in the consultation process. Other consulting parties include the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the National Cemetery Administration, City of Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Forest County Potawatomi, Milwaukee Preservation Alliance, and National Trust for Historic Preservation.

These agencies and groups are responsible for determining possible effects of the I-94 East-West Corridor project on cultural resources in the corridor and developing ways to avoid, minimize, and mitigate any adverse effects.

### Your Role

You can participate in the historic resources evaluation process by telling us your concerns about the I-94 East-West Corridor alternatives being considered and their potential effects on these resources. We would also appreciate any information you might have about possible additional historic resources in the study area.

