



NRHP E-Blasts

Electronic blasts from the National Register of Historic Places, sharing news and information with the Historic Preservation Community

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Proposed Rule Withdrawn

The proposed revisions to the National Register regulations (Regulation Identification Number 1024-AE49) were withdrawn from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on January 28, 2021. The review is available on the OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs website at

<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/Forward?SearchTarget=RegReview&textfield=1024-AE49&Image61.x=0&Image61.y=0>

At the NCSHPO Virtual Open House with NPS Preservation Assistance Programs on March 8, 2021, NPS Associate Director for Cultural Resources, Partnerships and Science thanked all of the preservation partners who participated in the public comment process as well as the listening sessions with OIRA.

Stay Tuned—Additional Information on Electronic Submissions Process Coming Soon

Thanks to your agency's participation, the electronic submission process using the secure, FTP site initiated as part of the National Park Service's response to the COVID-19 pandemic has proven a tremendous success. In coming weeks, the submission parameters will be expanded to accept full submissions. Updated instructions detailing these revisions as well as some tips learned over the course of the last year will be messaged out in several ways when the program is launched (exact date TBD): (1) at the top of the Weekly List of Actions Taken that is distributed electronically, (2) via email to all state, Tribal, and Federal partners on our distribution list, (3) on the National Register program website's landing page, and (4) via the National Register program's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts.

Does Your Team Want Virtual Training/Technical Assistance?

Several NPS National Register reviewers have sponsored virtual workshops via the video chat feature on Teams for the National Register Coordinators in the state offices with whom they work. These sessions have ranged from informal "office hours" to more formal, multi-state workshops tackling issues of concern and discussion of targeted topics complete with formalized agendas. NPS staff and external partners alike have presented at these virtual gatherings.

These discussion sessions and workshops have proven useful and the National Register program expects to continue these cost-effective means for communicating with our partners in the coming months and even after the pandemic recedes. If interested, do not hesitate to contact your NPS state reviewer to schedule a conversation, training, or webinar.

Request that Agency Transmittal Letters Identify NPS Grant-Funded National Register Submissions (New or Additional Documentation)

Several different NPS programs provide funding for projects that results in new and/or updated National Register documentation. If submitting new or Additional Documentation to the National Register program for review that comprises a deliverable for one of these programs, please state that in the transmittal letter and name the grant program (Underrepresented Communities Grant, African American Civil Rights Grants, the History of Equal Rights Grants, the Tribal Heritage Grants, the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants, and Disaster Recovery Grants) and project title. This action will assist our grant-awarding sister programs in the monitoring and timely closeout of grants.

National Register Areas of Significance—Additional Themes

As part of the National Park Service's ongoing efforts to augment and improve the National Register nomination process, some time ago National Register staff revisited the Areas of Significance utilized in preparing National Register documentation. Specifically, the National Register program was keen to supplement two broad Areas of Significance in order to better reflect the nation's diversity, its stories, and to more accurately reflect the ever-broadening scholarship in public history that both results in and draws upon National Register documentation. The two areas elaborated upon were Ethnic Heritage and Social History.

Specifically, Ethnic Heritage was expanded to include several additional subcategories that could be employed at nominators' and nominating authorities' discretion. This involved the addition of subcategories to better refine the existing categories of: Ethnic Heritage-Asian/European/Hispanic/Pacific Islander (see table below). The second area, Social History, saw the addition of subcategories to the existing category of Social History. These included Civil Rights, Disability History, Labor History, Women's History, LGBTQ History, and Traditional Cultural History. To reiterate, the additional subcategories reflect an increasing interest in capturing a wider range of Americans' experiences in the places listed in the National Register. In addition, these reflect areas for which National Register staff regularly receive research inquiries—for which both the National Register form and associated database have been unevenly equipped.

The list that follows is presented as a set of options for state, Tribal, and Federal nominating authorities to employ at their discretion. Acknowledging the value of these additional subcategories, the National Register program anticipates their incorporation into future revisions of the National Register Bulletin series. At this time, nominating authorities are encouraged to use both the General Categories and Subcategories from the following list on National Register nomination forms. In completing Section 8 of the

nomination form the format of the blanks under Area of Significance could read: Social History (LGBTQ History) or Ethnic Heritage-European (Norwegian), or Ethnic Heritage (Black), Social History (Civil Rights), Social History (Women's History) depending on the relevant contexts in the nomination. As with all Areas of Significance, it is expected that the nomination's narrative will provide direct justification for each category and subcategory selected. The current subcategory lists are envisioned as open-ended with potential additions as research and documentation efforts expand into new areas or themes.

The following table outlines the current areas of significance as defined in the National Register Bulletins and the corresponding new subcategories now available for use.

Current Area of Significance Category	Additional Subcategories
Ethnic Heritage-Asian	Cambodian
	Chinese
	Filipino
	Hmong
	Indian
	Indonesian
	Japanese
	Korean
	Laotian
	Thai
	Vietnamese
Ethnic Heritage-European	Albanian
	Austrian
	Basque
	Croatian
	Czech
	Danish
	Dutch
	English
	Finnish
	French
	German
	Greek
	Hungarian
	Irish
	Italian
	Lithuanian
	Luxembourgian
	Norwegian
	Polish
	Portuguese
	Romanian

Current Area of Significance Category	Additional Subcategories
	Russian
Ethnic Heritage-European	Scandinavian
	Scottish
	Spanish
	Swedish
	Swiss
	Turkish
	Ukrainian
	Welsh
Ethnic Heritage-Hispanic	Caribbean
	Central American
	Cuban
	Dominican
	Mexican
	Puerto Rican
	South American
Ethnic Heritage-Pacific Islander	Guamian
	Chamorro
	Native Hawaiian
	Samoan
Social History	Civil Rights
	Disability History
	Labor History
	LGBTQ History
	Traditional Cultural History*
	Women's History

*It is anticipated that this subcategory will be used to reflect the nomination of traditional cultural places or TCPs.

Please contact your National Register reviewer if you have any questions, and we look forward to your continued input on the development of areas of significance categories and subcategories so as to more accurately reflect the range of the American experience.

Thank you for working with us in preserving history!