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Priority list of buildings downtown, Taftville National Landmark, and City Hall renovations lead NHT's list for 1992

Developing a priority list of downtown buildings, supporting Taftville National Landmark nomination, and contributing to the renovation of City Hall are the three activities which Norwich Heritage Trust has focused on in 1992.

Priority List of Downtown Buildings

President William Champagne wrote a successful grant application to the Community Development Agency for \$5000 to develop a priority list of downtown buildings. This list will rank each building in its importance to the downtown area and will help preserve those buildings essential to the appearance and the historical significance of the area.

Rene Kahn, an architectural historian from Stamford, has been hired to do this project which will be completed in August.

The members of the Norwich Design Review Board will act as consultants to Kahn as she develops this list.

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Taftville National Landmark

Norwich Heritage Trust supported the efforts of Norwich residents to get the part of Taftville around the Ponemah Mills and the mill housing designated a National Landmark. By agreeing to donate up to \$1000 to help pay the expenses of the application for landmark status, Norwich Heritage Trust gave the project a needed boost. The City Council has agreed to pay for \$1500 of the expenses.

Jan Cunningham, who surveyed the Greenville area last year, was hired to do this application. She plans to complete all the work by November 30, 1992.

Once the area has been designated a National Landmark, it will receive publicity which should lead to visitors and to development opportunities for the mills and the businesses in the area.

City Hall Renovation

Now that Council Chambers are renovated, the focus for City Hall will switch to the exterior restoration. Norwich Heritage Trust has decided to contribute \$1500 to the City Hall Renovation Committee to help pay for a professionally designed plan to light the exterior of City Hall. The total cost will be \$3000