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February 7, 2017 – The Beloit Landmarks Commission is pleased to announce that the historic district identification sign project is complete. The City of Beloit has a long history of successful historic preservation efforts. A thriving historic downtown, over 300 locally protected buildings, and three historic districts on the National Register of Historic Places reflect the high value the community puts on protecting and celebrating our physical history. The installation of identification signage in Beloit’s historic districts has long been a goal of the Landmarks Commission and City staff.

In the spring of 2016, the City secured the funding necessary to finally move forward with this long-awaited project. Thanks to a grant from Visit Beloit and a generous donation from Fairbanks Morse, the Landmarks Commission began the process of designing, choosing locations for, and purchasing the identification signs for the districts. The Bluff Street Historic District, Merrill Street Historic District, and Near East Side Historic District now have rectangular signs that are spaced intermittently along blocks and street sign toppers on the existing street signs at intersections. Photos of both types are attached.

The new signage will enable both residents and visitors to more easily find and take a stroll through our beautiful historic neighborhoods.

The Landmarks Commission would like to thank Fairbanks Morse and Visit Beloit for their financial contributions, along with Public Works staff for completing this long-awaited project.

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