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## Two New Richmond Districts Added to State Register of Historic Places

The Wisconsin Historic Preservation Review Board met on May 20, 2022 and voted unanimously to approve the district nominations for both the New Richmond Commercial Historic District and the New Richmond East Side Historic District. These approvals add the two districts to Wisconsin’s official list of state properties determined to be significant to Wisconsin’s heritage, and represent New Richmond’s first new historic districts since 1988. The nominations will now proceed to the National Park Service for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places.

“While New Richmond’s strong growth and new developments often times receive attention, it’s also important that we promote, preserve, and celebrate our community’s history,” said City Administrator, Noah Wiedenfeld. “We hope these two new historic districts will help foster pride and community identity and provide financial assistance to property owners through the form of historic tax credits to help with the costs associated with maintaining and restoring older buildings.”

The process for establishing the two historic districts began in 2017, when the City of New Richmond applied for its first of three federal Historic Preservation Fund sub-grants administered by the State Historic Preservation Office. The City of New Richmond would like to thank consultant Legacy Architecture, the New Richmond Preservation Society, and the Wisconsin Historical Society for their technical assistance with this project over the past five years, as well as the late Mary Sather, whose research and writings about the history of the community were instrumental in preparing the nominations for the two districts.