

**The Des Moines Rehabbers Club
is seeking nominations for the first annual
Des Moines
Seven Most Endangered Buildings List**

This annual "Most Endangered Building List" will draw attention to buildings in danger of demolition before they are irrevocably destroyed.

- **There are currently 25 buildings on the City of Des Moines "Demo List"** - These are buildings that are in a state of disrepair such that the City has decided they are a danger to the public health and safety. Many more buildings are listed as "public nuisance" properties. If the conditions that caused a public nuisance action are not corrected, a public nuisance building may be demolished.
- **Many other buildings are simply vacant and abandoned** - If these buildings are not adequately secured from vandalism and weather, it is likely they will eventually end up on the demo list.
- **Some of the buildings that are actively demolished could be rehabilitated** - The "nuclear option" is used before all other options are exhausted.
- **Demolition of "rehab-able" buildings is a waste of natural resources and energy** - Rehabilitation of existing buildings is a "green" option compared to demolition. Reusing an existing building saves waste from landfills. Older buildings were often built to take advantage of natural ventilation, and can be made energy efficient.
- **Buildings (even those in good condition) that stand in the way of new developments are demolished** - The community can work with developers to save notable or historic structures. There are examples across the city of substantial buildings standing in the way of proposed projects.



Nomination Criteria

Nominations for the Des Moines' Seven Most Endangered Buildings List should meet the following criteria:

- The building or structure must be located in the City of Des Moines.
- The building must be threatened with either *active demolition* or *permanent damage* due to neglect within the next year. The building must not be too far deteriorated as to make rehabilitation unfeasible.
- There is no preference for building type, use, style, or size.
- A building *does not* have to be on the National Register or located in a historic district to be nominated.
- Organizations and individuals are encouraged to nominate buildings for the list.

**NOMINATION DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008**

**THE LIST WILL BE ANNOUNCED
ON OCTOBER 15, 2008**

Return completed nomination form to:
DSMRC Endangered Building List c/o Steve Wilke-Shapiro
3134 Cottage Grove Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50311

The Des Moines Rehabbers Club is a group of people with a common interest in preservation, rehabilitation, and maintenance of Des Moines' historic buildings. Our monthly meetings take place on the first Saturday of each month. Topics range from demonstrations and "work in progress" tours to classroom topics such as how to look up a home's history.

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