

Demolition and Removal (of structures or portions of structures)

Staff Level Certificate of Appropriateness:

1. Structures (or portions of a structure) in which imminent collapse poses a safety hazard, as attested to by an appropriate government agency and as described under "Emergency Situations in the "Guidelines" section of this document.
2. Documented, non-historic accessory structures, such as open carports, tool sheds, parking attendant booths, and one and two-car contemporary garages.
3. Documented, non-historic additions to any structure.

Commission Level Certificate of Appropriateness:

1. Primary structures documented as non-historic.
2. Any action deemed inappropriate by Staff.
3. Historic Structures (or portions of historic structures).

Recommended:

1. When a character-defining element of a historic structure is destroyed or removed, duplicating the piece removed or adding a replacement based on historical evidence is encouraged.

Not recommended:

1. Moving any historic structure.
2. Razing any historic structure except where there is a clear threat to public safety. It is preferred that the determination of threat to public safety be confirmed by a government agency such as the Fire Department, Building Commission, or Neighborhood Inspection Services / Code Enforcement Department.
3. Razing, destroying, obliterating, or removing any historic character-defining part, element, or piece of a historic structure except where it can be documented by a city or county agency that there is a clear threat to public safety.

For the purposes of these Guidelines, **Historic Structures** include any structure that: a) is more than 50 years old, and/or b) is noted in The Vanderburgh County Interim Report, a Preservation Plan, or on the National Register of Historic Places nomination as being contributing, notable, outstanding, significant, or historic.