

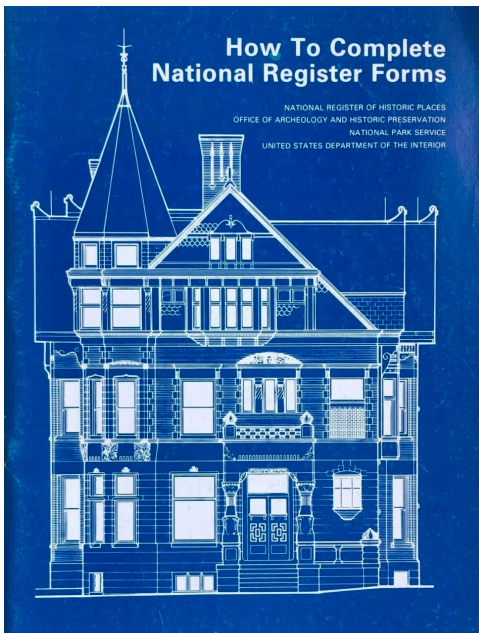


NRHP E-Blasts

National Register of Historic Places news for the historic preservation community

September 2025

National Register Form Update Work Continues



"How to Complete National Register Forms"
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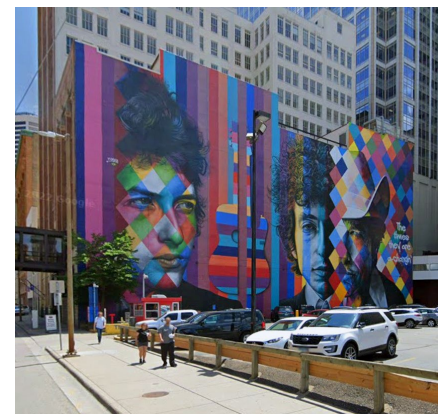
The National Register Program is currently working with the Office of Management and Budget to renew its forms, something that happens on a regular three-year-renewal cycle. The revised Registration Form will include additional checkboxes to capture more specific information for restricted nominations and space to provide additional information such as whether a nomination is supported by DOI/NPS grant funding. The revised forms will again be issued in MS Word format; the National Park Service is not able at this time to develop a PDF format form or on-line fillable form.

The current forms—Registration Form 10-900, the Multiple Property Documentation Form 10-900a, and Continuation Sheet 10-900b—are valid until the next forms are approved and released in 2026. Please remember to use these forms and not older versions. Nominations have been received recently on circa 2012 forms, which are just different enough from the current forms to make processing and reviewing cumbersome.

“The Times They Are A-Changin”: A Reminder for New State Staff

Staff changes are happening on a regular basis in state offices and new or new-to-National Register-duties people may need assistance in submitting National Register actions for processing. The National Register’s system for submitting actions is the Cultural Resources Submission Portal (CRSP) and the instructions for requesting the creation of a new account and submitting an action here: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/crsp.htm>.

If you have questions please contact Alexis Abernathy or Jeff Joeckel in the Workflow Team at alexis_abernathy@nps.gov or jeff_joeckel@nps.gov.



Bob Dylan Mural, Minneapolis, Minnesota
(Google, June 2019)"

Be Sure Section 3 is Complete!

If you have the opportunity to visit the offices of the National Register of Historic Places in Washington, D.C., you'll likely see a well-worn copy of the *National Register Bulletin: How to Complete the National Register Registration Form* on every reviewer's desk. Despite being nearly 30 years old, this document remains a vital reference for everyone involved in National Register work.

For example, the Bulletin's Appendix VII "Instructions for Certifying Registration Forms" provides detailed instructions for completing Section 3 "State/Federal Agency Certification" of the National Register Registration Form, yet actions continue to arrive in Washington, D.C., missing the SHPO, THPO, or FPO signature, or without the criteria and level of significance blanks filled in. Another common error is not checking the "nomination / request for determination of eligibility meets" box, which is particularly important in assisting us in distinguishing owner-objection DOEs from NR listing requests. A complete Section 3 is critical to the accurate and timely processing of nominations. Incomplete or inaccurate information in Section 3 delays processing and review as we chase down that information, and may result in a nomination being returned for correction.

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, |

I hereby certify that this ☐ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

☐ national ☐ statewide ☐ local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Signature of certifying official/Title:

Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

NEW: Featured Property

With over 100,000 listings, the National Register of Historic Places includes a vast variety of properties and places significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. In this and future issues, we highlight a recent listing.



The Elkhorn Band Shell (NRIS 12000490) continues to draw audiences to Sunset Park for the community's summer concert series. (Photograph by Dale Reich, published in the Walworth County Community News, August 29, 2025, at <https://walworthcountycommunitynews.com/2025/08/29/new-information-reveals-elkhorn-band-shell-has-added-statewide-historical-significance/>)

On August 13, 2025, the National Register accepted additional documentation for the **Elkhorn Band Shell** in Elkhorn, Walworth County, Wisconsin (12000490). The structure was listed in 2012 at the local level of significance under Criterion C for Architecture as a 1920s band shell with Classical Revival-styled details, meeting the requirements of Criteria Consideration B for moved properties.

Constructed on the courthouse square in 1926, the Elkhorn Band Shell was relocated in 1962 to its current place in Sunset Park, sparing the structure from demolition for a

new courthouse. In 2025, SHPO submitted the additional documentation to raise the level of significance to statewide, due to the structure's unusual acoustical engineering innovated by Phoenix-based architect George Pheby (1860-1927), who sought to enhance the sound quality of outdoor band performances. Working with a Phoenix bandleader, Peter Venne, Pheby designed a bandshell with a wooden, hollow-body soundboard with "tonal slots" like a stringed instrument and a hemispherical sound mixing chamber. In 1922, Pheby published his bandshell concept in *Popular Mechanics*, and at least four other cities are known to have requested Pheby's plans for the band shell from the magazine.

The Elkhorn Band Shell is one of just two remaining band shells in Wisconsin from this era that employ this technology—the other being a later copy of this innovative design—and it is the only known intact example in the United States to have been designed by George Pheby; others have been altered, with their wood resonators removed, or they have been demolished or lost to fire. A 2024 analysis of the Elkhorn Band Shell found that the wood used in the construction of the hemisphere was Spruce (*Picea* spp./Pinaceae), probably Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis*), a species found in western North America. The wood in the construction of the soundboard behind the hemisphere was identified as Sequoia (*Sequoia sempervirens*), also known as Coastal Redwood.

National Historic Landmarks Program News



Grant Cottage NHL, Town of Wilton, Saratoga County, New York, designated January 13, 2001. (Credit: Wes Haynes, 2016)

Looking for final approved copies of recent National Historic Landmark nominations? Check out the links on our “[List of NHLs By State](#)” page to download fully accessible PDFs. These [nominations](#) and many [NHL theme studies](#) are also now available at the [NPS DataStore](#). For nominations older than c. 2012 try a search in the National Archives Catalog [National Historic Landmark Program Records](#).

The NHL Nomination form (NPS Form 10-934) is also undergoing the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) renewal process. Renewal with minor changes to the Word document form is expected by the end of March 2026.

Preparing the Ideal National Register Transmittal Letter

The transmittal letter from a nominating authority specifying the National Register action requested is an essential part of a submission package. The letter should provide a brief summary of any relevant information and indicate if there is any associated correspondence or special requests for review.

An efficient and effective way to convey the information in this letter is via a checklist format. The checklist format, pioneered by the Vermont SHPO and now used by a number of other states, expedites the processing of new submission packages by clearly and accurately indicating what is being submitted; what actions have been taken regarding notifications, review board meetings, and Certified Local Governments; whether historic tax credit are being used by the property; and whether the action is NPS grant-funded. The National Register internally tracks the use of tax credits and NPS grants, and the checklist is an easy way to communicate use of these programs and route submission packages expeditiously.

Example transmittal letters from Vermont, Michigan, and Texas are attached to this issue of the E-Blast. These checklists may be adopted and modified with more or less detail as appropriate for your state. Whatever variation is used, checklists help streamline both the submission of documentation and review of critical information, better ensuring accurate processing of National Register actions.





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*Agency of Commerce and
Community Development*

February 5, 2025

Joy Beasley
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
National Register Program
1849 C Street, NW (Mail Stop 7228)
Washington, DC 20240

Re: Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for Property in Vermont

Dear Ms. Beasley:

This submittal contains a true and correct copy of the nomination for the H.H. Mower General Store located at 200 Bridge Street in Sheldon, VT, to the National Register of Historic Places.

Notification

The property owner(s), Chief Elected Official and Regional Planning Commission were notified of the proposed nomination on March 13, 2024.

- ☒ No objections to the nomination were submitted to the Division during the public comment period.
- ☐ An objection to the nomination was submitted to the Division during the public comment period. A copy of the objection is attached.
- ☐ A letter of support for the nomination was submitted to the Division during the public comment period. A copy of the letter is attached.

Certified Local Government

- ☒ The property being nominated is not located in a CLG community.
- ☐ The property being nominated is located in a CLG community, and a copy of the local commission's review is attached.

Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits

- ☒ This property is not utilizing the Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits.
- ☐ This property is being rehabilitated using the Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits. A copy of the *Part I – Evaluation of Significance* form is attached.

NPS Grant-Funded Submissions

- ☐ Not funded with a NPS grant
- ☐ Underrepresented Communities Grant
- ☐ African American Civil Rights Grant
- ☐ History of Equal Rights Grant
- ☐ Tribal Heritage Grant
- ☒ Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant
- ☐ Disaster Recovery Grant

State Review Board

The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation reviewed the draft nomination materials at its meeting on April 18, 2024. The Council voted that the property meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation under Criteria A and C and recommends that the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination.

If you have any questions concerning this nomination, please do not hesitate to contact me at (802) 505-1147 or elizabeth.peebles@vermont.gov.

Sincerely,

VERMONT DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION



Elizabeth Peebles
State Architectural Historian



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FROM: Bonnie Tipton, NR Coordinator
for Bradford Patterson, DSHPO
Texas Historical Commission

RE: Della Phillips House, Austin, Travis County, Texas

DATE: May 1, 2025

The following materials are submitted:

X	SHPO-signed National Register of Historic Places form submitted through the Cultural Resources Submission Portal. The PDF contains the true and correct copy of the National Register of Historic Places nomination for <i>Della Phillips House, Austin, Travis County, Texas</i>
	Location map KMZ file
X	Photographs (TIFF files)
X	ALL files are in single zipped folder
	Resubmitted nomination
	Multiple Property Documentation form
	Resubmitted form
	Correspondence

COMMENTS:

_____ SHPO requests substantive review (cover letter from SHPO attached)

_____ The enclosed owner objections (do___) (do not___) constitute a majority of property owners

_____ Other:

_____ Nomination fulfills requirements of an NPS Grant ()

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GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

QUENTIN L. MESSER, JR.
PRESIDENT

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Ms. Joy Beasley, Keeper
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
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Dear Ms. Beasley:

The enclosed files contain the true and correct copy of the nomination for the **Auburn Hills Historic District, Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan**. This property is being nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This nomination is a X New Submission Resubmission Additional Documentation Removal.

- 1 Signed National Register of Historic Places Registration Form
- 2 Locational maps (incl. with nomination file)
- 1 Sketch map(s) / figures(s) / exhibits(s)
- 2 Pieces of correspondence (incl. with correspondence file)
- 32 Digital photographs
- Other (incl. with nomination file): _____

State Historic Preservation Review Board

The Michigan State Historic Preservation Review Board reviewed the nomination materials at its meeting on Friday, May 23, 2025. The Review Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the nomination under National Register Criteria A and recommended the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination.

Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits

- X This property is not utilizing the Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits
- This property is being rehabilitated using the Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits. A preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.



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Notifications

- ☒ Notification of the nomination was sent to the property owner(s) and chief elected official(s) on: Monday, April 28, 2025.
- ☒ No objections to the nomination were submitted during the public comment period.
- ☐ One or more objections to the nomination were received during the public comment period.
- ☐ One or more letters of support to the nomination were received during the public comment period.

Certified Local Government

- ☐ The nominated property is not located in a Certified Local Government community.
- ☒ The nominated property is located in a Certified Local Government community. A copy of the local commission's review ☒ was ☐ was not received within 60 days, and ☒ is ☐ is not included with the correspondence file.

NPS Grant-Funded Submissions

- ☐ Not funded with an NPS grant
- ☒ Underrepresented Communities Grant
- ☐ African American Civil Rights Grant
- ☐ History of Equal Rights Grant
- ☐ Tribal Heritage Grant
- ☐ Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant
- ☐ Disaster Recovery Grant

Questions concerning this nomination should be addressed to Todd A. Walsh, National Register Coordinator, at (517) 331-8917 or WalshT@michigan.gov.

Sincerely yours,



Ryan M. Schumaker
State Historic Preservation Officer