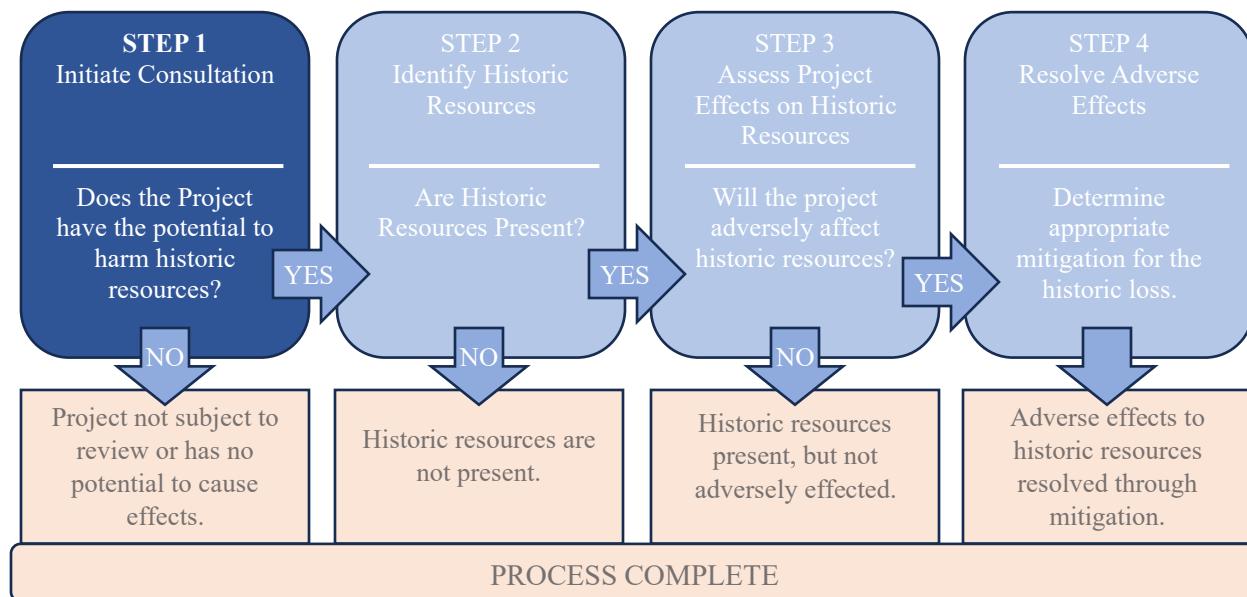


State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Environmental Review Process

Step 1: Initiate Consultation

The first step of SHPO's Environmental Review process is to Initiate Consultation. This step generally is triggered when there is a State or Federal action, as defined by the governing legislation.



What information is requested to start the process?

SHPO has an online portal for submitting environmental review requests. Projects that require SHPO review are submitted online at <https://conncri.s.ct.gov/pages/environmental-review>. The portal will guide you through the materials requested for submission. At a minimum, this information includes the following:

- Street address or location identifying information,
- Maps indicating the project's location and area(s) of potential effect,
- Names of all government agencies involved (permits, funding or licensing),
- Detailed description of the project activities,
- A statement of the project's purpose and need,
- Design plans for proposed rehabilitation or construction projects, and
- Name and email address of the point of contact for SHPO consultation.

SHPO's ability to complete a timely project review largely depends on the quality of the materials submitted.

HOW this information is used

Historic resources are part of Connecticut's identity. SHPO's legal responsibility is to balance preservation of this authentic and tangible part of history with the project needs. Critical to evaluating this balance is understanding both the benefits and potential impacts of the project. In this regard, SHPO requests information intended to document not only our decision making, but also the due diligence efforts of the applicant to safeguard against legal challenges.