

News You Can Use
Information for SHPO National Register (NR) Staff
July, 2009

- **Publishing General Notices for nominations with more than 50 property owners –**

Some of you have raised an interesting question with regards to the publishing of general notices in local newspapers (particularly when some newspapers are no longer operating) and what constitutes notice in “local newspapers of general circulation in the area of the nomination.” See NR Federal Regulations, 36 CFR 60.6(d). While these Federal Regulations use the word “newspaper,” this does not necessarily mean on “newsprint.” We recommend consulting your state’s procurement office *to determine possible options* for regions no longer served by print newspapers. Public notice announcements using on-line newspapers of general circulation are acceptable. Questions? Contact Paul Loether at (202) 354-2003.

- **Environmental Benefits of Historic Preservation -**

A recent comprehensive economic and environmental impact analysis of the Maryland Heritage Rehabilitation Tax Credit program is one of the first to quantify the positive environmental impacts of historic rehabilitation projects. A report with these findings is on-line at:

<http://www.nemw.org/images/EnvEnergyImpactsMDHistTaxCredit.pdf>

- **New PBS Series!!! The National Parks: America's Best Idea** is a six-episode series directed by Ken Burns and written and co-produced by Dayton Duncan. Series begins September 27, 2009. For further information:

<http://www.pbs.org/nationalparks/>

- **National Register Bulletins –** The National Register program is making efforts to be more environmentally “green” with our print publications and will no longer be *printing* hard copy versions. While supplies last, we will continue to send out remaining hard copies (however, we ask that you don’t panic and request 1000 copies of Bulletin 16A). All NR publications are available on-line at www.nps.gov/history/nr/publications/ or in pdf format on one DVD. By moving towards on-line publication formats, our technical information will be revised and updated faster. Information on any upcoming Bulletin revisions will be sent out on future e-mail blasts and all SHPOs will have the opportunity for input. Any publication questions contact: Christine_h_Messing@contractor.nps.gov.

- **National Register Geographical Data.** We are receiving some NR nominations with very creative verbal boundary descriptions and boundary justifications. Please review the information regarding Geographical Data (pages 54-58) in the National Register Bulletin *How to Complete the National Register Registration Form*--particularly the information highlighted in the "Guidelines" boxes. Have map questions? Contact Kevin Moriarty at (202) 354-2237.
- **Hispanic American Heritage Month** is coming up (September 15-October 15) so if you have any National Register properties you want us to highlight, or if you have any events planned, please let us know. Contact: jeff_joeckel@nps.gov
- **National Register Workshop - Wednesday, October 14, 2009 in Nashville, TN.** The Tennessee SHPO is hosting a free, one-day workshop for SHPO/THPO/FPO staff during the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) Conference. The workshop will be held at the Nashville Public Library, Downtown Learning Center. NPS NR staff will offer more in-depth training on defining contexts, context vs. history, and evaluating/documenting vernacular and designed landscapes. Contact Jim Gabbert at (202) 354-2275 or James_Gabbert@nps.gov for more details.
- **School Starts Soon** - Check out our NPS **Teaching with Historic Places** lesson plans and curriculum guides:

<http://www.nps.gov/history/teachers.htm>
- **Got TIFF images?** Color photographs are now acceptable with National Register nominations as long as they are TIFF images. This means prints can now be in either *color* or *black & white* as long as they are TIFFs. <http://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/photopolicy/index.htm>. Questions? Contact Alexis Abernathy at Alexis_Abernathy@contractor.nps.gov or (202) 354-2236.
- **Our National Register Web page has more flair!** <http://www.nps.gov/nr/>

We are prominently using the color photographs of National Register properties that you send, so keep them coming! Our "Highlighted Property of the Week" feature includes the full downloadable copy of the National Register nomination and our "Sample Nominations" section provides a wide range of nomination examples for use as guides. Please send any comments about our website to jeff_joeckel@nps.gov