

Preservation Planning: Parts of the Plan

“A preservation plan is a strategy for protecting places of cultural and historical importance to a community for the purpose of promoting and reinforcing a shared sense of identity and belonging.”

1. Statement of Values

A statement of what is important to your community and why. It all begins here with what matters.

2. History of the Community

This is the story of your community - A statement about who you are and where you come from. It provides background information for people who are not from your community and provides context for the following discussion of cultural resources.

3. Description of known resources

Describe and locate the cultural resources that are currently known. It is important to identify the places that relate to your community's history and culture so that these places can be considered for preservation. Without this no one will know where these places are in relation to things that may disturb them.

4. Evaluation of resources

Explain which cultural resources are important and why. Not all places are historic and not all historic places deserve to be considered for preservation. This is where you make the decision about what is worthy of preservation.

5. Assessment of current and future threats.

Describe the problem that you are trying to solve. Assess the nature and location of the threats to cultural resources. Explain what will happen if steps are not taken to resolve the problem.

6. Recommendations to address threats and preserve cultural resources.

Identify your preservation goals. Describe how these goals will be achieved and what measures will be used to achieve them. This should draw on all the information that has come before. You know what you value and why, you know where the cultural resources are located, you have evaluated these and determined what is important, you understand the threat to these resources, and these are the measures that are recommended to achieve your preservation goals.

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<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/clg/>

National Park Service, Tribal Preservation Program

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tribal/grants.htm>

National Register of Historic Places

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/>

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions

<http://www.sed.uga.edu/pso/programs/napc/napc.htm>

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