

Historic Name: Amblard, Emile, Guest House Common Name: Wishing Well Apartments Owner's Name and Address: Mr. David Hanson 36½ North Vine Street Waconia, Minnesota 55387		County: Carver Community: Waconia Address/Legal Descr.: 32-36 North Vine Street												
Classification: Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Acreage: Less than 1 acre												
Condition: Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: Waconia Plat S. 57½' Lots 19-21 Block 36												
Open to the Public: Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Visible from the road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____													
Occupied: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Present Use: Apartments													
History: Date Constructed: ca. 1900 Original Owner: Emile Amblard Architect/Builder: Emile Amblard Original Use: Guest House		UTM Reference: 15 / 437650 / 4966500 Waconia Quad												
Description: The Emile Amblard Guest House is constructed on a slightly sloping hill overlooking Lake Waconia at 32-36 North Vine Street. The guest house is 2½ stories in height and constructed of wood frame with wood lapped siding. A two story verandah with a second balustrade runs the length of the front facade. The front facade is dominated by three steeply pitched projecting secondary gables. The gables contain patterned polychrome shingles. The decorative and design features of Emile Amblard's Guest House mirror those used in the construction of his villa and cottages on Coney Island, a resort island which Amblard promoted. The guest house is now a multi unit apartment and is in a good state of preservation.		Level of Significance: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____												
Significance: The Emile Amblard Guest House is the best preserved building associated with Waconia's historically significant era as a popular resort (1877-1920). When the village of Waconia, on the south shore of Lake Waconia, was platted in March of 1857 on land owned by Roswell Pl Russell, Russell strongly believed that the town and lake could be developed into a summer resort area. Although the idea was accepted, a period of twenty years passed before significant resort oriented development began. In 1894 Emile Amblard, a member of the French firm of F. Chauvenet and Company, Wine Importers, visited Waconia and Coney Island. So favorable was his impression that he purchased land in Waconia and on the island; he added to his island holdings until he owned one-half of the island. By 1894, Waconia and Coney Island were acclaimed throughout the midwest and east as a popular recreation center. Amblard constructed three villas on the island soon after the turn-of-the-century. In addition, Amblard constructed a guest house,		Status: <table> <tr> <td>Survey</td> <td>Date</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State</td> <td>10/77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Reg.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Land.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HABS/HAER</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	Survey	Date	Local	_____	State	10/77	Nat'l. Reg.	_____	Nat'l. Land.	_____	HABS/HAER	_____
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		Local Contact/Org.: Heritage Committee, Carver County Historical Society												
		Prepared by and date: Lynne VanBrocklin Spaeth February 1978												

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dining room, and automobile garage in Waconia. He had an outstanding artistic ability which was applied in his extensive plans for buildings and landscaping, all of which he financed himself. The guest house served as Amblard's "mainland" residence and resting spot for Coney Island visitors.

The guest house is the only extant building designed by Amblard and the best preserved building associated with Waconia and Coney Island's resort history.