Myth-Busting the National Register of Historic Places

What it is and what it is not
What is the National Register of Historic Places?
National Register of Historic Places

- Official list of properties recognized as worthy of preservation
- Local, State, or National significance
- American history, Architecture, Archaeology, Engineering, or Culture
National Register of Historic Places

• Program of the National Park Service, in Ohio administered by Ohio Historic Preservation Office

• Close to 4000 listings, with more than 40,000 historic properties

• 529 listings for historic districts, including commercial, residential, large farms or estates, and campuses
“Only the owner of the property can nominate their property”

TRUE?

FALSE?
“Only the owner of the property can nominate their property”

TRUE?

FALSE?
National Register Nomination Process

• Anyone can nominate a property
• Notification of owner prior to listing
• State Historic Preservation Office – staff review
• Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board – state level review
• National Park Service – final listing
“Only buildings can be listed in the National Register”

TRUE?  
FALSE?
“Only buildings can be listed in the National Register”

TRUE?

FALSE?
BUILDING – Pinecroft, Powel Crosley, Jr. Home, Hamilton County

SITE – Mill Creek Park, Mahoning County

STRUCTURE – Columbus Grove Swimming Pool, Putnam County
OBJECT – Toronto World War I Monument, Jefferson County

DISTRICT – Orrville Downtown Historic District, Wayne County
“Any property that is old can be listed in the National Register”

TRUE?

FALSE?
“Any property that is old can be listed in the National Register”

TRUE?

FALSE?
What Makes a Property Eligible for the National Register?

• **AGE** (typically 50 years or older)

• **SIGNIFICANCE** (local, state, national levels)

• **INTEGRITY** (retains historic characteristics to convey significance)
National Register Criteria for Evaluation

• A – Event or broad pattern of events

• B – Persons important in our past

• C – Architectural merit

• D – Yield important information
Sparta Town Pump, Stark County

Shelby Shoe Co., Lawrence County

ASM Headquarters, Geauga County

Brown-Gorman Farm, Hamilton County

Muskingum River Navigation Historic District, Coshocton, Muskingum, Morgan, Washington counties

Schine's Holland Theater, Logan County

Betts-Longworth Historic District, Hamilton County
Hanford Village George Washington Carver Addition Historic District, Franklin County

Richman Brothers Company, Cuyahoga County

Templin-Bradley Company, Cuyahoga County

Mayfield Heights Historic District, Medina County

Shenandoah Crash Site, Noble County

Avon Isle, Lorain County

GAR Memorial Hall, Lawrence County

Franklin Hotel, Portage County
Are there types of properties that are not eligible for the National Register?
National Register Criteria Exceptions

Ordinarily the following kinds of properties are not eligible, unless they meet special requirements, or they are integral parts of an eligible district.

• Cemeteries
• Birthplaces or graves
• Religious properties
• Moved structures
• Reconstructed buildings
• Commemorative properties
• Properties less than 50 years
“Properties less than 50 years old cannot be listed in the National Register”

TRUE?

FALSE?
“Properties less than 50 years old cannot be listed in the National Register”

TRUE? ✗ FALSE?
Criteria Consideration G: Properties that have achieved significance within the last fifty years

Must have exceptional importance

May 4, 1970 Kent State Shootings Site, Portage County

Rush Creek Village Historic District, Franklin County
Ohio Modern: Preserving Our Recent Past, 1940-1970

Top Left: Frederick G. Kilgore House, Upper Arlington
Bottom Left: Riverview (Fiberglas Tower), Toledo
Top Center: Riverview (Levis Square), Toledo
Bottom Center: Tower East, Shaker Heights
Left: Westerly Apartments, Lakewood
“To qualify for the National Register a property cannot have changed in any way”

TRUE?

FALSE?
"To qualify for the National Register a property cannot have changed in any way"
National Register of Historic Places

**INTEGRITY** – ability of a property to convey its significance. Integrity is evident through historic qualities including:

- Location
- Design
- Setting
- Materials
- Workmanship
- Feeling
- Association
National Register Historic Integrity

Harvey Wells House, Wellston, Jackson County

John Smith House, Hamilton County
“If the property has a large addition only the historic portion is listed in the National Register”

TRUE?

FALSE?
“If the property has a large addition only the historic portion is listed in the National Register”

TRUE?

FALSE?
Washington School, Fayette County
“Properties listed in the National Register can never be demolished”

TRUE?
FALSE?
“Properties listed in the National Register can never be demolished”

TRUE?

FALSE?
“If my property is listed in the National Register I will have to restore it”

TRUE?

FALSE?
“If my property is listed in the National Register I will have to restore it”

TRUE?

FALSE?
“If my property is listed in the National Register I will never be able to make any changes to it”

TRUE?

FALSE?
“If my property is listed in the National Register I will never be able to make any changes to it”

TRUE?

FALSE?
What the National Register Does Not Do

• Prevent owner from remodeling, repairing, altering, selling, or demolishing with other than federal funds

• Obligate owner to make repairs or improvements to property
What the National Register Does

- Recognition of historic properties and their importance (planning/education tool)
- Consideration in planning federal federally assisted projects
- Eligibility for federal tax benefits (income-producing)
- Qualifying historic preservation projects for federal grant assistance
“Listing a property in the National Register will trigger review of federally funded projects”

TRUE?

FALSE?
“Listing a property in the National Register will trigger review of federally funded projects”

TRUE?

FALSE?
National Historic Preservation Act – Section 106

McPherson Town Historic District, Montgomery County
Rural residents want to preserve way of life

By KEVIN TUCKER
The Weekly

CHILTERN — The pressure that the state's way of life is under has led to a push from the residents to save what they can from the encroaching development. A group has been formed called the "Friends of ChilTERN" to fight against the development of a new housing development that is planned in the area.

"We want to preserve what we have," said one member of the group. "This is the way of life we know and love, and we want to keep it that way." The group has been meeting to come up with ideas on how to stop the development and to come up with a plan to save the area.

Historic designation was the first item of business for the group. The historic designation would protect the area from future development and would help to preserve the way of life that is currently enjoyed.

"We want to keep the area the way it is," said another member of the group. "We want to keep the area a place where people can live the way they want to live, without having to worry about development." The group has been working with the state to get the area designated as a historic district.

"The state is working with us," said the first member of the group. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

The Lowell Mill house, 222 S. St. Rd., 191, dates back to the Civil War. The house was constructed by a family who owned the land at the time. The house was originally built as a farmhouse, but was later converted into a mill. The mill was used to grind corn and other grains into flour. The mill was later converted into a house, and has been in the family ever since.

"This is a part of our history," said the owner of the house. "We want to keep it here, and we want to keep the way of life that is associated with it." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the state.

"We are working with the state to get the house designated as a historic site," said the owner of the house. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the end of the year.

The group is also working on getting the area designated as a historic district. The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

"We want to keep the area the way it is," said the first member of the group. "We want to keep the area a place where people can live the way they want to live, without having to worry about development." The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

"The state is working with us," said the first member of the group. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

"This is a part of our history," said the owner of the house. "We want to keep it here, and we want to keep the way of life that is associated with it." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the state.

"We are working with the state to get the house designated as a historic site," said the owner of the house. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the end of the year.

"We want to keep the area the way it is," said the first member of the group. "We want to keep the area a place where people can live the way they want to live, without having to worry about development." The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

"The state is working with us," said the first member of the group. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

"This is a part of our history," said the owner of the house. "We want to keep it here, and we want to keep the way of life that is associated with it." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the state.

"We are working with the state to get the house designated as a historic site," said the owner of the house. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the state.

"We want to keep the area the way it is," said the first member of the group. "We want to keep the area a place where people can live the way they want to live, without having to worry about development." The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

"The state is working with us," said the first member of the group. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

"This is a part of our history," said the owner of the house. "We want to keep it here, and we want to keep the way of life that is associated with it." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the state.

"We are working with the state to get the house designated as a historic site," said the owner of the house. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the state.

"We want to keep the area the way it is," said the first member of the group. "We want to keep the area a place where people can live the way they want to live, without having to worry about development." The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

"The state is working with us," said the first member of the group. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

"This is a part of our history," said the owner of the house. "We want to keep it here, and we want to keep the way of life that is associated with it." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the state.

"We are working with the state to get the house designated as a historic site," said the owner of the house. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the state.

"We want to keep the area the way it is," said the first member of the group. "We want to keep the area a place where people can live the way they want to live, without having to worry about development." The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

"The state is working with us," said the first member of the group. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

"This is a part of our history," said the owner of the house. "We want to keep it here, and we want to keep the way of life that is associated with it." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the state.

"We are working with the state to get the house designated as a historic site," said the owner of the house. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the state.

"We want to keep the area the way it is," said the first member of the group. "We want to keep the area a place where people can live the way they want to live, without having to worry about development." The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

"The state is working with us," said the first member of the group. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

"This is a part of our history," said the owner of the house. "We want to keep it here, and we want to keep the way of life that is associated with it." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the state.

"We are working with the state to get the house designated as a historic site," said the owner of the house. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the state.

"We want to keep the area the way it is," said the first member of the group. "We want to keep the area a place where people can live the way they want to live, without having to worry about development." The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

"The state is working with us," said the first member of the group. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the area designated as a historic district by the end of the year.

"This is a part of our history," said the owner of the house. "We want to keep it here, and we want to keep the way of life that is associated with it." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the state.

"We are working with the state to get the house designated as a historic site," said the owner of the house. "We are making progress, but we still have a long way to go." The group is hoping to get the house designated as a historic site by the state.
“Registration prevents revitalization, you will kill revitalization of the city when you register the buildings”

TRUE?

FALSE?
“Registration prevents revitalization, you will kill revitalization of the city when you register the buildings”
Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits:
Federal program

• Federal Historic Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit is available to owners who rehabilitate income-producing properties listed in the National Register

• Federal credit is 20% of Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditures for projects qualifying as substantial rehabilitations. All work must meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation

• OHPO conducts an in-depth review of each project before sending the application to the National Park Service with our recommendations for review and approval
Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits: State of Ohio

- Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit program provides a state tax credit for rehabilitating designated historic properties in Ohio.
- Owners must be non-governmental entities, the tax credits must be a major factor in the rehabilitation financing and all rehabilitation work must meet the Standards for Rehabilitation.
- Tax credit is 25% of Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditures, currently set to a maximum of $5 million in credits per application.
- Program is administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency in partnership with SHPO and the Ohio Department of Taxation.
- Two rounds annually, with $60 million program cap.
Before

American Can Company, Hamilton County

Over-the-Rhine Historic District, Hamilton
After

American Can Company, Hamilton County

Over-the-Rhine Historic District, Hamilton County
Pipeline Initiative
http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_ohptc.htm

Downtown Xenia Historic District, Greene County

Kirby Road School, Hamilton County
“There are no funding sources available for properties listed in the National Register”

TRUE?

FALSE?
“There are no funding sources available for properties listed in the National Register”
Who is Certified?

Akron
Alliance
Athens
Aurora
Avon Lake
Barberton
Bellaire
Berea
Brookfield Township
Burton
Canal Fulton
Canal Winchester
Canfield
Cincinnati
Cleveland

Columbus
Cuyahoga Falls
Dayton
Delaware
Dublin
Elyria
Euclid
Galion
Gallipolis
Gates Mills
Glendale
Green
Hamilton
Hudson
Jefferson
Kent

Lakewood
Lancaster
Lebanon
Lorain
Madison
Mansfield
Mariemont
Marysville
Massillon
Medina
Millersburg
Montgomery
Mt. Pleasant
Newark
New Richmond
North Olmsted
Oberlin

Olmsted Falls
Oxford
Parma
Perrysburg
Portsmouth
Ravenna
Salem
Shaker Heights
Springboro
Steubenville
Tipp City
Toledo
Wauseon
Waynesville
Willoughby
Wooster
Wooster
Zanesville
“Once a property is listed the information in the nomination is never used again”

TRUE?

FALSE?
“Once a property is listed the information in the nomination is never used again”

TRUE?

FALSE?
Teaching with Historic Places

Teaching With Historic Places
Lesson Plans for Ohio –

- Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park: Where the Wrights Brothers Conquered the Air
- Growing into Public Service: William Howard Taft’s Boyhood Home
- A Nation Repays its Debt: The National Soldiers’ Home and Cemetery in Dayton, OH
- Not to be Forgotten: Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery
- The Ohio and Erie Canal: Catalyst of Economic Development for Ohio
Wow! Now that I know more about the National Register how do I get my property listed?
National Register Questionnaire

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
National Register of Historic Places
Preliminary Questionnaire: Individual Property Form

Step 1: Answer These Questions
1. Is your property at least 50 years old?
   - Yes
   - No

2. Does it have historical significance? (Explain if yes, or if not, why not?)
   - Yes
   - No

If you answered yes to any of these questions, go to Step 2.

Step 2: Tell Us About the Property
1. Street address of the property:

2. Describe the building:

   - Use a ruler to make your drawing.
   - Include architectural elements.
   - Provide dimensional information if possible.

3. Is there any other information you would like to add about the property?

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
National Register of Historic Places
Preliminary Questionnaire: Historic District Form

Step 1: Answer These Questions
1. Is the property a historic district?
   - Yes
   - No

2. What are the approximate boundaries for the district?

   - Date of establishment:

3. Have the property owners within the proposed boundary been notified of the National Register nomination?
   - Yes
   - No

4. Briefly describe the district:

   - Is it primarily residential, commercial, industrial?

5. Please draw the district:

   - Provide scale if possible.

   - Use a ruler to make your drawing.

   - Include architectural elements.

   - Provide dimensional information if possible.

   - Draw any other features you feel are important.

   - Provide an explanation of your drawing.
Where can I get additional information about the National Register?