

Design Guidelines: Accessory Structures

- AS1** Preserve and repair historic accessory structures (i.e. garages, carriage houses, sheds or other outbuildings) and their character-defining features, including doors, siding, windows and roofs.
- AS2** Deteriorated elements of a historic accessory structure should be repaired if possible, or replaced in-kind. See relevant sections of the Design Guidelines (i.e. 'Windows' or 'Siding & Trim') for guidance on addressing individual building elements.
- AS3** If a historic accessory structure is deteriorated beyond repair or has been removed, the design of a new structure should be based on historic documentation or physical or pictorial evidence. If no such documentation is available, the design should be guided by the design of the primary structure and other nearby secondary structures.



This historic garage is an important part of the streetscape of East Walnut Street. Matching ornamental concrete block was used for the foundation and porch of the house it serves.



Simple details such as the hinges and handles give these modern overhead doors a more traditional appearance.

- AS4** Design new accessory structures so they complement the scale, setback, roof form, design and materials of the primary building and surrounding secondary structures.
- AS5** Site new accessory structures - particularly garages - adjacent to alleys where possible. Where no alleys exist, site new accessory structures to the rear of the property behind the primary structure, with access through the side yard.
- AS6** Use a separate door for each bay of a multi-car garage. Consider using paneled or 'carriage house'-type doors rather than standard overhead doors.

AS7 Detached garages are most appropriate for use in the historic district. Attached garages should be located on a secondary façade, and the garage door should not be visible from the front of the home. The Design Guidelines for additions should be applied.

AS8 The roof pitch of new accessory structures should be no less than one in six. If the roofline of the primary structure is a character-defining feature, consider echoing that roofline on the outbuilding.

AS9 Materials used for new accessory structures should reflect the utilitarian function of the building and the materials used on surrounding structures. Wood siding (clapboard or board and batten), brick, concrete block and stucco are all materials used on accessory structures in Corydon's historic district.



This new garage is appropriately located behind the house. The narrow connector helps to differentiate it from the original building and minimizes the physical impacts on the home.

AS10 If a garage, carriage house or other accessory structure is being converted to a new use, avoid making changes that will alter its essential utilitarian character or its relationship to the primary structure.

