

Summary

Many historic districts listed in the National Register of Historic Places were nominated twenty to forty years ago. In such a time, buildings may have been restored, altered, or demolished. Re-surveying existing historic districts provides information for an amendment to the nomination. In those updates, additional details on each house can be recorded and historic status terminology made current for each resource. In 2013-2014, the Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission applied for Certified Local Government grant funds through the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office to hire a qualified cultural resource company to conduct the field survey and historical research for the survey report. In 2014-2015, Rosin Preservation completed the survey of the West Boulevard Historic District.



Houses on West Boulevard

Impact

Current and accurate information is important for the state law that requires the city to review the impacts of permitted building projects on historic properties. It is also important for determining the eligibility of Contributing historic properties for financial incentives for restoration or rehabilitation work.

“The resurvey has had a positive impact on Rapid City’s historic preservation program. The updated survey forms identify details about significant architectural features that weren’t previously documented. This information is valuable for not only City staff and residents, but contractors and realtors as well.”

--Sarah Hanzel, Division of Long Range Planning, City of Rapid City



West Boulevard Historic District 1974, addition 1995