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HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT

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Recognized Federal Heritage Building

ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK, Ontario

Limberlost Cottage

Batterman's Point, Hill Island

Limberlost Cottage was constructed around 1920 as a caretaker's residence. It is one of four extant buildings at Batterman's Point built at that time as supporting structures for a large 19th-century summer home demolished in 1982. The designer of Limberlost is unknown. Changes to the building have included the removal of a fieldstone chimney and the replacement of windows. Parks Canada is the custodian. The Cottage is leased to the Canadian Coast Guard for use as an office and residence.

Reasons for Designation

Limberlost Cottage has been designated "Recognized" because of its historical and architectural significance:

Historical Significance

Due to its original function as a supporting structure for a grand cottage property in the Thousand Islands area, Limberlost Cottage is associated with the cottage movement in Canada and the area's distinction as one of North America's most prestigious cottage regions. Limberlost was likely constructed around 1920 by a subsequent owner of the cottage property, Wallis Bird. Limberlost is associated with Mr. Grant Mitchell, Chairman of the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority, who owned Batterman's Point from 1964 to 1982. He converted Limberlost from a caretaker's house to a cottage in the 1960s or 1970s. As one of four extant structures dating from the early 20th century on the property, the cottage is a visible reminder of Batterman's Point's grand past.

Architectural Significance

At the time of its designation, Limberlost was a good example of Rustic architecture, incorporating local materials, Tudor Revival elements and whimsical detailing to achieve a picturesque quality. Vandalism and refurbishing have removed some of these elements, including the rubble-stone chimney and diamond-paned windows. Extant Rustic elements include a rubble-stone foundation, cedar-shingle siding, hip-roof dormers and peeled-log porch supports. Limberlost is a visible reminder of the importance of Rustic designs for cottage buildings.

Character-Defining Elements

The heritage character of Limberlost Cottage resides in the following character-defining elements:

- Rustic elements which contribute to the cottage's picturesque quality, including a rubble-stone foundation, cedar-shingle siding, hip-roof dormers and peeled-log porch supports.

All maintenance and repair work, as well as future interventions, should respect these character-defining elements.

For further guidance, please refer to the *FHBRO Code of Practice*.