



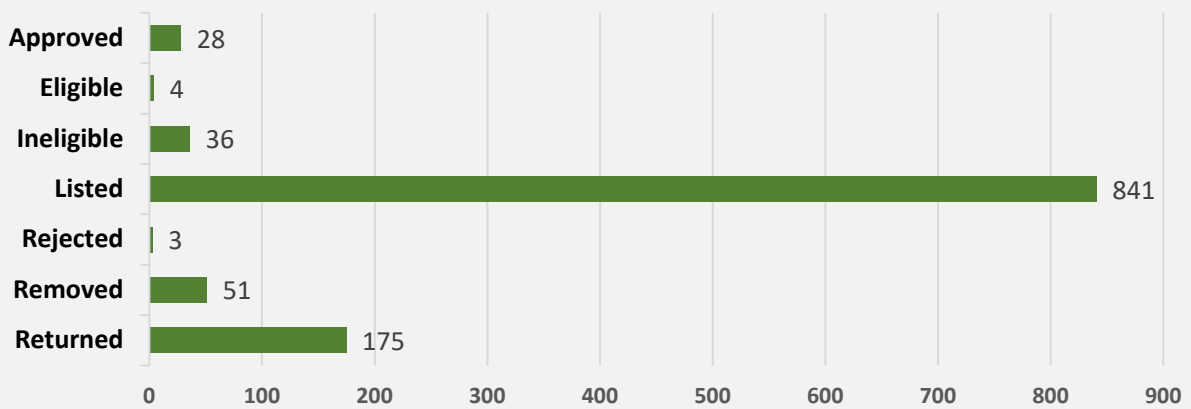
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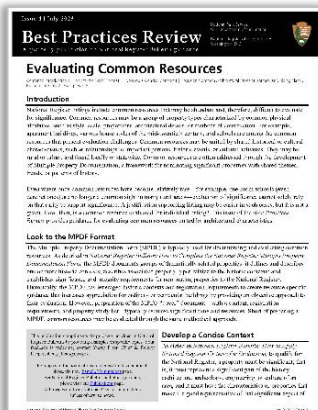
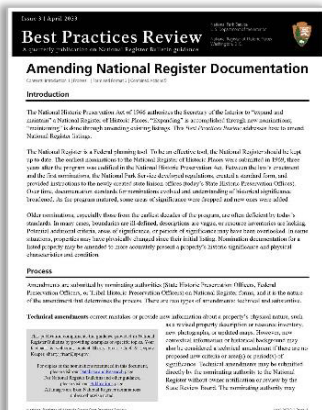
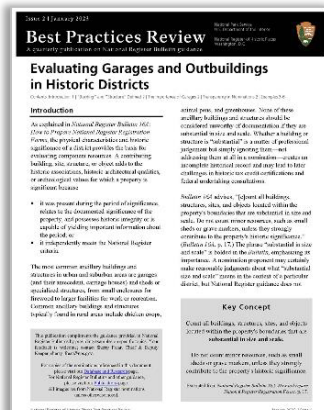
Fiscal 2023 Accomplishments

In Fiscal Year 2023, the National Register Program processed over 1,100 actions, and launched or continued several major initiatives, including revisions to the Traditional Cultural Properties Bulletin and consolidation of the program photograph policies, both discussed in articles in this issue.



Approved = Multiple Property Documentation Cover; Eligible/Ineligible = DOE request or owner objection. Source: NRIS, Sept. 2023.

The program began internal scoping for updating Bulletins 15 (criteria) and 16A (form) and developing Modern Era guidance; initiated the development of a nationwide Urban Renewal Multiple Property Documentation Form; and continued to issue the quarterly *Best Practices Review*, available at [National Register Publications](https://www.nps.gov/nrhp/bestpractices) ([nps.com](https://www.nps.gov))



Draft Traditional Cultural Places Bulletin Available for Comment

The Draft Traditional Cultural Places (TCP) Bulletin is now available for a second round of public comments. The Federal Register notice is here [Draft TCP Bulletin Federal Register Notice \(federalregister.gov\)](#) and the Draft TCP Bulletin is available here [Draft TCP Bulletin Project Website](#). A summary of the substantive changes made in response to comments and concerns is available both in the Federal Register notice and at the "Document List" link on the project website.

The deadline for submitting comments on the Draft TCP Bulletin is March 25, 2024.

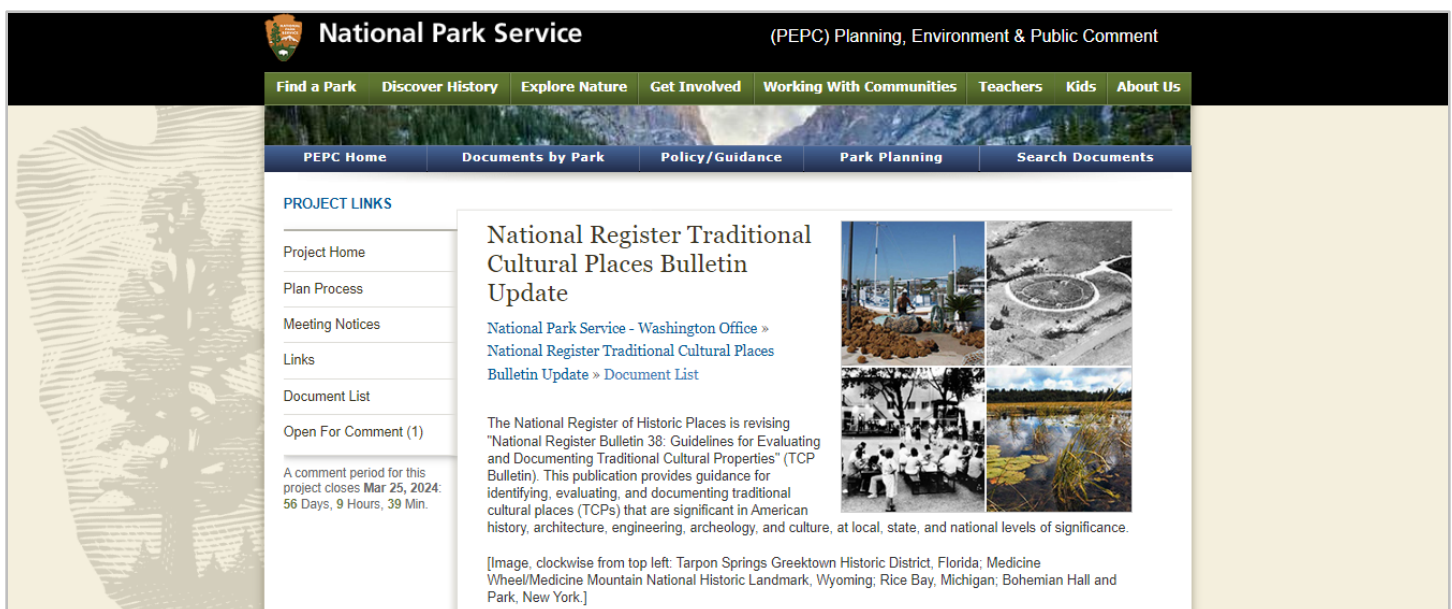
Comments may be submitted online through the project website; via email to nr_tcp@nps.gov; or mailed to

National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Stewart Lee Udall Building
1849 C Street, NW
Mail Stop 7228
Washington, D.C. 20240
ATTN: Draft TCP Bulletin

Please note, because U.S. Postal Service mail received at the Udall Building is irradiated, and this may cause damage, we recommended that paper correspondence be delivered to the Udall Building via private courier service, such as DHL, UPS, or FedEx.

This draft addresses comments received after the close of the first round in April 2023. In developing this draft, the National Register Program conducted 17 virtual outreach and consultation sessions, reaching over 400 attendees from 185 organizations and 42 Tribes. Eighty-five communications were received via email, letter, and website submissions, totaling approximately 900 comments.

The National Register Program anticipates releasing a revised TCP Bulletin by Summer 2024.

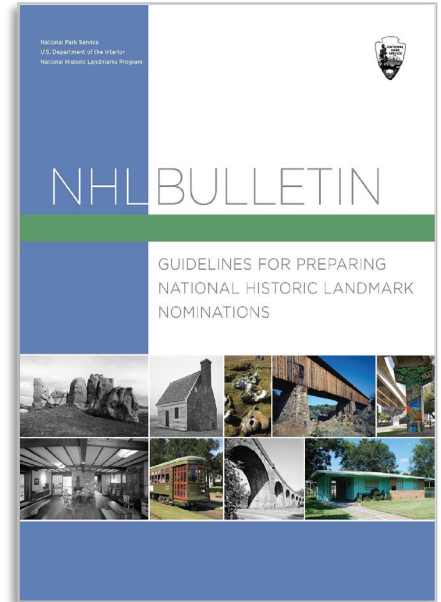
The screenshot shows the National Park Service website's (PEPC) Planning, Environment & Public Comment section. The header includes the NPS logo and navigation links like 'Find a Park', 'Discover History', etc. Below this is a sub-navigation bar with 'PEPC Home', 'Documents by Park', 'Policy/Guidance', 'Park Planning', and 'Search Documents'. The main content area is titled 'PROJECT LINKS' and features a sidebar with links to 'Project Home', 'Plan Process', 'Meeting Notices', 'Links', 'Document List', and 'Open For Comment (1)'. The main text area is titled 'National Register Traditional Cultural Places Bulletin Update' and includes a link to the 'Document List'. It also contains a paragraph about the revision of the TCP Bulletin and a grid of four images showing historic sites: Tarpon Springs Greentown Historic District, Florida; Medicine Wheel/Medicine Mountain National Historic Landmark, Wyoming; Rice Bay, Michigan; and Bohemian Hall and Park, New York.

The Draft TCP Bulletin is available on the project website at [Draft TCP Bulletin Project Website](#).

New National Historic Landmark Bulletin Available for Download

The new National Historic Landmark (NHL) Bulletin is now available for download at [NHL Bulletin: Guidelines for Preparing National Historic Landmark Nominations \(2023\)](#). The National Park Service prepared this update to the 1999 edition in cooperation with the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO). The 2023 *NHL Bulletin* now serves as the core guidance for understanding NHLs and the process by which they are identified, nominated, and designated. Initiated in 2017, this publication represents the feedback and work of many individuals, both inside and outside of the National Park Service.

For over sixty years, the Secretary of the Interior has designated properties as National Historic Landmarks because they possess exceptional value in illustrating the diverse history of the United States. NHLs are associated with nationally significant persons, places, events, or patterns that represent the panorama of the American experience and contribute to understanding the nation as a whole. Owners and stewards of NHLs may be private citizens, organizations, corporations, tribal entities, or federal, state, or local governments. As historical scholarship has expanded, so to have the types of stories represented among the over 2,600 places honored as NHLs. This updated guidance is designed to support continued growth and diversity in National Historic Landmark designations.



National Register Cover Letter a Remedy Against Frost



Robert Frost home, 35 Brewster Avenue in Cambridge, MA (NR Ref. 82001941).

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both....*
— Robert Frost, *The Road Not Taken* (1915)

What do the opening lines to Robert Frost’s “The Road Not Taken” and the National Register have to do with each other? Well, each action the National Register takes on an incoming nomination may create a divergent path in our database, especially if important information is not presented in the cover letter. The information provided in the cover letter ensures that the nomination is processed in a correct and timely manner.

Each action has its own path to follow and is tracked according to the [Code of Federal Regulations Title 36](#)

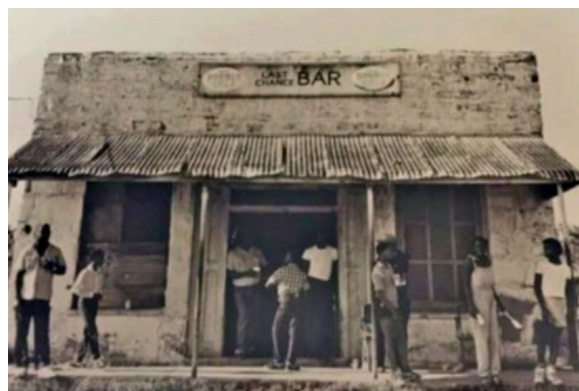
[Chapter 1 Part 60 \(36 CFR 60\)](#). In the cover letter accompanying a National Register action, please specify whether the action is a listing, boundary change, additional documentation, removal, move, owner objection, or something else. The subject line of the cover letter should include the requested action, e.g., “Re: Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for Property in Vermont.”

Questions? Please email Alexis Abernathy at alexis_abernathy@nps.gov

Latest Issue of the National Register's Best Practices Review Issued

The latest issue of the *Best Practices Review* looks at the application of Criterion A to places significant for culture and is available at [Best Practices Review Nominating Properties for Cultural Significance under Criterion A \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/bestpracticesreview/nominating-properties-for-cultural-significance-under-criterion-a).

This issue explores the development of the areas of significance categories and subcategories for ethnic heritage and social history, and how they have evolved and expanded since the earliest years of the program to encourage nomination of a diversity of resources that reflect the depth and breadth of the nation's history. The examples included in this issue highlight places that convey the significance of their communities' foundations, persistence, and continuation.



Abe Lincoln Trading Company building in Clearview, Oklahoma, in use as a bar and juke joint, date unknown (NR Ref. 100009607).

National Register and National Historic Landmarks Programs Unveil New Consolidated Photo Policy

The National Register of Historic Places has consolidated and updated its photo guidance, published at [Consolidated and Updated Photograph Policy 2024 \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/consolidated-and-updated-photograph-policy-2024).

This 2024 guidance replaces the 2013 Guidance on How to Submit a Nomination, the 2013 Photo Policy Factsheet, and the 2020 Electronic-Only Submission Instructions. The Consolidated and Updated Photograph Policy 2024 reiterates the information issued in 2022 for submitting photographs through the Cultural Resources Submission Portal (CRSP). It supplements the policies in National Register Bulletins *How to Complete the National Register Registration Form* (1997) and *How to Improve the Quality of Photographs for National Register Nominations* (1998) but does not otherwise introduce any new requirements. Rather, it collects in one place information on innovations in digital and imaging technology; direction for acceptable file formats and pixel dimensions; and advice on logs, maps, and image choices.



College Hill Historic District, Montgomery County, Ohio (NR Ref. 100009040). These two images are presented in the revised photo policy as examples to demonstrate how a few key photos can convey a district's sense of place.

How to Cite National Register Nominations in Bibliographies and Footnotes

The question of how to cite National Register nominations in bibliographies, footnotes, or endnotes, arises with some frequency. Generally, citations should be consistent throughout a nomination, and include sufficient information to allow a reader to understand the source of the information presented in the nomination. If a SHPO, THPO, or FPO has a preference as to how and where (*e.g.*, foot- or endnote) nominations are cited, the nomination preparer should follow that guidance. For example, at one State Historic Preservation Office, footnotes are preferred over endnotes. Nevertheless, when in doubt about format, the National Register Program recommends consulting the *Chicago Manual of Style* or *A Manual for Writers* by Kate L. Turabian.



Gandalf the White looking over a variety of citations for the Minas Tirith Historic District Boundary Increase. Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema, Osborne, Brian *et.al* (Producers), Jackson, Peter (Director), *The Fellowship of the Ring* (2001), based on the novel by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Following are some examples of citations of National Register nominations, from [FAQs - National Register of Historic Places \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#).

Here is a *Chicago Manual of Style* example for a footnote:

- Susan L. Falder, "Aldo Leopold Shack," National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, 1978), Section 8.

Here are examples of other acceptable formats, again found in the **Frequently Asked Questions** of the National Register website:

- National Register of Historic Places, Lamesa Farm Workers Community Historic District, Los Ibanez, Dawson County, Texas, National Register #93000771.

In this example, "National Register of Historic Places" is followed by the property name, town, county, state, and National Register reference number.

- Straw, Elizabeth A. "Cumberland Homesteads Historic District, Cumberland County, Tennessee." National Register of Historic Places Inventory/Nomination Form. Tennessee Historic Commission, Nashville, September 20, 1988.

In this example, Elizabeth A. Straw, of the Tennessee Historical Commission, is the nomination's author. The date provided is the date the property was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Here are some nomination citations in endnotes from the National Register Bulletin *Historic Residential Suburbs: Guidelines for Evaluation and Documentation for the National Register of Historic Places*, co-written by National Register Historian Linda McClelland, page 113:

- 73. Patricia Erigeron, et al., Ladd's Addition Historic District NRHP Nomination, Oregon SHPO, August 31, 1988.
- 75. Thomas W. Hatchett, Myers Park H.D. NRHP Nomination, North Carolina SHPO, August 10, 1987.
- 80. Bruce E. and Cynthia D. Lynch, Washington Highlands H.D. NRHP Nomination, Wisconsin SHPO, December 18, 1989

