

Wayne County Interim Report

The significance of each inventory entry was evaluated by a professional architectural historian at Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana and was measured against the National Register Criteria for evaluation. Properties were assessed in terms of their historical significance, architectural merit, environment, and integrity before being placed in one of the rating categories...

In assessing integrity, an attempt was made to determine how much of the original architectural fabric remained. A property's rating may have been lowered if it experienced extensive alterations, such as the application of artificial siding, removal of trim or porches, later additions, changes to windows, or structural modifications.

Rating System

After considerations of these factors, one of the following ratings was assigned to each property:

Outstanding (O)

The 'O' rating means that a property has enough historic or architectural significance that it is already listed, or should be considered for individual listing, in the National Register of Historic Places. "Outstanding" resources can be of local, state, or national importance.

Notable (N)

The rating of 'N' means that the property did not quite merit an "Outstanding" rating, but is still above average in its importance. Further research or investigation may reveal that the property could be eligible for National Register listing.

Contributing (C)

A 'C' rating was given to any properties meeting the basic inventory criterion of being pre-1950, but that are not important enough to stand on their own as individually "Outstanding" or "Notable." Such resources are important to the density or continuity of the area's historic fabric. "Contributing" properties can be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if they are part of a historic district, but would not usually qualify individually.

Non-contributing (NC)

Properties rated 'NC' were not included in the inventory unless they were located within a historic district. Such properties are usually either built after 1950 or are older structures that have been badly altered and have lost historic character or are otherwise incompatible with their historical surroundings. These properties are not eligible for the National Register.

Of the 6,766 entries made in the Wayne County inventory, 269 were rated "Outstanding" and 1,040 rated "Notable."

These ratings should be viewed as advisory recommendations based on the information available to the survey. Change in location, sensitive restoration, additional research, extensive physical damage, or inappropriate remodeling could affect the entry's significance and rating at a later date.