



HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION DESIGN REVIEW MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

6:00 P.M.

3033 St. Croix Trail
Afton, MN 55001

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

_____ Chair Edwards
_____ Vice Chair Livingston
_____ Commissioner Bolton-Iverson
_____ Commissioner Vujovich
_____ Commissioner Thomas

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A. Approval of Agenda for October 9, 2024 meeting

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes of the September 11, 2024 Meeting

5. **BUSINESS**

I. Plaque Project Update

- a. Use of historic building names on bronze plaques
- d. Log hours: 75 hours needed

II. Walking Tour QR Code Project Update

- a. Suggestions from Leslie (AHS) and final text
- b. How it will appear on the website (map/text/photos)
- c. Final costs for metal signs and window clings
- d. Metal sign sites

III. Annual SHPO Conference

A quorum of the City Council or Other Commissions may be present to receive information.

HPC Minutes, September 11, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER 6pm

2. ROLL CALL

 Yes _____ Chair Edwards
 No _____ Vice Chair Livingston
 Yes _____ Commissioner Bolton-Iverson
 Yes _____ Commissioner Vujovich
 Yes _____ Commissioner Thomas

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda for September 11, 2024 meeting: Vujovich; Thomas; pass

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the July 10, 2024 Meeting: Vujovich; Thomas; pass

B. Minutes of the January 10, 2024 Meeting: Vujovich; Thomas; pass

5. BUSINESS

I. Plaque project (KT)

a. Use of historic building names on bronze plaques

- Leslie (AHS) sent an email that she is working on the exact name of the museum building: Congregational Church Afton, Afton Congregational Church etc. KT will ask Leslie why Pechuman house has no address.
- Jacob, as HPC chair, will contact Afton Inn and provide them with documentation showing the original name of the building.
- Discussion followed from last month about what name to use on the bronze plaques. Consensus from committee members present was to use original historic names as businesses can change, but keep in mind that history is an on-going, evolving process and some names now feel historic too.

d. Log hours: 75 hours needed

- Reminder to log hours for matching part of SHPO grant

II. Walking Tour QR Code Project

a. Suggestions from Leslie (AHS) and final text

- Leslie's edits incorporated for the paper version; Leslie's suggestions for online version upload to city cloud storage that Ron can access.
- Will all this text fit on a double-sided 8x14 pamphlet? Map needs to be updated for 2 missing historical sites that are now added.
- Jacob will send our draft file to Leslie/AHS and ask for their final file with updated formatting and map. We will upload the paper version of the walking tour to the historyplaces.org website with new map and list of 28 sites. Then we can start to add stories and photos starting with the previously identified business and residential sites (four each).

b. How it will appear on the website (map/text/photos)

- Kate displayed a sample site of how the website will eventually look (separate QR codes for each site which will have a photo and short story).

- Then showed how ours will look at the beginning with longer introduction, map, and list of sites (28) followed by all the descriptions in the current paper pamphlet. Suggestion to shorten the intro with a clickable text box that shows just a few lines and “Read More”.
 - Make sure that the map will have the numbers in the correct direction to display on a phone.
 - Matt will make all the designated historical sites clickable, so they jump down to the descriptions.
- c. Final costs for metal signs and window clings (also sign sites discussed)
- Kate displayed a map and descriptive list of where the QR code signs will be placed. These are the suggested site from Kate and Ron’s walk around Old Village and back on the levee to the trail around City Hall
 - 1 Do we want a sign at the trail by City Hall? Yes
 - 2 Do we want a sign at Carver Park where eventually there will be a regional bike trail but now is an unused parking lot? No
 - 3 Total number of QR signs to order is 9
 - Matt suggested that we order metal signs each with a unique QR code because in the future, he can program the code to go directly to the historic site website, rather than the long list. This will add \$28 set-up fee to each sign. Yes, we want to do this and yes, the mayor confirmed the funds are there.

Costs

\$55 set-up fee

\$405 = 9 x \$45 each 10x10 metal sign (single QR code)

\$132 = 20 x \$6.60 each 5x5 window (single QR code)

\$592 = Total

\$ 252 = 9 x \$28 each metal sign different QR codes

\$844 = Total

\$50 Graphic designer files to send to sign maker

\$894 = Total
 - Kate showed the graphic designer samples
 - Change all teal font color to white (scan me, website address, and a project of ...)
 - Should the website say “HistoricPlace.org/Afton”? Kate will ask Matt.
- d. Metal sign sites – see above

Adjournment 7pm, Vujovich; Bolton-Iverson; pass

MARINE HISTORY

Marine

Welcome to Historic Marine on St. Croix

Step back in time as you visit [Marine on St Croix](#) – birthplace of Minnesota’s lumber industry. Explore our past with a history walk in [Marine Mill](#) where the first sawmill was located and operated from 1839-1895. Look for all six History Spot signs around the Village Center that will digitally connect you to stories and photographs of historic Marine Mills, which was the town’s original name. The Marine General Store also sells a [Historic Walking Tour map](#) with more information you can take with you.

Historic Places in Marine



Historic Views of Judd Street



Marine General Store: Historic Commerce at Judd & Maple



Marine Village Hall: History of Marine Mills

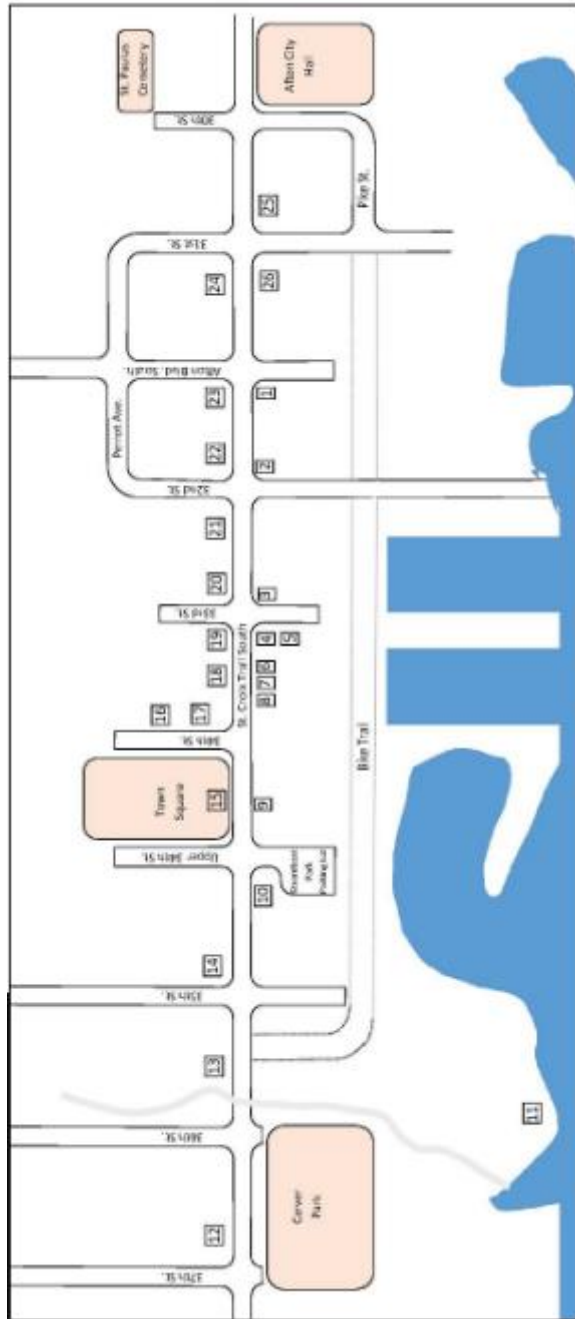
AFTON HISTORY

Originally settled by the Dakota nation, Afton was established in 1837 by French Canadian fur traders from the Red River Valley followed by a diverse population of European immigrants, Euro-American migrants, and a notable African-Ojibwe-Swedish family, Margaret Bonga Fahlstrom, Jacob Fahlstrom, and their children.

The Village of Afton was platted in 1855 (see the framed print on display in the museum) and, according to many accounts, named after Robert Burns' poem, "Afton Water." Inhabitants earned a living by farming, working in flour and logging mills, nursery work (May's), growing and picking berries, and working in trades as merchants and shopkeepers.

If you would like to learn more about Afton and its people, we invite you to visit the displays in the Afton Historical Museum (originally the Congregational Church). There is an extensive collection of artifacts, letters and diaries, family files, books, church and school records, as well as the recorded oral history of many long-time residents.

We hope you enjoy exploring the Village of Afton!

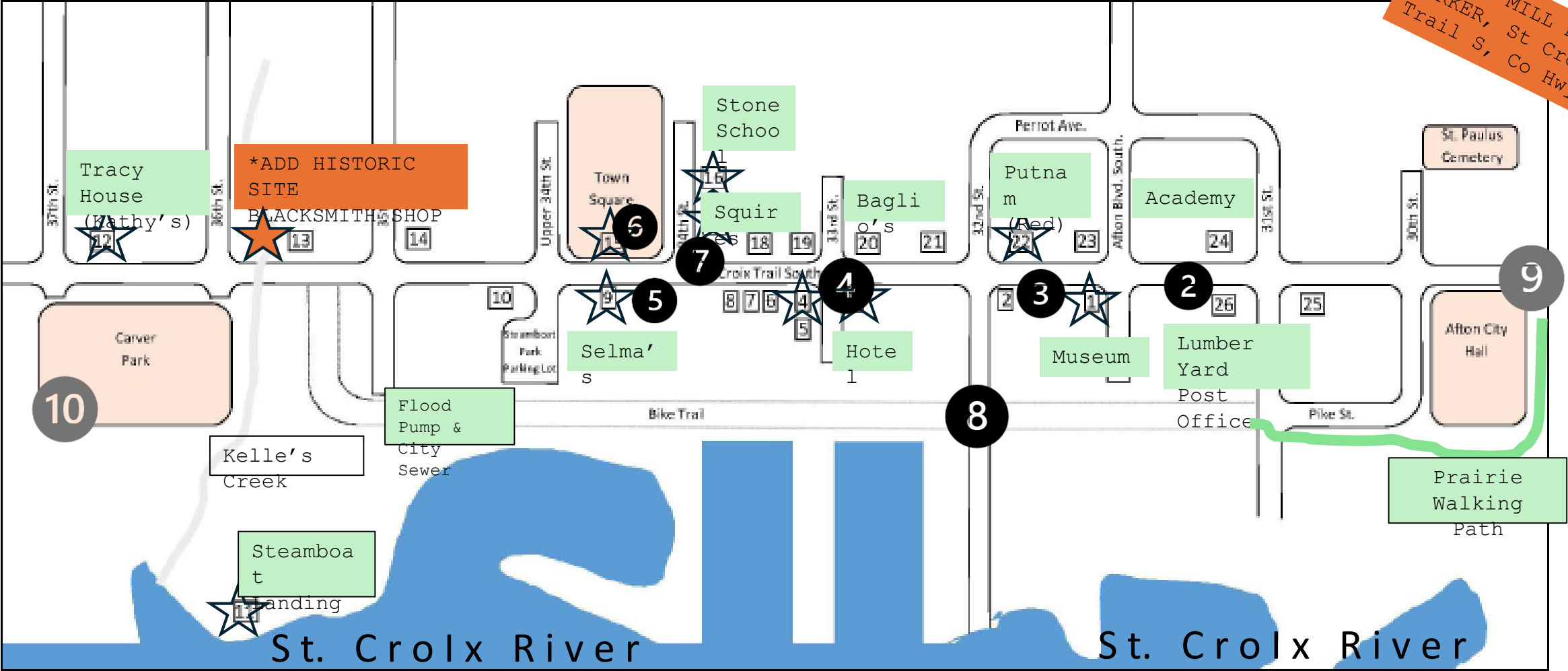


1. 1. Congregational Church ▪ 3165 St. Croix Trail S **LOCAL HISTORIC SITE**
2. 2. Former site of the Octagon House ▪ Corner of 32nd St. and St. Croix Trail S
3. 3. Cushing Hotel ▪ 3291 St. Croix Trail S **FEDERAL HISTORIC SITE**
4. 4. Citizens State Bank ▪ 3321 St. Croix Trail S **LOCAL HISTORIC SITE**
5. 5. Former site of the Berry Shed, behind the bank and extending all the way to the railroad tracks (now a levee)
6. 6. Lerk's Bar ▪ 3235 St. Croix Trail S
7. 7. Afton Barber Shop ▪ 3335 St. Croix Trail S
8. 8. Afton Garage ▪ 3343 St. Croix Trail S
9. 9. Selma's Ice Cream Parlour ▪ 3419 St. Croix Trail S **LOCAL HISTORIC SITE**
10. 10. Civil War Arsenal and Drill Ground ▪ area adjacent to Selma's
11. 11. Steamboat Park ▪ area adjacent to Selma's extending down to the St. Croix River **LOCAL HISTORIC SITE**
12. 12. Asa and Flora Tracy House ▪ 3632 St. Croix Trail S **LOCAL HISTORIC SITE**
13. 27. **Emil Asp Blacksmith Shop ▪ 15880-36th Street South LOCAL HISTORIC SITE**
14. 13. Spreeman House ▪ 15895 35th St S
15. 14. Derrnelly House ▪ 3494 St. Croix Trail S
16. 15. Afton Town Square Park ▪ St. Croix Trail and 34th Street **LOCAL HISTORIC SITE**
17. 16. Afton Village School ▪ 15888 34th St **LOCAL HISTORIC SITE**
18. 17. Carnithan-Squires House ▪ 3390 St. Croix Trail S **LOCAL HISTORIC SITE**
19. 18. Former site of the Richert Store ▪ 3390 St. Croix Trail S
20. 19. Richert House ▪ 3326 St. Croix Trail S
21. 20. Mackey House ▪ 3290 St. Croix Trail S
22. 21. William and Ann Thomas House ▪ 3222 St. Croix Trail S
23. 22. Putnam House ▪ 3192 St. Croix Trail S **LOCAL HISTORIC SITE**
24. **23. Pechuman House ▪ Corner of Cty. Rd. 18 and St. Croix Trail S – facing Afton Blvd. Address?**
25. 24. St. Croix Academy ▪ 15895 31st St S
26. 25. Lind House ▪ 3085 St. Croix Trail S
27. 26. Former site of Interstate Lumber Company ▪ 3121 St. Croix Trail S
28. **28. Bolles Mill Roadside Marker ▪ Saint Croix Trail North (County Highway 18 / 21) 0.3 miles north of Stagecoach Trail South (County Highway 21)**

<https://historicplace.org/afton/>

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BOLLES MILL ROAD
MARKER, St Croix
Trail S, Co Hwy 18



*ADD HISTORIC
SITE
BLACKSMITH SHOP

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St. Croix River

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QR Sign Placement

1. Bolles Mill, roadside marker; need post
2. Lumber Yard pub; "Speed Limit 30; no parking"
3. Museum intersection 32nd St; "Turn sign" with 2 posts
4. Afton Inn intersection 33rd St; "Stop Sign"
5. Selma's southside; "Begin No Parking"
6. Town Square; "Jessie Diggins" signpost
7. Squire House intersection 34th St.; "Stop Sign"
8. Bike path intersection 33rd St & Marina; need post; check manholes and green pipes
9. Potential: north of city hall on sidewalk/bike path/prairie path; "No snowmobiling"
10. ~~Potential: Carver Park parking lot and future regional trail; need post~~

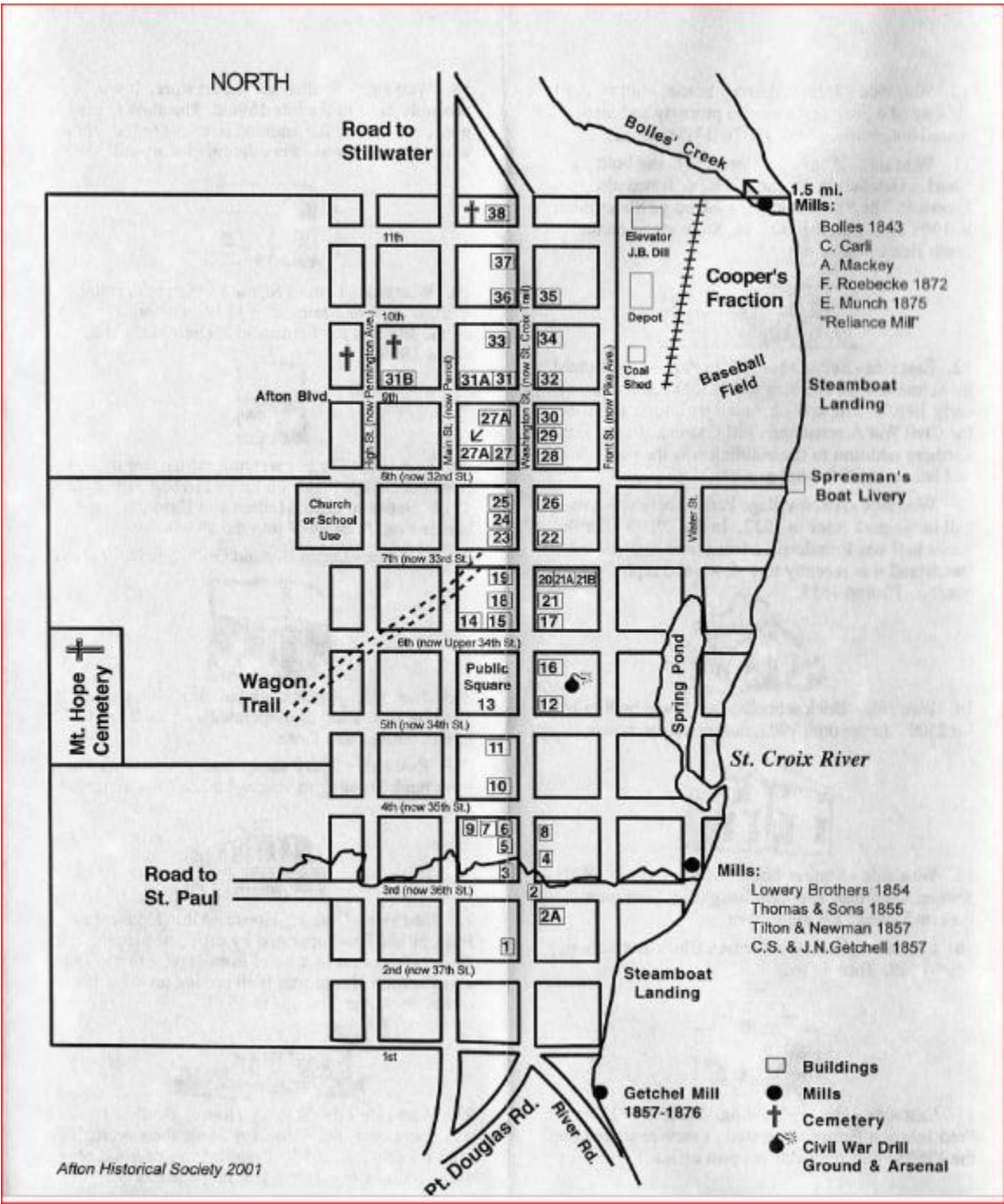
Costs for 10 signs

- \$55 set-up fee
- \$450 = 10 x \$45 each 10x10 metal sign (single QR code)
- \$132 = 20 x \$6.60 each 5x5 window (single QR code)
- \$637 = Total
- \$280 = 10 x \$28 each metal sign different QR codes
- \$917 = Total



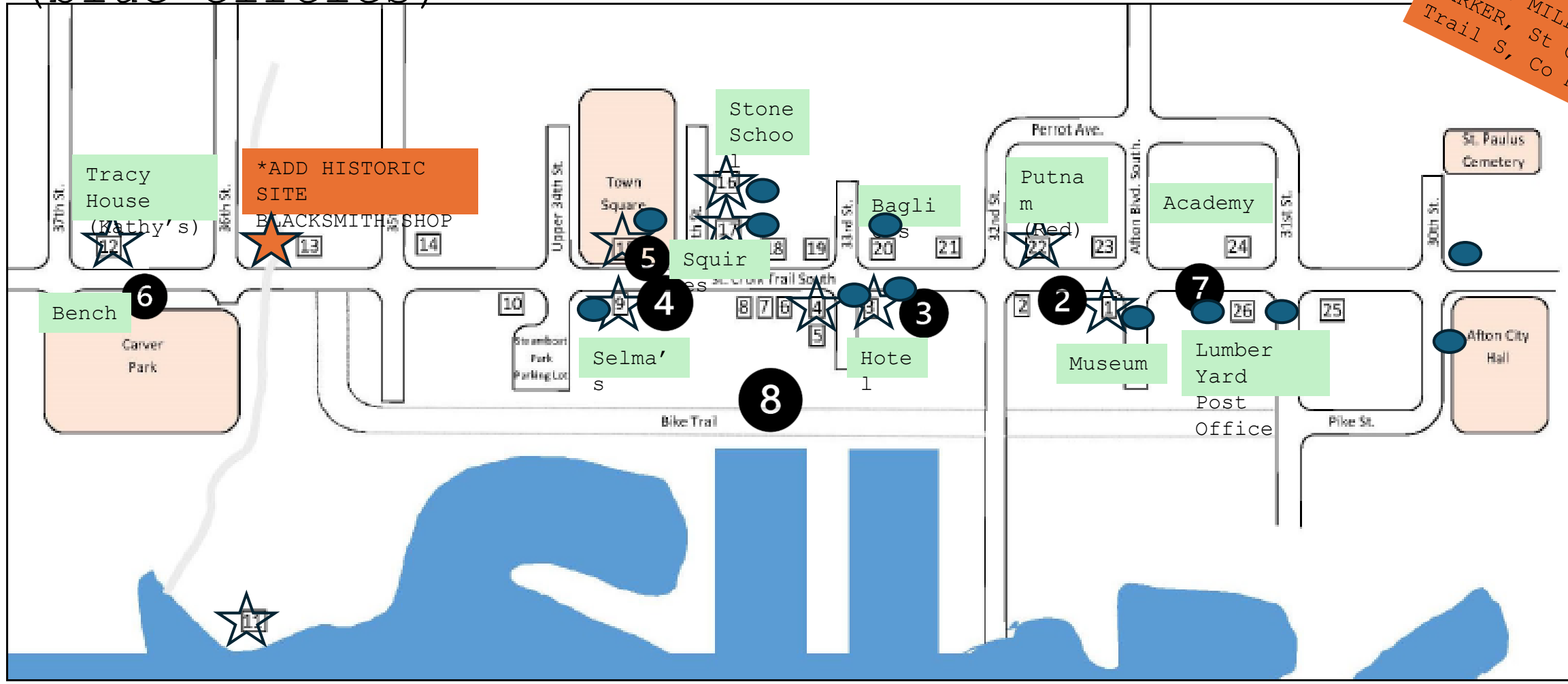
Metal Signs 10" x 10"

Window Clings 5" x 5" round



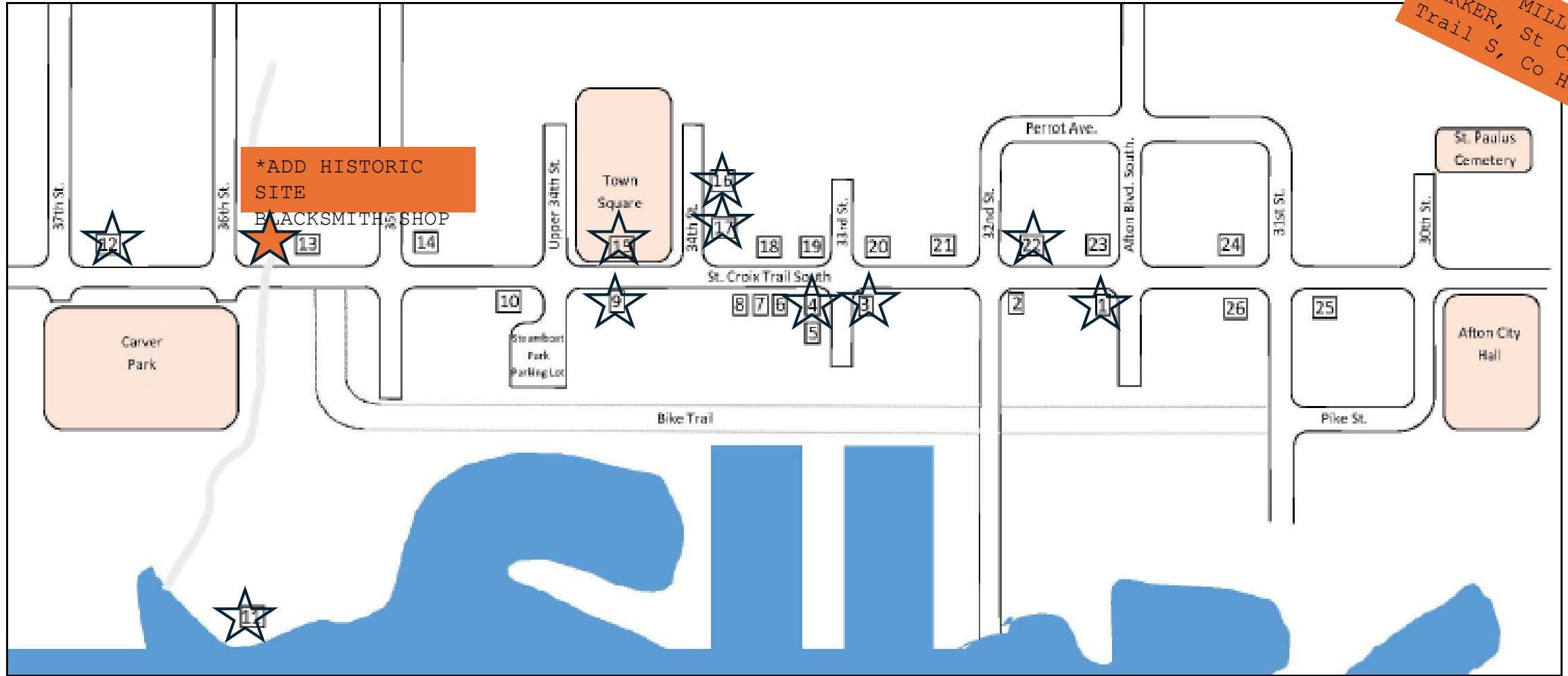
Possible placement of window clings (blue circles)

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BOLLES MILL ROAD
MARKER, St Croix
Trail S, Co Hwy 18



Local and Federal Historic Sites (12)

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*ADD HISTORIC
SITE
BLACKSMITH SHOP

Town Square

Carver
Park

Steamboat
Park
Parking Lot

St. Paulus
Cemetery

Alton City
Hall