

Designation Application

Purpose of Program

Evanston City Council passed by consent agenda Resolution 54-R-20 on June 22, 2020, establishing and recognizing the African American Heritage Sites program that will be administered through Shorefront Legacy Center. The resolution previously passed the City of Evanston's Planning and Development committee on the same date, the Evanston Preservation Commission on June 9, 2020, and at the regular Shorefront Board meeting on June 5, 2020. The resolution included the first 8 sites to jumpstart the program. The African American Community will serve an important role in determining future sites.

The program recognizes sites throughout Evanston that have importance to the African American community. The process in establishing criteria's that will guide future selections will be through the work of community members from 1) the African American community, 2) collaborations with the Evanston Preservation Commission (or future iteration of), and 3) other relevant organizations interested in promoting and presenting African American sites of interests.

Applications are reviewed annually by a rotating committee of three selected primarily from Evanston's African American citizens and chaired by one member of the Shorefront board of directors or staff member of Shorefront. If a committee could not be convened, then the committee will be made from members of the Shorefront board of Directors. All submissions are due by January 1 with decisions made by March 1 each calendar year.

Please fill out the application below

(Use this form or type out in order of below in any word processing file)

1. Address of the Nominated Site

2. Please provide a current and/or past photograph of the site.

The structure, the family/person related to the recognition, land survey illustration, or similar.

3. Do you have a personal direct connection to the person/site?

Yes No

4. Are you aware of this person/site being previously nominated?

Yes No

5. Why do you think this site should be recognized as an African American Heritage Site?
(1,000 word count maximum)

6. What evidence do you have to support this application?

Please provide copies or scanned documents. Examples may include:

- Copies of building permits
- Oral history / Biographical sketch
- Newspaper articles
- Recognitions
- Additional photographs
- Directory listings
- Correspondences and other material

Suggested Resources for Obtaining further Evidence

(Call or email in advance for appointments or inquiries)

- Shorefront Legacy Center archive collections
www.shorefrontlegacy.org or shorefront@me.com or 847-864-7467
- Evanston History Center archives, "House/building files"
www.evanstonhistorycenter.org or 847-475-3410
- City of Evanston Preservation Commission
Preservation Coordinator, 847-448-4311
- If it is an institution, contact them for their own archive or support items

Signature of Person

Completing Application: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Submit completed form to:

Shorefront
African American Heritage Site
2214 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201
shorefront@me.com