



Cultural Resources



Overview

While fairly a recent city (established in 1983), Fitchburg has a long foundation as an agricultural community, which has formed many of the cultural resources today. From historic sites to community events, the heritage of Fitchburg is present.

Existing Conditions

Historical Resources

The City has five sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places. These sites include: 1) McCoy Farmhouse, an Italianate-style house built in 1857 on Syene Road; 2) Fox Hall, a Greek Revival-style home built in 1856 on CTH M; 3) The Mann House and stable (now Quivey's Grove restaurant) Italianate structures built around 1840; 4) Wisconsin School for Girls (now part of the Oakhill Correctional Institute), built in 1932, including a school, two maintenance buildings and ten cottages; and 5) Spooner Farmstead, formerly known as the Nicholas Haight Farmstead, on Lacy Road, containing five structures including an 1854 Greek Revival farmhouse, a smokehouse, barn, corncrib and granary. Additionally, many of Fitchburg's one-room schools are still standing and can be found at Syene and Lacy Road, Grandview Road, Fish Hatchery and Whalen Road and County M and Fitchburg Road areas.

The Landmarks Preservation Ordinance provides a level of protection for these historic sites as well as other landmarks within Fitchburg that have been recognized as having local significance. Historic Preservation Week in May helps bring about awareness of and appreciation for Fitchburg's heritage and the cultural resources that are present throughout the community.

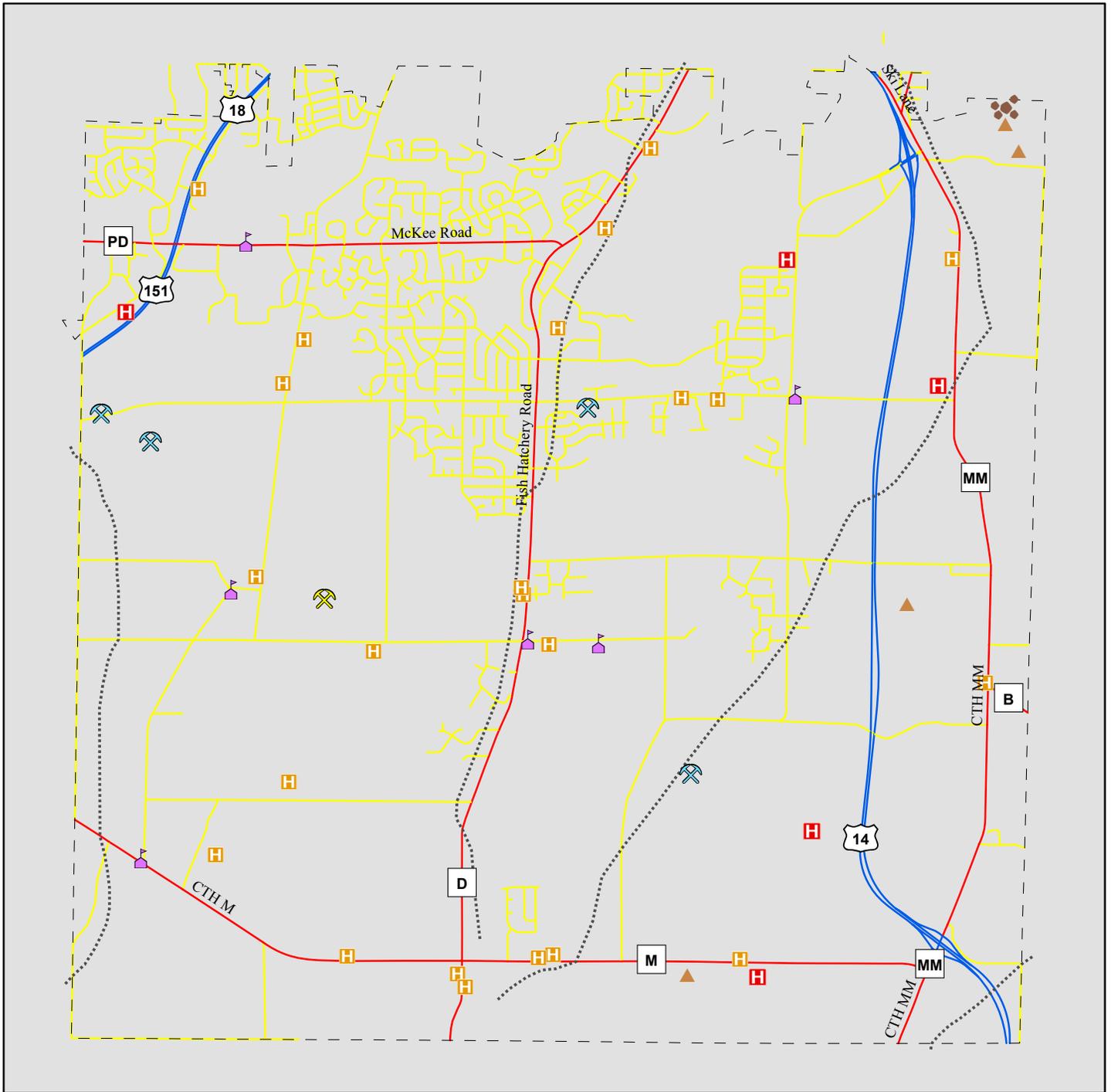
Community Events and Festivities.

Irish heritage is significant in Fitchburg's history and settlement and contributes to the character and identity of the community. Fitchburg community events include Fitchburg Summer Concerts, Fitchburg Center Farmer's Market and an annual community festival.

Parks, Open Space and Recreation.

The City is dedicated to providing outstanding public parks, trails and open space for the residents. The background information and goals, objectives, policies, and maps related to park, open space and recreation is presented in the Utilities and Community Facilities chapter.

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-  Mound Group
-  Historic Schoolhouse
-  Historic Building
-  National Register of Historic Places
-  Indian Camp
-  Historic Lead Mine
-  Historic Stone Quarry
-  Indian Trails
-  City Limits



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Survey Results

Festivals and gatherings, which help to create a sense of place and community identity, are also generally accepted throughout the community. The highest level of community participation in recreational programs lies in festivals and community concerts. Of those who responded to the survey, 57 % attended Fitchburg festivals and 45 % participated in community concerts.