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THE WASHINGTON AVENUE NEOCLASSICAL HISTORIC DISTRICT IN OSHKOSH LISTED IN NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Oshkosh, Wis. - The Wisconsin Historical Society has announced the listing of the Washington Avenue Neoclassical Historic District in the city of Oshkosh, Winnebago County, in the National Register of Historic Places. National Register designation provides access to certain benefits, including qualification for grants and for rehabilitation income tax credits, while it does not restrict private property owners in the use of their property.

This group of six institutional, civic, and commercial buildings, constructed between 1900 and 1929, is a small but exceptionally intact and unique collection of outstanding examples of the Neoclassical style. The district conveys a sense of historical and architectural cohesiveness due to the stylistic similarities of this group of grand buildings arranged along two blocks of Washington Avenue.

The use of the Neoclassical style in Oshkosh was a conscious effort to create a monumental and formal architecture reflecting the stature of the institutions, both public and private, that occupied the buildings, and in turn, these buildings reflect the importance and influence of the Neoclassical style in the early-twentieth Century.

The register is the official national list of historic properties in America deemed worthy of preservation and is maintained by the National Park Service in the U.S. Department of the Interior. The Wisconsin Historical Society administers the program within Wisconsin. It includes sites, buildings, structures, objects and districts that are significant in national, state or local history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture.

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