

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE



**State Historic
Preservation Office
at the Ohio History Center**
I-71 & 17th Ave. (Exit 111)
Columbus

HOURS
Monday–Friday
9 a.m.–5 p.m.
(excluding holidays)

Individual staff hours may vary. To better serve you, we encourage you to call ahead for an appointment.

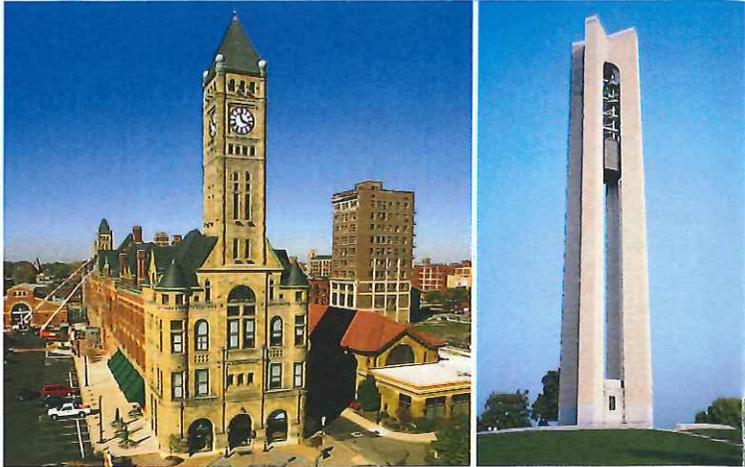
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Headquartered at the Ohio History Center in Columbus, the State Historic Preservation Office has a professional staff with expertise in archaeology, history, architectural history, architecture, planning and other related fields.

The State Historic Preservation Office:

- Prepares and distributes a state historic preservation plan.
- Identifies historic places and archaeological sites.
- Nominates eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places.
- Reviews proposed rehabilitation work on historic buildings for federal and state tax credits.
- Consults on federally-assisted projects for effects on historic, architectural and archaeological resources.
- Qualifies communities for the Certified Local Governments program.
- Administers a competitive matching grant program.
- Consults on building and site conservation.
- Offers educational programs and publications.

The State Historic Preservation Office is the official historic preservation agency for Ohio. It has been part of the Ohio History Connection since 1967 when the Ohio History Connection was designated to manage responsibilities delegated to the state by Congress in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. It is funded by an annual grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund and matching funds from the Ohio History Connection, the State of Ohio and other public and private sources.

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Qualifying communities can actively participate in Ohio's historic preservation program by becoming Certified Local Governments. To become certified, a unit of local government must have a program for recognizing and protecting its historic, architectural and archaeological resources approved by the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service.

The State Historic Preservation Office helps local governments establish certifiable preservation programs and offers advice on:

- Implementing effective local historic preservation legislation.
- Identifying historic, architectural and archaeological resources.
- Developing a preservation plan.
- Nominating eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places.
- Protecting local resources.

The office provides training for design review boards and commissions and distributes an online newsletter to Certified Local Governments. Certified Local Governments can apply for competitive matching grants awarded by the State Historic Preservation Office to help fund local preservation education efforts, plans, surveys, designations and rehabilitation projects.

Visit ohiohistory.org/clg to learn more about the Certified Local Governments program.

CONSERVING OHIO'S RESOURCES

Technical advice is always available from our experienced staff. Services and resources include a preservation research library, Building Doctor clinics and publications including the *Old-Building Owner's Manual*.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Workshops, publications and other educational programs help inform Ohioans about historic preservation and provide networking opportunities. Building Doctor Clinics, offered between March and October each year and hosted by local co-sponsors, include a free seminar for old-building owners on topics like roof repair, windows, wood repair, masonry and many other common maintenance and rehabilitation issues of buildings built before 1955. The "doctors" also make site visits to nearby ailing buildings to examine problems and prescribe cures.

Learn more about the Building Doctor program by visiting ohiohistory.org/buildingdoctor.

While the paper inventory records are generally open to the public, the State Historic Preservation Office provides project-specific electronic inventory information via a records-search service for a fee to parties planning government-assisted projects and for scholarly research.

The Online Mapping System provides agencies and researchers with direct access to Ohio's inventory records in digital format. Access to this subscription-based service is limited. This site allows users to query cultural data and produce maps. A free version of the site offers a variety of map-creation tools.

[Visit ohiohistory.org/mapping](http://ohiohistory.org/mapping) to register for an account.



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

The National Register of Historic Places recognizes properties worthy of preservation for their local, state or national significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture. A program of the National Park Service, it is administered in Ohio by the State Historic Preservation Office. For a property to qualify for the National Register, it must typically be 50 years old, meet one of four broad criteria and retain historic integrity of the features necessary to convey its significance.

In Ohio, the first step in nominating a property to the National Register is to complete a National Register Preliminary Questionnaire designed to help us help you determine whether a property is likely to qualify for listing. Nominations are reviewed by State Historic Preservation Office staff, by the governor-appointed Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board and finally by the National Park Service. The State Historic Preservation Office searchable database contains information on Ohio properties listed in the National Register.

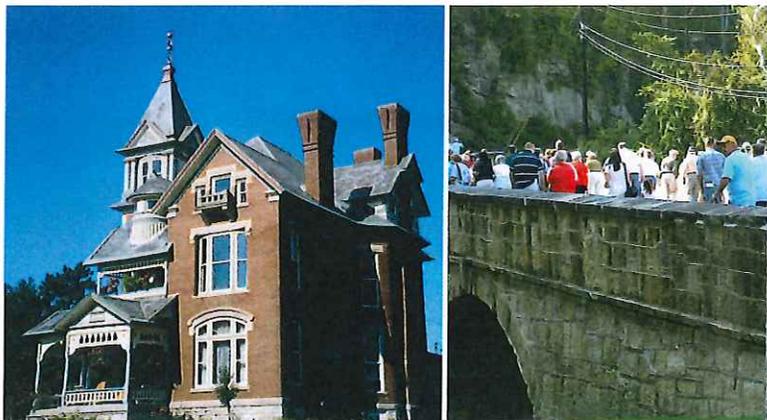
[Visit ohiohistory.org/nationalregister](http://ohiohistory.org/nationalregister) to search the database.

HISTORIC REHABILITATION TAX CREDITS

The federal Historic Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit is available to owners who rehabilitate income-producing properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The credit is 20% of qualified rehabilitation expenditures for projects qualifying as substantial rehabilitations. All work must be certified as meeting the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The State Historic Preservation Office's role in the program is to hold preliminary meetings in order to advise owners and architects, then to conduct an in-depth review of each project before sending the application to the National Park Service with recommendations for review and approval. Following completion of the rehabilitation project, the State Historic Preservation Office makes recommendations on final certifications to the National Park Service.

The Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit program provides a state tax credit for rehabilitating designated historic properties in Ohio. Owners must be non-governmental, the tax credits must be a major factor in the rehabilitation financing and all rehabilitation work must meet the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The tax credit is 25% of qualified rehabilitation expenditures, currently set to a maximum of \$5 million in credits per application. Tax credits are awarded through competitive application rounds based on potential economic impact and regional distributive balance. The Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit program is administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency in partnership with the Ohio History Connection's State Historic Preservation Office and the Ohio Department of Taxation.

[Visit ohiohistory.org/hptaxincentives](http://ohiohistory.org/hptaxincentives) to learn more about the state and federal rehabilitation tax credits.



PROTECTING HISTORIC PROPERTIES

The National Historic Preservation Act made preserving historic, architectural and archaeological resources a national policy. Under Section 106 of the act, federal agencies must consider the effects of projects that they fund, license or permit on properties that are listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. To accomplish this, agencies must consult with the State Historic Preservation Office to determine whether their undertakings will affect historic properties and, if they will, work to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects.

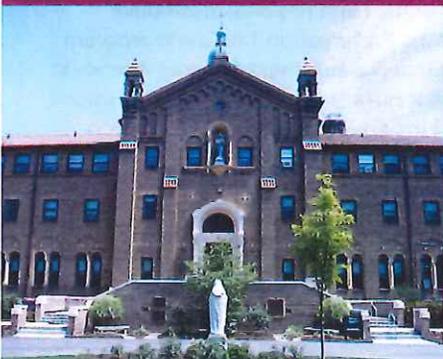
The office reviews over 6,000 federally-assisted projects annually. These include a wide variety of public and private undertakings such as housing renovation, highway improvements, cell towers and manufacturing plants.

Visit ohiohistory.org/hpreviews to learn more about the project review process.

The office reviews state-assisted projects under Ohio law that directs agencies to consult with the Ohio History Connection when those projects may affect historic properties.

In addition to its role under federal and state law, the office often provides advice on other preservation matters in partnership with local advocates, Ohio's statewide preservation organizations and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The State Historic Preservation Office also collects data on public opinion about preservation issues and serves as a liaison to local, state and national preservation organizations.

Contact the State Historic Preservation Office at the Ohio History Center in Columbus to become involved in preserving Ohio's historic, architectural and archaeological resources. Active support by citizens throughout the state is vital to the future of Ohio's past.



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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The best way to preserve our heritage is to plan for its future. The State Historic Preservation Office offers guidance and assistance to communities interested in managing their historic resources, and encourages local preservation planning efforts. The state plan for historic preservation, completed in concert with numerous local governments, groups and agencies, identifies common historic preservation goals and priorities to help unite and focus preservation efforts throughout Ohio.

View the plan online at ohiohistory.org/hpstateplan.

RECORDING OHIO'S RESOURCES

The State Historic Preservation Office is compiling a record of our built environment. The Ohio Historic Inventory records places of historic or architectural interest, and the Ohio Archaeological Inventory documents prehistoric and historic archaeological sites. Prepared by researchers, consultants, agencies and the general public, inventory forms are reviewed by State Historic Preservation Office staff before being added to the inventory.

Inventory records that describe more than 150,000 properties throughout the state are kept at the Ohio History Center in Columbus. Inventory records and related survey reports and maps are used for academic research, historic preservation planning and environmental review. I-Form is an application that allows for online submission of Ohio Archaeological Inventory and Ohio Historic Inventory forms. I-Form use is expected from professionals submitting inventory forms for most federal compliance projects, surveys funded with Certified Local Government grants and other large-scale surveys. Access to I-Form is free.

Visit ohiohistory.org/iform to become an I-Form user.