

Why Designate a Heritage Property?



To recognize its heritage value.

- We value the historical, architectural, cultural and natural heritage of our communities. In order to tangibly recognize this value, properties are designated and a register of designated properties is kept by the Count



To preserve its heritage characteristics.

- Designation helps to preserve the property so that it may be appreciated and enjoyed by future generations.



To gain local, Provincial and National recognition of the heritage property.

- Every designated property is registered with the Ontario Ministry of Culture and is entered into the Ontario Heritage Properties Database which is fully accessible by the public. In addition, every designated property is eligible for inclusion in the Government of Canada's Canadian Register of Historic Places.



To access financial assistance.

Only designated heritage properties will be able to access government programs of financial assistance for preservation and restoration purposes.



Designation does NOT:

- impose additional expenses on the owner
- prohibit building alterations or additions
- forbid demolition of a heritage building
- negatively affect the resale value of the property