

# National Register of Historic Places (The Basics)



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# Welcome!

- ▶ Benefits
- ▶ Restrictions
- ▶ What is required for a building to be eligible?
- ▶ Historic districts

# Benefits of Listing on the NRHP?

## ▶ Recognition

- ▶ Encourage Community Pride through education
- ▶ Encourage Preservation of other buildings

## ▶ Incentives

- ▶ Rehabilitation tax credits
- ▶ Other financial incentives
- ▶ Building Code leniency/Zoning Variance

# Restrictions?

- ▶ Common misunderstanding that listing places certain restrictions on property
- ▶ NRHP places no regulations on property
  - ▶ Owner is free to do with their building as they please
  - ▶ Should alterations occur that diminish historic integrity, property could be removed from the Register
  - ▶ Local ordinances may include Landmarks regulation
    - ▶ Separate process from NRHP

# Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ Building must be at least 50 years old
  - ▶ Unless there is “exceptional” significance
- ▶ Must retain good historical integrity
  - ▶ Minor additions or alterations may be acceptable
- ▶ Must be significant in at least one area:
  - ▶ Association with significant historical event or pattern of history (Criterion A)
  - ▶ Association with significant person (Criterion B)
  - ▶ Significant for architecture (Criterion C)
  - ▶ Potential to yield information in the future (Criterion D)
    - ▶ Typically reserved for archaeological sites

# Historic Districts

- ▶ Do you have a potential historic district?
  - ▶ Need a good core of eligible buildings
    - ▶ Not significant enough on their own, but are as part of a larger group that are historically or architecturally united
  - ▶ Usually determined through an organized reconnaissance level survey (RLS)
  - ▶ RLS provides data, maps and historic contexts required for nomination form
- ▶ Benefits of Historic Districts:
  - ▶ Benefits to larger numbers of properties for a little more work than an individual nomination (tax credits, community preservation)
  - ▶ Used as a planning/redevelopment tool

# Who We Are

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