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## What is the National Register of Historic Places?

Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, it is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archaeological resources.



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It is the Federal Government's official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation.

Properties are listed in the Register because they are significant in American history, architecture archaeology, engineering and culture.



## What is the National Register of Historic Places?

The properties selected for listing:

- represent important historical trends or events;
- reflect the lives of significant persons;
- illustrate distinctive architectural, engineering and artistic design achievement;
- or impart information about America's hidden past.

## Precedents and Motivations

Mount Vernon Ladies Association, 1850s

1906 Antiquities Act

1916 National Park Service Established

1935 Historic Sites Act, created HABS

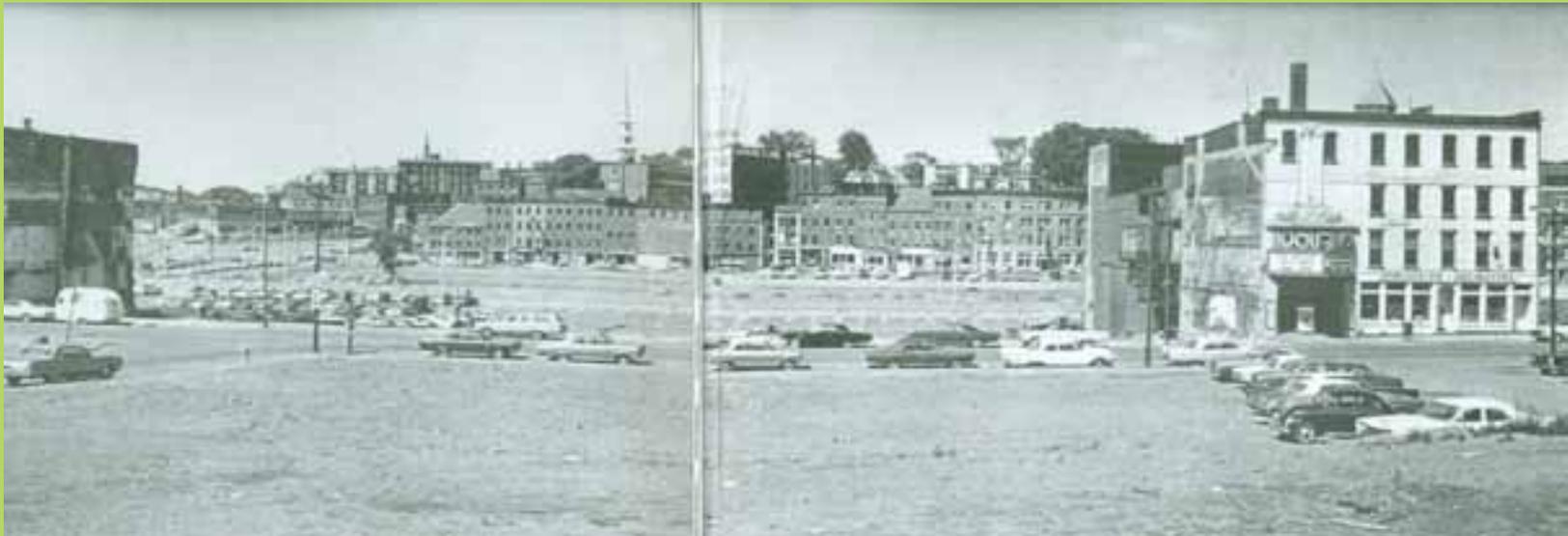
1949 National Trust for Historic Preservation

1956 National Interstate and Defense Highways Act

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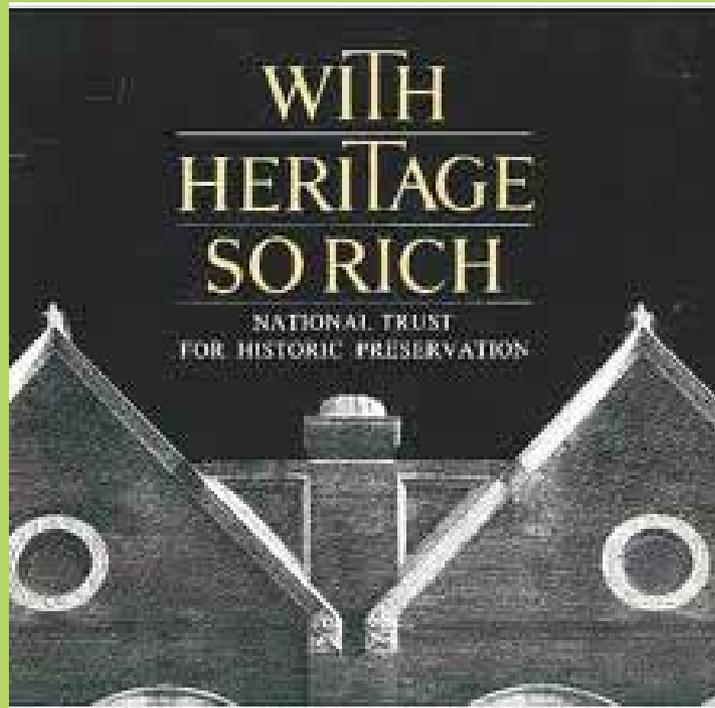
To the young we say, "Believe in Bangor" Vote for a city you'll be proud to live in. VOTE YES FOR URBAN RENEWAL

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# Precedents and Motivations

**With Heritage So Rich: A Report of a Special  
Committee on Historic Preservation**  
**October 19, 1966**  
Forward by Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, 1966



# What can be listed in the National Register?

A building



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A structure: carriage shed, corn crib, silos, stone walls, dams, bridges

# What can be listed in the National Register?

An object

sculpture  
marker



# What can be listed in the National Register?

A site

garden

field system

park

archaeology site



# What can be listed in the National Register?



A district

farm

neighborhood

campus

industrial complex

## What is a historic district?

A district possess a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development.

## What can be included in a historic district?

Historic buildings, structures or sites.

Monuments, landscaping, or transportation networks (paths, roads, rail tracks) with demonstrated historical significance.

A district may also contain a limited number of 'non-contributing' resources, such as modern buildings if they do not negatively impact the integrity of the district as a whole.

# Types of Districts



Fort McKinley, *institutional complex*.



Biddeford and York Mills,  
*industrial complex*

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Main Street-Frye Street, Lewiston  
*Residential neighborhood*

Stearns Hill Farm  
*Agricultural district*

1970	Portland	Spring Street Historic District
1970	Augusta	Kennebec Arsenal
1970	Hallowell	Hallowell Historic District
1973	Wiscasset	Wiscasset Historic District
1973	Castine	Castine Historic District
1973	Bangor	Broadway Historic District
1973	Bath	Bath Historic District
1973	York	York Historic District
1973	Richmond	Richmond Historic District
1974	Portland	Portland Waterfront Historic District
1974	Thomaston	Thomaston Historic District
1974	Kennebunk	Kennebunk Historic District
1975	Winterport	Winterport Historic District
1976	Kennebunkport	Kennebunkport Historic District
1976	Rockport	Rockport Historic District
1977	Orono	Orono Main Street Historic District



1985	Lewiston	Lower Lisbon Street Historic District
1988	Norway	Norway Historic District
1989	Camden	High Street Historic District
1990	Cherryfield	Cherryfield Historic District
1991	Fryeburg	Main Street Historic District
1992	Gorham	Gorham Historic District
1995	Farmington	Farmington Historic District
1998	Saco	Saco Historic District
2001	Augusta	Winthrop Street Historic District
2007	Camden	Camden Great Fire Historic District
2009	Lewiston	Main St. Frye St HD (Pending)
2008	Biddeford/Saco	Saco-Biddeford Mills District
2009	Sanford	Sanford Mills Historic District
2009	Biddeford	Biddeford Main Street
2010	South Berwick	South Berwick Village Historic
2010	Lewiston	Bates Mill Historic District



How are eligible properties or districts identified?

SHPO staff identification

members of the public/property owners

architectural survey

municipal planners or officials

# National Register Criteria for Evaluation

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, material, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B. that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
- C. that reflect in an outstanding manner 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
- D. that have yielded or may be likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

# Criterion A: Association with an event or patterns of events.

Battery Steele: Coastal Defense



Brooks Railroad Depot: Transportation



Jefferson Cattle Pound: Settlement, Government



Calais Observatory: Science



## Criterion B: Association with a Significant Person



Forest Lodge: Home of Louise Dickenson Rich, author.



Chimney Farm, Home of Elizabeth Coatsworth and Henry Beston, authors.



Orgone Energy Observatory: Wilhelm Reich, psychoanalyst.

# Criterion C: Architecture, Engineering, Art, Landscape Architecture

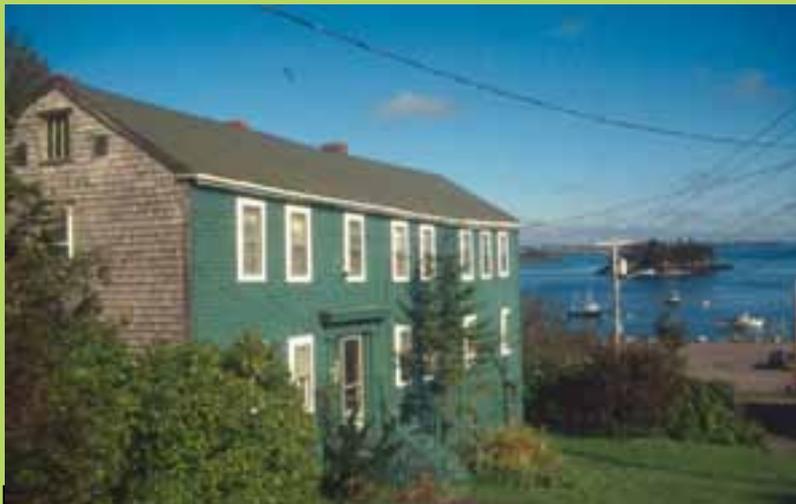


Deering Memorial Church, South Paris: English Perpendicular Gothic



Marque at The Grand: Streamline Moderne/ Art Deco

Chaloner House:  
Early 19<sup>th</sup> Century  
Vernacular Tavern



Sodergren House:  
Swedish Log Construction

## Criterion D: Information Potential

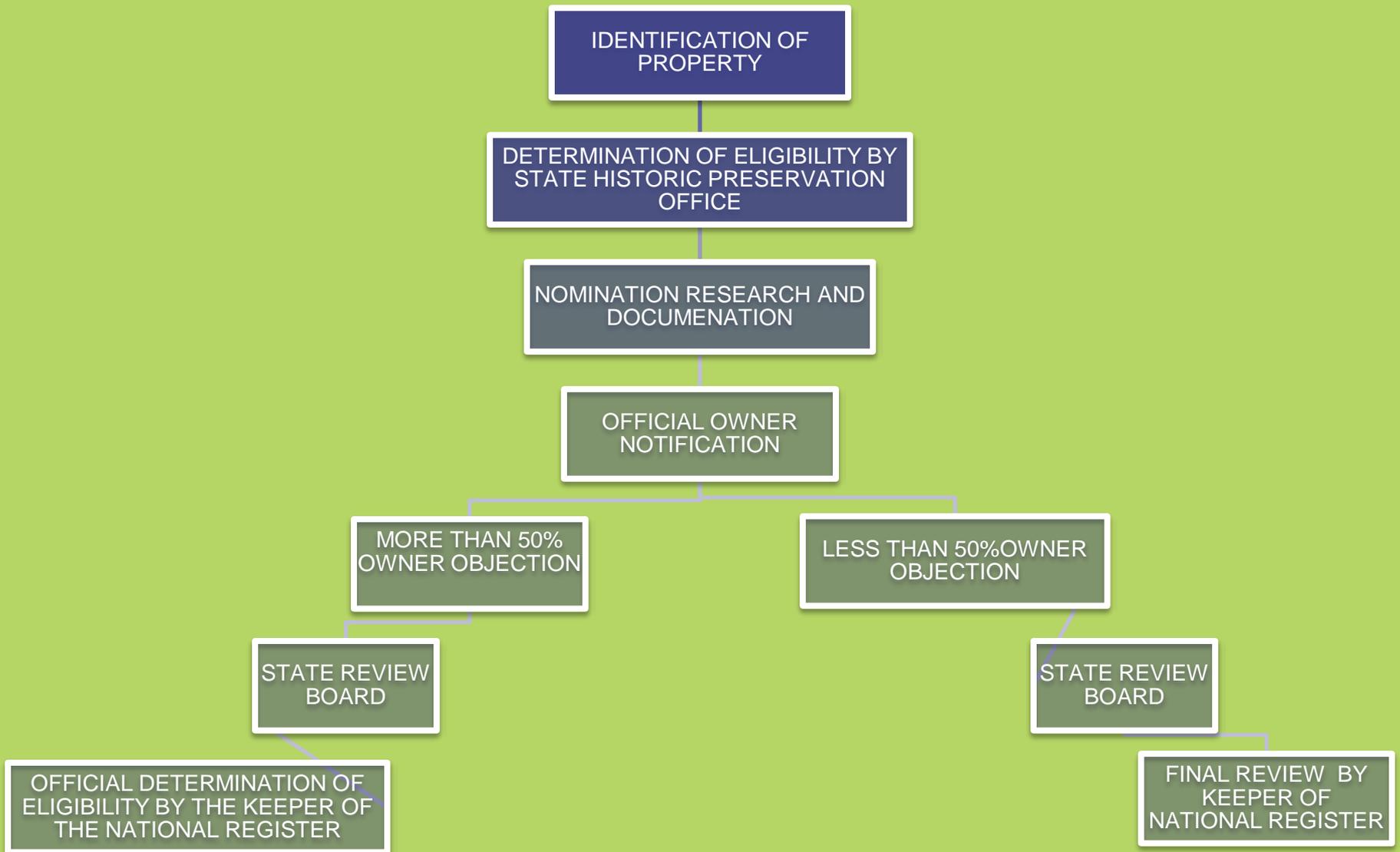


Abyssinian Church: Revealing an early African American Meetinghouse



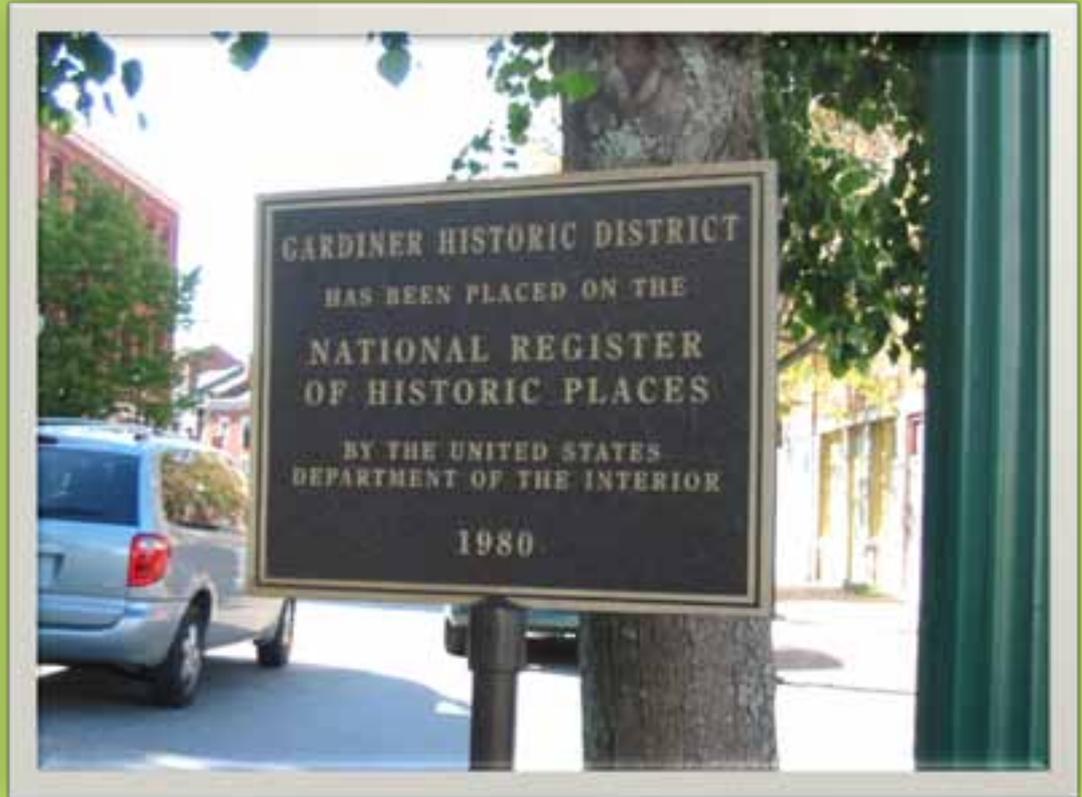
Fort Richmond Site  
Historic Archaeology

# National Register Nomination Process



# What does listing in the National Register accomplish?

Listing honors a property by recognizing its importance to a community, state, or the Nation.



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**Owners of listed properties may be able to take advantage of the State and Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits.**

- *The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives program is one of the Federal government's most successful and cost-effective community revitalization programs. The Preservation Tax Incentives reward private investment in rehabilitating historic properties such as offices, rental housing, and retail stores.*
- *Federal tax incentives provide a 20% tax credit for the certified rehabilitation of certified historic structures.*



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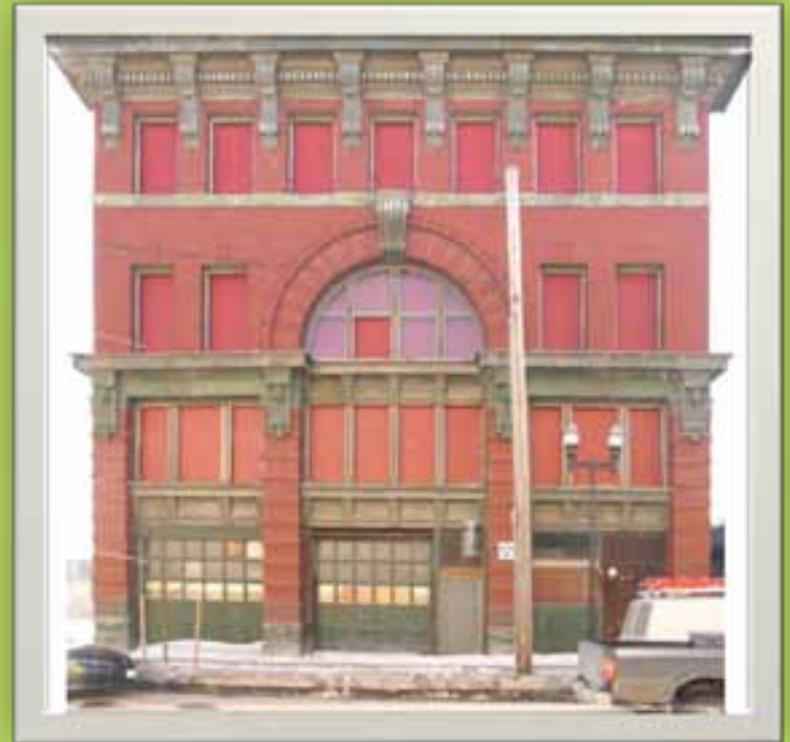
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- *The new Maine State tax credit program includes a small project provision, as well as credits for creating affordable housing.*
- *Tax credits available through the State program range between 25 and 30 percent of the cost of a certified rehabilitation project.*



## What restrictions are placed on listed properties?

*Owners of private property listed in the National Register have no obligation open their properties to the public, to restore them, or even to maintain them, if they choose not to do so.*



What restrictions are placed on listed properties?

Owners can do anything they wish with their property provided that no Federal license, permit, or funding is involved.

Myth: if something is in the National Register it must be preserved.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATIONISTS



What Developers  
Think We Do



What Our Parents  
Think We Do



What Our Supporters  
Think we CAN Do



What My Friends  
Think I Do



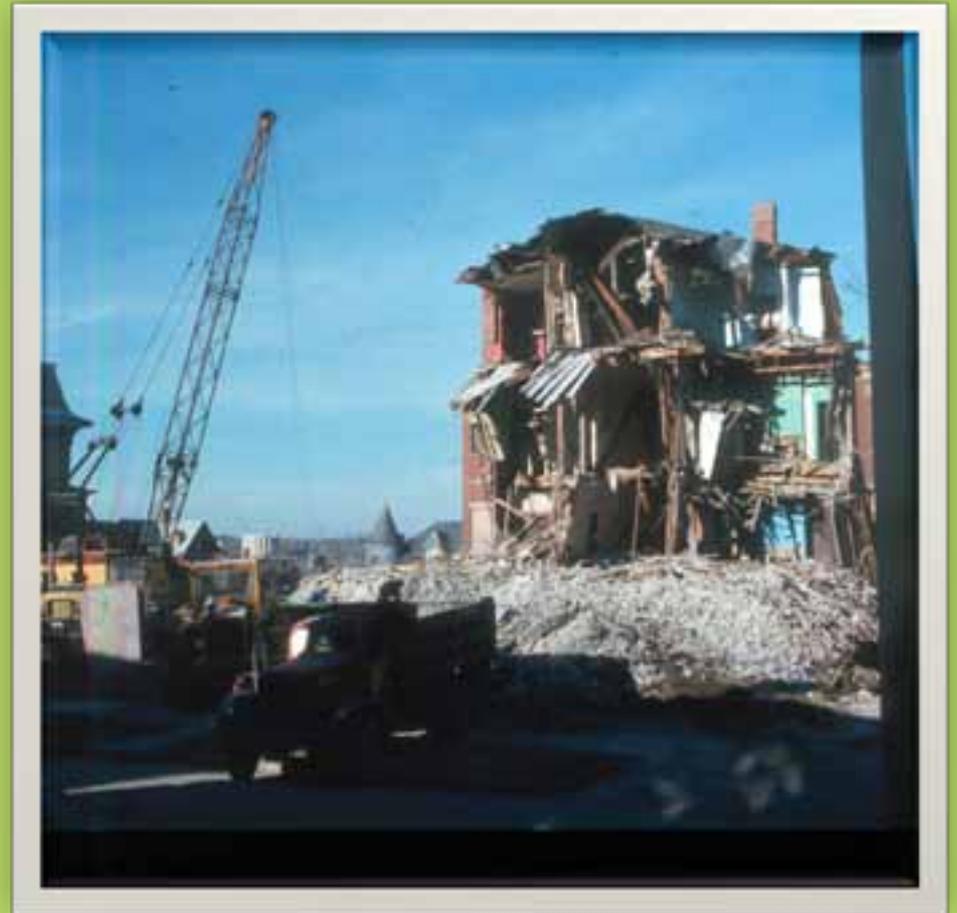
What I Think I Do



What I Really Do

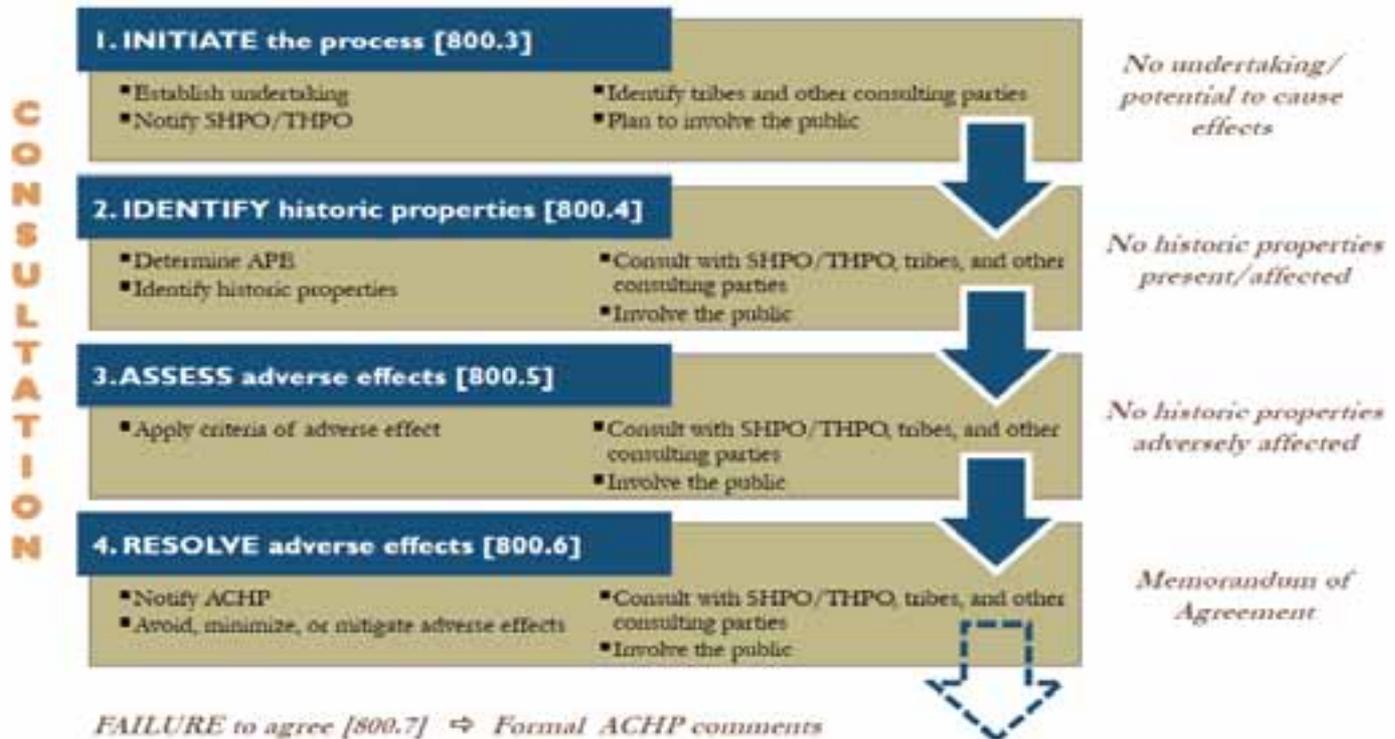
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Federal agencies, whose projects affect a National Register listed property, must give the State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment on the project and its effects on the property.



# Section 106/ Project Review Process: “Stop, look and listen.”

## THE SECTION 106 PROCESS





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## Owner Objection

Any owner or owners of a private property who wish to object shall submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer a **notarized statement** certifying that the party is the sole or partial owner of the private property, as appropriate, and objects to the listing.

In nominations with multiple ownership of a single private property or of districts, the property will not be listed if a majority of the owners object to listing.

Each owner of private property in a district has one vote regardless of how many properties or what part of one property that party owns and regardless of whether the property contributes to the significance of the district.