



Design Guidelines Ellicott City Façade Improvement Program

The purpose of these guidelines is to encourage the repair, restoration and historic preservation of Ellicott City's commercial buildings, while protecting the integrity of the Ellicott City Historic District. These guidelines will apply to anyone seeking funds from the Ellicott City Façade Improvement Program.

All applications must comply with the recommendations in the Ellicott City Design Guidelines, however, when the Ellicott City Design Guidelines are lenient on an item, the more stringent recommendation below will apply.

1. Recommended

- All applications must comply with the recommendations set forth in the Ellicott City Design Guidelines, including the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.
- Repair, rather than replace deteriorated historic features. When replacement is necessary, replace with historic, traditional building materials (for example, doors and windows should be replaced with an all wood product, vinyl or aluminum clad wood is not acceptable.).
- Replace modern features, especially deteriorated features, with historic, traditional building materials.
- Restore altered building façades to original, historic condition.

2. Not Recommended

- Removing and replacing historic building materials with modern building materials.
- Replacing modern features in-kind with modern materials.
- Altering the building façade beyond what it would historically look like.

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