

Wisconsin Historic Preservation Review Board Approves Granary for State Registry of Historic Places

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On Aug. 25, the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Review Board affirmed the significance of the Teweles & Brandeis grain elevator located on Sturgeon Bay’s west side. By unanimous vote, the board approved the granary for inclusion on the State Registry of Historic Places, noting the role it played in the region’s community and agricultural life. The board action culminates a designation process that began in 2015. The State Historic Preservation Officer will now forward the findings to the federal Department of the Interior, which will evaluate the granary for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

“The granary has always been a hub of economic activity,” said Sturgeon Bay Historical Society President Christie Weber. “Farmers used to bring wagons full of peas there for processing and sale, and of course local people remember the granary’s many years as part of

the Door County Co-op complex. We're grateful to the Preservation Review Board for its meticulous work evaluating the granary and gratified that the board deemed it worthy of listing. It's an honor."

The building's distinctive profile and waterfront location make it attractive for a range of public, private and not-for-profit uses. "National designation would also help a future not-for-profit user, because the building's rehabilitation creates another fundraising objective they can use to attract support. The historical society is working to get a handle on the building's renovation requirements and clarity about what the Sturgeon Bay City Council needs to become confident that adaptive reuse is the best strategy for the granary and the city," said Weber.