

Listing Your Property in the National Register of Historic Places

About the National Register Program

The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. If you own a property that you think should be listed in the NRHP, the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation is here to help you with the evaluation and nomination process.

Nominating a property to the NRHP is a multi-step process involving the property owner(s), the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Park Service. The typical nomination process, from start to formal listing in the NRHP, takes approximately seven to eight months.

Anyone is welcome to research and write a nomination to the NRHP, but it is a complex and detailed process. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you work with a historic preservation consultant who is familiar with the program requirements. It can be a bit daunting if you have never done it before, and the forms need to be completed thoroughly and accurately.

Since the first listing in 1966, more than 12,000 buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts in Vermont have been nominated and listed in the NRHP. Examples of listed properties include houses, barns, bridges, mills, parks, cemeteries, churches, shipwrecks, archaeological sites, and much more.

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National Register Listing Process

1. Contact our office to see if we already have information on file about your property.
2. If requested, complete a Determination of Eligibility form and a Vermont Architectural Resource Inventory form.
3. If the property meets the NRHP [Criteria for Evaluation](#), start to research and document the property. If necessary, hire a [historic preservation consultant](#) to assist with this work.
4. Document the property using the [NRHP Registration Form](#). Refer to [How to Complete the NRHP Registration Form](#) for guidance.
5. Submit a draft of the NRHP Registration Form, along with photographs and maps, to our office for review and comment. Edit the document as necessary based on feedback from our office.
6. The final draft of the NRHP Registration Form is presented to the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for review and comment. Edit the document as necessary based on feedback from the Advisory Council.
7. The final draft of the NRHP Registration Form is submitted to the National Park Service for review and formal listing in the NRHP.