

STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES FACT SHEET

Criteria for Listing

Connecticut's State Register includes districts; sites; buildings; structures and objects of national, state or local significance. These resources must possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and:

1. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to our history and the lives of persons significant in our past; or
2. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction; or that represent the work of a master; or that possess high artistic values; or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
3. that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Methods of Listing

- Properties that were surveyed in 1967-68 state inventory and subsequent 1974 survey were adopted by the predecessor of the Historic Preservation Council in 1975;
- Properties that have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places are automatically listed on the State Register;
- Properties included in local historic district or historic property study reports that have received favorable recommendation by the State Historic Preservation Office pursuant to Section 7-147b of the Connecticut General Statutes, prior to February 2019;
- Properties that have been submitted to the Historic Preservation Council for consideration will be listed upon approval.

The State Register DOES

1. Identify historically significant buildings structures, sites, objects, and districts according to the State Register Criteria for Evaluation.
2. Encourage the preservation of historic properties by documenting the significance of historic properties and by lending support to local preservation activities.
3. Enable State and local agencies to consider historic properties in the early stages of planning projects.
4. Provide for the review of State-funded or assisted projects which may affect historic properties.
5. Make owners of historic properties eligible to apply for tax credits and non-profit or municipal owners eligible for restoration funds.
6. Provide for special consideration under State Building and Fire Codes for historic properties.
7. Provide for special consideration under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
8. Provide for review under State Lead Poisoning law for historic properties requiring abatement.

The State Register DOES NOT

1. Restrict the rights of private owners in the use or development of private historic property.
2. Lead automatically to historic district designation under Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 7-147.
3. Force Federal, State, local or private projects to be stopped.
4. Provide for review of local or privately funded projects which may affect historic properties.
5. Guarantee that grant funds will be available for all significant historic properties.
6. Provide automatic tax benefits to owners of historic properties.