

Historic Preservation Commission  
Application for Certificate of Appropriateness  
City of La Crosse Municipal Code Section 20.92

Property Address 429 7<sup>th</sup> Street North, La Crosse: Hixon House  
Applicant's Name(s) Margaret Lichter  
Owner's Name (if different) La Crosse County Historical Society  
Phone Number of Contact Person (608) 782-1980

Applicant requests the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission for proposed changes involving the exterior of a designated historic site or historic structure.

1. A detailed description, including drawings, pictures and any other details showing the final appearance of the proposed construction, reconstruction or alteration, is enclosed.

Yes  No

2. The proposed work requires the issuance of a building permit.

Yes  No

3. Describe the purpose of exterior changes.

This project extends the scope of our previous porch repair project to include all the house porches. We wish to repair/replace rotting deck boards on the south and east porches; rebuild the south porch steps; and repair the east porch steps (new treads & sides). We would also like to repaint these three porch decks & steps. The skirting of the south porch has been damaged by rabbits, so sections need to be replaced. We also wish to prevent further damage (F)

4. Describe how the historical attributes of the structure or building will be preserved.

We plan to use boards and trim of the same material and dimensions as currently exist. We will also be returning the deck color and trim color to the c. 1900 colors as determined by professional analysis in 2002. The appearance of all three decks should remain the same except for the color.

Date 3/16/23

Margaret Dr. Lichter  
Applicant/Owner

(F) by installing hardware cloth behind the porches' skirting.

Specifications for Repairs to Porches and Steps at Hixon House  
For the Heritage Preservation Commission  
M. Lichter, 3-14-23

**East Porch**

- 1) Remove rotting and warping boards or sections of boards from this porch, approx. 7'6" deep by 8' wide.
- 2) Install new vertical grain fir or cypress flooring, as needed. Flooring to be butted to posts. (No need to elevate posts.)
- 3) Re-caulk seams along siding/flooring connection plus post to flooring connection.
- 4) Replace treads and sides of the two steps, 6'5" wide by 13' deep, retaining risers and railings.
- 5) Install ½" by ½" hardware cloth behind extant skirting, stapling the cloth to a treated 2" x 8" inserted in the ground in an effort to control rabbit population.
- 6) Scrape and repaint entire Porch deck and step treads, risers, and sides.

**South Porch**

- 7) Remove rotting and warping boards or sections of boards from porch, approx. 8'8" deep by 30'7" long. Affected area approx. 4' x 15".
- 8) Install new vertical grain fir or cypress flooring, as needed. Flooring to be butted to posts. (No need to elevate posts.)
- 9) Re-caulk seams along siding/flooring connection plus post to flooring connection.
- 10) Remove two steps leading to south steps, disposing of them properly.
- 11) Rebuild steps with equal rise/run ratio (approx. 6" rise/11" run).
- 12) Repair or rebuild *as necessary* 1" x 2" skirting, including backing it with ½" x ½" hardware cloth that is then stapled to a treated 2" x 8" inserted in the ground in an effort to control rabbit population.
- 13) Scrape and repaint entire Porch deck and step treads and risers.

**North Porch**

- 14) Install ½" by ½" hardware cloth behind extant skirting, stapling the cloth to a treated 2" x 8" inserted in the ground in an effort to control rabbit population.
- 15) Scrape and repaint entire porch deck.

East Porch



East Porch





North Porch

