



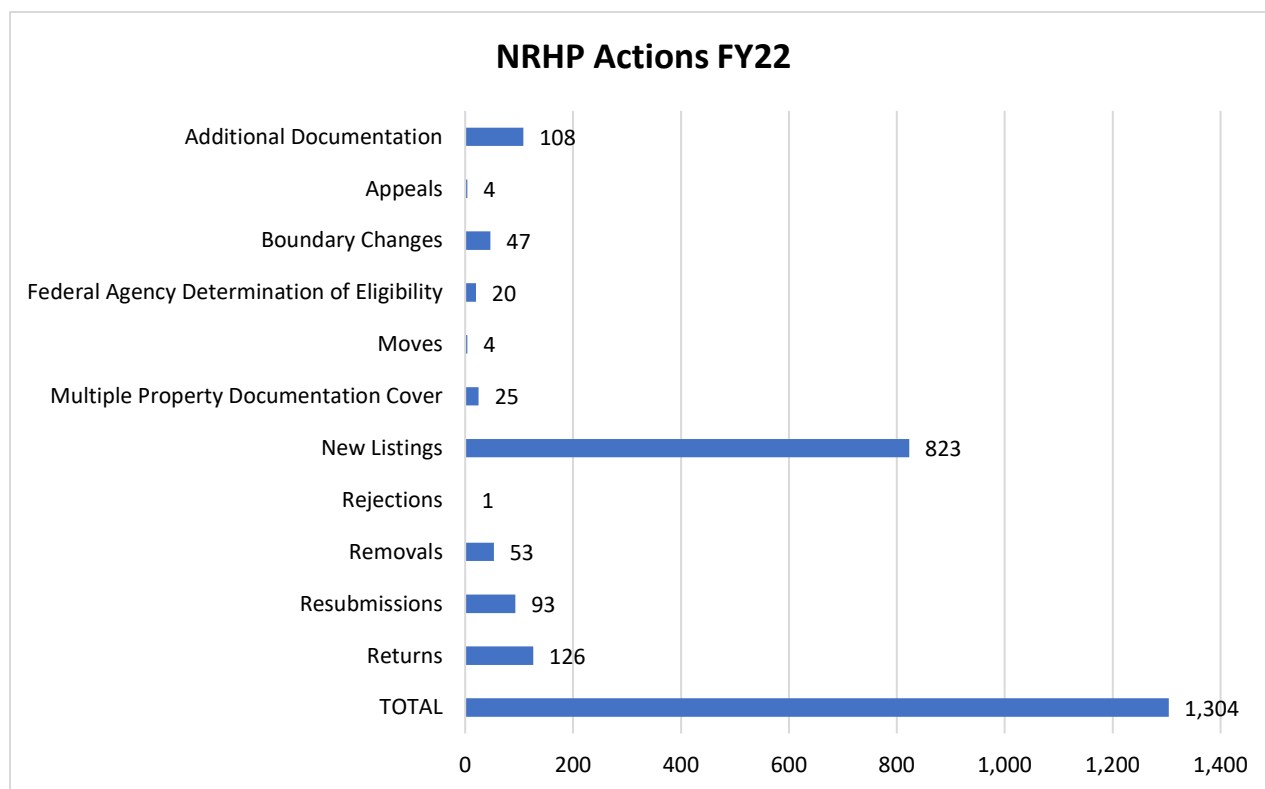
NRHP E-Blasts

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

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NRHP Year-in-Review

Fiscal Year '22 was another successful year for the National Register, processing over 1,300 actions and launching several initiatives. The nomination rejection rate continued to be low, at 1/12th of 1 percent, with the single rejection in FY22 for the proposed move of a building from a rural to urban setting. Of the 126 returned actions, approximately 70% were resubmitted and resulted in positive action.



FY22 saw the implementation of several initiatives to better support both our partners and the public.

- Launch of enhanced e-filing system, the Cultural Resources Submission Portal ("CRSP")
- Relaunch of *Traditional Cultural Properties Bulletin* revision and reissuance process
- Expanded sample nominations web page
- Inaugural issuance of short-form guidance quarterly publication, *Best Practices Review*
- Launch of analysis of older National Register nominations for additional areas of significance

Reassignment of States Among National Register Reviewers

With the addition of Historians Michelle Diedrich and Rachel Leibowitz to the National Register staff, the state assignments have been redistributed to better balance the workload. This redistribution is subject to change, but for the foreseeable future results in the following assignments.

Reviewer	State Assignments
Alexis Abernathy	KS
Lisa Deline	DC, MD, NJ, NY, OH, and PA
Michelle Diedrich	AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, RI, and SC
James Gabbert	IL, IN, KY, MI, NC, PR, TN, VT, VA, VI, and WV
Rachel Leibowitz	IA, MN, MO, NE, OK, TX, and WI
Paul Lusignan	AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Guam, Palau, and the Northern Mariana Islands
Roger Reed	CT, DE, MA, ME, ND, NH, and SD

TCP Bulletin Update

Work continues on the revision of the Traditional Cultural Places Bulletin, with the goal of reissuance by December 2023. The Draft Bulletin was released for comment on October 27, 2023; comments are due by April 30, 2023.

A series of consultations and meetings are scheduled through March. The Draft TCP Bulletin is available from the [project webpage \(nps.gov\)](#), along with the project schedule, webinar registration links, and commenting information.

First issued in 1990, the TCP Bulletin was developed to provide guidance on nominating buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts believed to have traditional cultural significance for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The TCP Bulletin was updated in 1992 to address concerns that properties of importance to Tribes or Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) were being excluded from listing by virtue of the fact that religious properties are not typically eligible for listing in the National Register. It was again updated in 1998 to re-state that TCPs are not a new property type nor an additional level of significance.

From 2011 to 2013, in response to ever-increasing requests for additional assistance on TCP identification and evaluation, NPS held listening sessions around the country to gather comments. Most comments received asked for clarification on just what is eligible as a TCP and just how the federal review process (Section 106 consultation) applies to TCPs.

From 2014 to 2017, NPS developed a revised draft that to include plain language and successful nominations as examples. In mid-2017, the update initiative was halted. The NPS is now relaunching that effort to revise the TCP Bulletin. The 2017 draft has been further revised to enhance plain language and include additional examples and images.

Complete Section 3 of the National Register Form

Remember when submitting nominations to the National Register to complete Section 3, which certifies the registration form. Section 3 is completed by State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs), Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs), or Federal Preservation Officers (FPOs). The certifying official—the official initiating the action—completes the first signature block. The commenting official—any State, Tribal or Federal official whose comment is required under the National Register regulations, 36 CFR Part 60—completes second signature block. **The signatures can be either wet signatures or digital signatures.** Local government officials, including those in CLGs (Certified Local Governments), and other persons may express their opinions in a letter accompanying the form to the National Register.

The role of the SHPO, THPO, FPO, and other Federal officials, in each case, depends on several things: the action being requested, agency initiating the action, ownership of property, and requirements in 36 CFR Part 60.

By signing the form, a certifying official:

- indicates the action being requested
- attests that the form accurately and coherently documents the property
- attests that all notification and review requirements have been fulfilled
- provides an opinion on the eligibility of the property, and
- recommends that the property is significant either nationally, statewide, or locally.

By signing the form, a commenting official:

- acknowledges that they had the opportunity to comment on the action being requested, and
- provides an opinion on the eligibility of the property.

Photo Restrictions Over

Photos submitted to the National Register are now being accepted without the count limitations imposed from April 10, 2020, through September 15, 2022. The new Cultural Resources Submission Portal (CRSP, or “crisp”), which replaced the National Register’s initial electronic submissions system, allows for the regular submission of photographs. This includes those photos not sent from April 10, 2020, through September 15, 2022, when server limitations supported submitting only a sample of a nomination’s photographs. The speed with which the earlier electronic submissions system was created imposed file-size and other limitations, due to concerns about limited storage capacity.

CRSP has no file size or photograph restrictions. Several states have already started sending their backlog of photos. The National Register is naming these materials “FPAN” for Final Pandemic files. These materials can be submitted through CRSP; please include FPAN in the subject line. Other actions accepted from April 2020 through September 2022—for example, listings, additional documentation, boundary increases/decreases, and any missing materials—should be provided to NPS either via CRSP or express mail. Photographs are an



essential part of all National Register of Historic Places nomination documentation because they illustrate the property at the time it was nominated, provide a record of the property's integrity and distinguishing features, and support the nomination's discussion of the property's physical description and historic significance.

For more information, visit [CRSP - National Register of Historic Places \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/crsp)

New Best Practices Review Issued

The latest issue of the National Register's Best Practices Review issued earlier this month addresses evaluating garages and outbuildings in historic districts.

The Best Practices Review is issued quarterly and complements the guidance in National Register Bulletins by providing examples on specific topics. In this latest issue, as in all issues, the illustrated examples are all listed properties in the National Register. Future issues will address using oral history, preparing additional documentation, and applying Criterion Consideration G. We welcome your ideas for future topics.

The [Best Practices Review \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/best-practices-review) can be found on the National Register's publications webpage.



Lead Historic District non-contributing house and contributing garage at 319 Bleeker Street. Source: Lead Historic District (SD) nomination NR Ref. 100006688.

