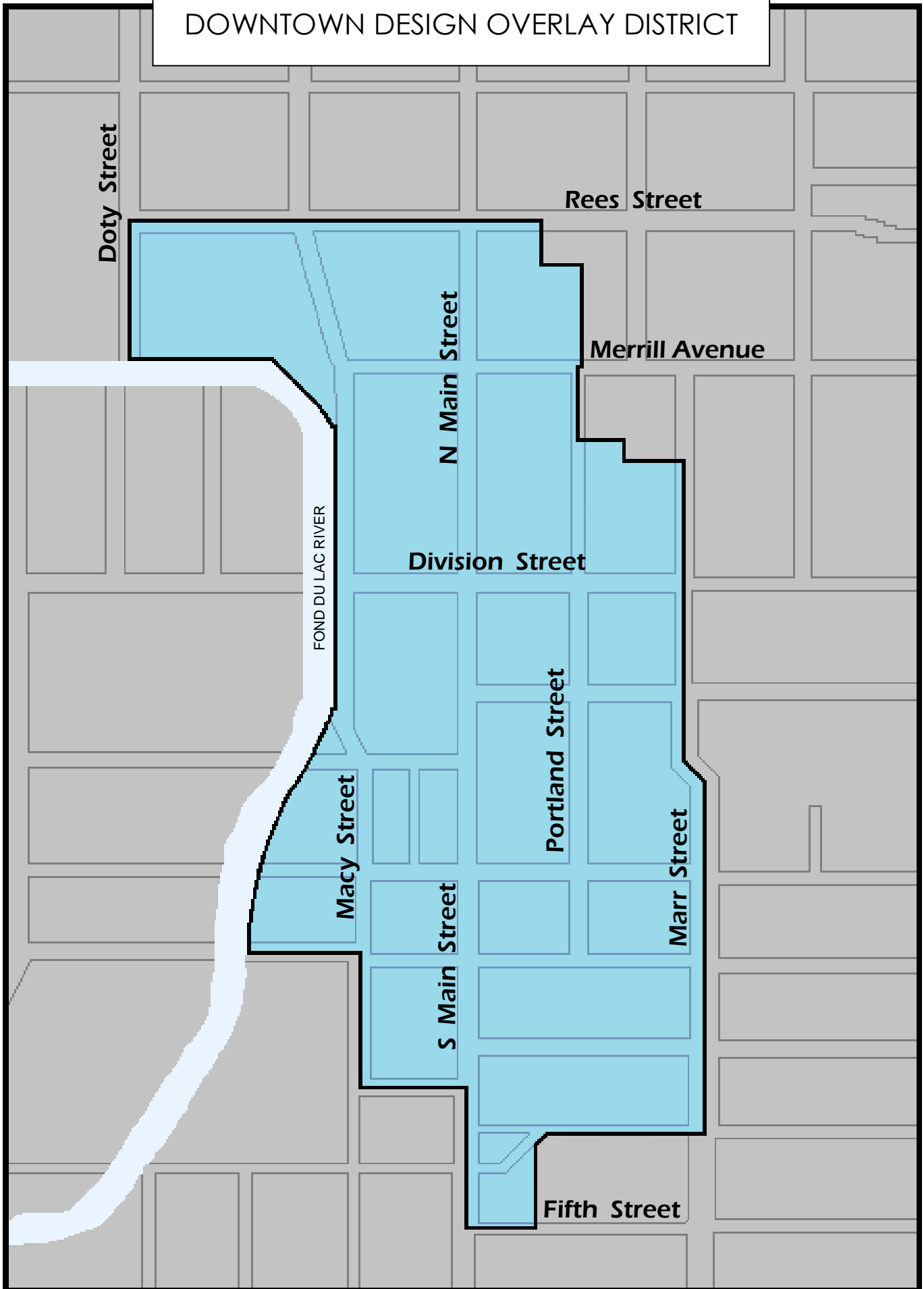


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### Applicability

- ❖ The **Downtown Design Overlay District** affects properties in the C-1 (Central Business) zoning district and properties in the South Main Historic District. The general area of the Downtown Design Overlay District extends from Rees Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street, bounded by Marr Street and Macy/Doty Street.
- ❖ The purpose of the Downtown Design District is to enhance the appearance of Downtown Fond du Lac. Changes to the exterior of a building require the review and approval of the Downtown Architectural Review Board (DARB). If a property is a designated historic site or structure, exterior alterations must be approved by the Historic Preservation Commission; a separate review by the Downtown Architectural Review Board is not required.
- ❖ Design elements affect building materials, building appearance and architectural details, and sign design. Projects that require DARB approval include exterior changes to a building and/or the construction of a new building. DARB approval is required for renovations and repair, exterior paint, lighting, awnings and canopies, roofs, windows and doors, new signs and changes to existing signs.
- ❖ The interior remodeling of a building does not require design approval nor does change to a building façade that is not visible from a public street or alley.

### Design Regulations

The regulations of the Downtown Design Overlay District are part of the City of Fond du Lac Zoning Code. Design Guidelines of the Downtown Fond du Lac Partnership (DFP) must also be considered in project review and approval.

Links to the Zoning Code regulations and the DFP Design Guidelines are provided on the Community Development Department Planning & Zoning page of the City's website: [www.fdl.wi.gov](http://www.fdl.wi.gov)

### Downtown Architectural Review Board

The application packet for review of a downtown project is available on the Community Development Department Planning & Zoning page of the City's website: [www.fdl.wi.gov](http://www.fdl.wi.gov)

An application for design review may be submitted in person at the City of Fond du Lac Community Development office located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the City-County Government Center. An application may also be delivered via postal service or submitted electronically. Application filing deadlines and meeting dates are listed in the *Downtown Architectural Review Board Timetable*.

The Downtown Architectural Review Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A of the City-County Government Center, 160 S Macy Street. The project applicant or a representative must attend the meeting to present the proposal.

**DARB meeting agendas and minutes may be viewed on the City's website:** [www.fdl.wi.gov](http://www.fdl.wi.gov)

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