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National Register of Historic Places

Seeks to

- Identify and locate important properties
-Explains how a resource meets NR criteria
-Makes a case for Historical Significance and Integrity
Historic Properties are resources that are more than 50 years of age.
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Property Types

- Buildings
- Districts
- Sites
- Structures
- Objects
To be listed on the State or National Register you need:

1) **Architectural Integrity**
   - Location
   - Design
   - Setting
   - Materials
   - Workmanship
   - Feeling
   - Association

2) **Story to tell**
The qualities of **Integrity**

**The ability of a property to convey its significance**

**Condition – not a factor**

Changes over time – can become significant in their own right

- Define essential physical features that must be present
- Determine which are visible
- Compare with similar properties
- Determine, based on significance, which aspects of integrity are vital
The Criteria
for listing on the National Register

Integrity and Historical significance
Criterion A

Properties that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history

- Type of event
- Association of the property
- Significance of the association
Criterion B

Properties that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

- Must be individually significant within a historic context
- Associated with a person’s productive life
Criterion C

Properties that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

- Patterns of features
- Example within context
- Expressive of career
Criterion D

Properties that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.
Criterion G

Properties that are less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the last 50 years.
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The Myths

• My property value will go down.
• Someone is going to tell me what I can and can’t do with my own property.
• You get a bronze plaque that says your property has been listed.
• I won’t be able to change anything.
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The Myths

- If my property gets listed I have to open it up to the public a couple of times a year.
- There are grant funds available to help me restore my historic property once it's listed.
- You have to restore the property once it's listed.
- If my property is listed, I can't demolish the building.
The results of listing in the **National Register of Historic Places**

- Eligibility for federal tax provisions.
- Consideration in planning for federally funded, licensed, or assisted projects.
- Consideration in issuing a surface coal mining permit.
- Qualification for federal historic preservation grants.
- Special Valuation.
- Special Consideration with regard to Building Code Requirements.
- Integrity of property rights.
- Community pride.
- Recognition.
Designated Historic Sites – Statewide

- **1,334** listings on the National Register of Historic Places statewide.
- **215** National Register Historic district listings.
- **450** listings on the Washington Heritage Register of Historic Places statewide.
- **24** National Historic Landmark listings.
Welcome!

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation is Washington State’s primary agency with knowledge and expertise in historic preservation. We advocate the preservation of Washington’s irreplaceable historic and cultural resources – significant buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts – as assets for the future. Through education and information, we provide leadership for the protection of our shared heritage.

Increasingly, preservation is recognized as a tool for economic development. It is the cultural and historic resources of a community that tells the story of its past, a past that makes any single community distinct from all other places. Preserving these physical reminders of our past creates a sense of place, the result being an environment that instills civic pride and community spirit.

What you’ll find here...

This website will provide you with information, documents, maps, photographs and tools to help you:

- News & Announcements
- OAHP Becomes Own State Agency & Adopts Temporary Rules
- National & State Register
- Survey & Inventory
- Financial Assistance
- Technical Guidance
- Education/Training
- Preservation Work

Historic Sites:

Technical Preservation Guidance

The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) offers the following links, brochures and articles about the most frequently asked topics relating to the preservation of historic sites, structures and properties across Washington. These links are distributed for the convenience of property owners, developers, and others who wish to learn more about the preservation of historic resources. OAHP serves only in a referral capacity and does not guarantee or endorse any of the products mentioned.
DAHP Web Site    www.dahp.wa.gov

WISAARD
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