In response to requests from Iron River, Ishpeming, and other communities, during 2006 the State Historic Preservation Office’s national register coordinator visited a number of Upper Peninsula communities in order to evaluate eligibility for the national register and delineate boundaries for potential commercial historic districts in their downtowns. This evaluation is the first step in establishing a national register historic district, which makes properties eligible for use of the federal tax credits for rehabilitation of historic income-producing buildings. Boundaries for possible commercial historic districts were established in downtown Bessemer, Escanaba, Iron River, Iron Mountain, Ironwood, Ishpeming, Manistique, Newberry, and Wakefield. Within the past few years the SHPO has also defined boundaries for national register commercial districts in downtown Marquette, Negaunee, and Sault Ste Marie.

Locations: Bessemer, Escanaba, Iron River, Iron Mountain, Ironwood, Ishpeming, Manistique, Newberry, and Wakefield

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