

## Criteria for Landmark and Historic District Designation in Wilmette, Illinois

A nomination must fall under one or more criterion to be considered for local landmark or district status. Following each guideline, in italics, is an example of an applicable site.

- 1. Properties included on the National or State Historic Register or Historic District Register**  
Listing or proposed listings on the National Historic Register, or Illinois Historic Landmark. *The Baha'i House of Worship at 100 Linden Ave, added to the National Register on May 23, 1978*
- 2. Significant Designer, Architect, Engineer or Builder**  
Identification as the work of a designer, architect, or builder whose work is significant in the history or development of the Village of Wilmette, Cook County, Illinois or Nation *The Frank J. Baker House at 507 Lake Ave, Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1909.*
- 3. Historic Site**  
Location as the site of a significant historic event *1827 Wilmette Avenue, the location of the first school in Wilmette.*
- 4. Link with Significant Person**  
Identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture or development of the Village of Wilmette, Cook County, Illinois, or Nation *Asahel Gage House at 1134 Elmwood Ave. Gage platted Gage's Addition to Wilmette and was an early Village subdivider.*
- 5. Architecture Characteristic of Social, Economic, or Political Heritage**  
Existence of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen of the social, economic, or political heritage of the Village of Wilmette, Cook County, or Nation *The Gross Point Town Hall at 609 Ridge Rd is an example of the political history of Wilmette.*
- 6. Innovative Architectural Elements**  
Embodiment of elements of architectural design detail, materials, or craftsmanship which represent a significant architectural innovation *The Herbert Bruning House, 2716 Blackhawk Rd, an example of the International Style, designed by George Fred Keck. This house uses several features that were innovations at their time such as zoned air conditioning and windows with external blinds.*
- 7. Outstanding Example of Style or Period**  
An outstanding example of a particular historical, architectural, or cultural style or period *The Trinity United Methodist Church at 1024 Lake Ave, an example of Neo-Gothic architecture.*
- 8. Related Structure or Places**  
Relationship to other buildings, structures, or places which are eligible for preservation as historic places *The accessory buildings such as an outhouse or storage building associated with a historic structure. For example, the outbuildings used by the nuns at Mallinckrodt College at 1041 Ridge Rd.*
- 9. Significance Arising from Location**  
A building, structure, or place that, because of location, has become of historic or cultural value to a neighborhood or community of the Village of Wilmette. *The brick streets of the Village or the bent trees that marked the location of the Green Bay Trail*
- 10. Neighborhood Significance**  
Its unique location or distinctive physical appearance or presence representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community, or the Village of Wilmette.
- 11. Significance Arising from Development/Settlement Patters**  
Its exemplification of a pattern of neighborhood development or settlement significant to the cultural history or traditions of the Village of Wilmette, whose components may lack individual distinction.