

ORANGE MASTER PLAN Historic Preservation Element

One of Orange's strongest assets is its inventory of significant historic buildings. Many other New Jersey municipalities covet stately, older structures especially in their town centers. Orange is fortunate to have so many of them.

The table below is a list of historic buildings with some architectural integrity recommended for inclusion in the Historic Preservation Element of the Master Plan. A large number of these structures are on Main Street. Their documentation will become an important component of Orange's subsequent application to New Jersey's Main Street USA program.

The first step to emphasizing appreciation of historic buildings in the City of Orange is to increase awareness of them. Consequently, this element of the Master Plan recommends placing plaques on buildings listed below and adopted as part of the Plan. We recommend that two types of standard signage be designed: one to affix to a building and another to stand upright adjacent to the street.

Most of the buildings listed below are at risk not so much from demolition but from inappropriate "modernization" sometimes incorporating poorly applied vinyl siding. This element recommends that copies of the list below be given to all City Department Heads, members of the Planning and Zoning Boards and to all City officials involved with construction permits and inspections.

At some point in the future, the City may wish to consider nominating additional buildings to the State and National Registers of Historic Places. However, at this point, the emphasis will be to build awareness of Orange's historic assets and support for their continuing preservation. A notable exception is the recommendation to nominate this year Orange City Hall to the Registers.

The table below lists significant historic buildings to be noted in the Master Plan and subject to the recommendations above. Abbreviations used are "cor." to denote a visible cornerstone date and "c." to denote an approximate date by visual survey. Many of these approximate dates can be verified through City building and tax records.

Site Name	Address	Date	Architectural Style	Comment
Municipal Services Cluster				
Orange City Hall	29 North Day St.	1869	Second Empire with Romanesque and Classical elements	Recommend for nomination to State & National Registers of Historic Places; built as Day St. School; front columns added c.1906
Original Fire Headquarters	30 Canfield St.	1869	Eclectic	Partial historic integrity above the first floor
Fire House #3	Washington St.	cor.1894	Romanesque	
Present Fire Headquarters	419 Central Ave.	cor.1917	Classical Revival	
Mass Transit Cluster				
Orange Station	73 Lincoln Ave.	1918-20	Renaissance Revival	State/National Registers approved 1984
Highland Ave. Station	Scotland Rd.	1905	Classical Revival	Eligible for State/National Registers
Former Trolley Barn	350 Washington St.	cor.1901	Vernacular	Now Par-Troy Rubber Co.
Main Street Cluster				
First Presbyterian Cemetery	Main St. & Scotland Road	cor.1723	N/A	Many graves from 1720s and 1730s; congregation founded 1719; church built 1928
	403 Main	cor.1876	Italianate Commercial	Now Rossi Decorating Center
U.S. Post Office	384 Main	cor.1914-1916	Classical Revival	State Register approved 1986; additional cornerstone 1937
Orange Free Public Library	348 Main	cor.1900-1901	Classical Revival	State/National Registers approved 1981; one of oldest library buildings in Essex Co.

Historic Storefronts	335-347 Main	c.1915		Intact commercial strip and former theater façade with decorative brickwork
Metropolitan Building	308 Main	1904	Renaissance Revival	Contains commercial office space
Dime Savings Bank	288-90 Main	cor.1931	Classical Revival	
Odd Fellows Lodge	265 Main	c.1870	Italianate Commercial	
Clarose Building	258 Main	c.1905	Eclectic	Contains apartments
Masonic Temple	235 Main	1886-87	Eclectic; Queen Anne	
	211-22 Main	c.1870- c.1880	Rare whole block of Italianate Commercial	Four preserved façades with a sided one in between
	209-11 Main	c.1850- c.1895	Vernacular industrial	Building challenging to date
	201 Main	c.1895	Art Nouveau	
Historic Storefronts	161-167 Main	c.1925	Classical elements	Intact terra cotta commercial strip
Cotton Funeral Home	130 S. Main	c.1875	Italianate	
	96 S. Main	c.1885	Eclectic; Queen Anne	
	90 S. Main	c.1845	Transitional (Greek Revival to early Italianate)	
Central Presbyterian Church	70-80 Main	1869	Gothic	Brownstone with polygonal spire; Now First Fellowship Cathedral
Adelphia Apts.	41 Main	1904-11	Beaux-Arts	Preserved as part of East Main redevelopment area
Essex Ave. Cluster				
	50 S. Essex	c.1875	Second Empire	Stone building near eastbound Orange Station
Chronicle Building	15 S. Essex	1903	Classical Revival	New home of HANDS

	corner of Main	c.1870	Italianate Commercial	Side façade of Bianchi Building is original
	17 N. Essex	c.1870	Second Empire	Now day care center
	47 N. Essex	c.1870	Italianate Cottage	
	69 N. Essex	c.1875	Italianate Cottage	
	99 N. Essex	c.1880	Second Empire	
	99 Cleveland St.	c.1885	Queen Anne	"Zurita" is written on façade
Clarendon Place Cluster				
	376 Clarendon	c.1875	Italianate; Queen Anne	
	386 Clarendon	c.1875	Gothic Revival	
	406 Clarendon	c.1875	Italianate Villa	
Conover House	443 Conover Ter.	c.1860	Transitional (Greek Revival to Italianate)	
Ridge Street Cluster				
St. John's Church	94 Ridge (church)	1866-69	Gothic	
Columbus Hall	455 White St.	cor.1892	Richardsonian Romanesque	School
	94 Ridge (house)	c.1875	Second Empire	May have been parsonage
	56 Ridge	c.1875	Italianate Cottage	Roof being repaired
	47 Ridge	c.1840	Transitional (Greek Revival to early Italianate)	
	37 Ridge	c.1890	Queen Anne	
Valley Cluster				
Berg Hat Factory	475 Jefferson St.	cor.1907, cor.1903	Vernacular industrial	To be redeveloped into apartments and art space
Monroe Calculator Factory	Jefferson St. & Mitchell St.	1939	Art Deco; eclectic	To be redeveloped into apartments and art space
Our Lady of the Valley	510 Valley St.	cor.1909	Romanesque	

Elm Street Cluster				
	102 Elm	c.1865	Italianate	Masonry house at City line
	119 Elm	c.1875	Cottage Gothic	
	120 Elm	c.1840	Greek Revival	
	160 Elm	c.1865	Italianate	Situated sideways on street; under construction/boarded up; may be threatened
Scotland Road Cluster				
	152 and 194-216	c.1865-75	4 Victorian homes of varied sub-styles	Very visible homes have moderate historic integrity
Individual Entries				
	368 Highland Ave.	c.1860	Italianate with rare cupola	Construction pending; may be threatened
	253 Snyder St.	c.1875	Italianate Cottage	
	168 Park St.	c.1860	Italianate	Under construction/boarded up; may be threatened
Canada Dry Building	329 Washington St.	c.1930	Art Moderne	Now utilized by New Jersey Transit as back office space
U.S. Radium Corp.	412 Alden Street	1920-26	N/A	Site where doomed workers painted radium dials on timepieces; building demolished
Lightpipe House	548 Main St.	c.1808-28	Federal; damaged by fire in 1980s and rebuilt	Building one of two in Orange documented in 1930s Historic American Buildings Survey; original home of Charles Lightpipe; now El Bandito Restaurant
Pierson House	18-22 Hillyer St.	c.1875	Second Empire	Home of the Pierson Family who founded the Orange Medical Library and supported other philanthropic projects; building totally sided