

Cumberland County Preservation Opportunities Watch List

Overview of Program

2024 Nominations

Information

The Cumberland County Historical Society is designated as the official historical society of Cumberland County. As such, CCHS serves as the primary advisor and partner with the Cumberland County Planning Department (CCPD) as it formulates plans related to historic preservation. Key preservation goals and priorities are outlined in the CCPD's comprehensive plan located at <https://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/4888/Comprehensive-Plan>

CCHS works closely with the CCPD to develop comprehensive preservation strategies. Designated representatives from the CCPD also serve on the CCHS Preservation Roundtable which oversees this Preservation Opportunities Watch List. Our goal is for this List to serve as a chance to highlight opportunities to save the County's endangered historic landmarks and landscapes which contribute to your sense of place and are integral to the identity of communities.

For the purpose of the List, endangerment is defined as threat of Inappropriate Alteration, Compromised Setting, Physical Deterioration, Demolition, Commercial or Industrial Development. It is our belief that the publication of this list will help draw attention to the plight of Cumberland County's cultural resources, promote action to protect resources, and encourage funding for educational interpretation of cultural resources in our region.

Instructions

Please fill out the application as completely as possible and return your nomination at your convenience.

Please email your submission to David Smith at dasmith1879@gmail.com. If images exceed 50mb you can mail digital copies to the Outreach Director, 21 North Pitt Street, Carlisle, PA 17013 ATTN David Smith or email to discuss alternative options.

Eligibility Requirement

- The property is architecturally and/or historically significant as defined by local, state or National Register requirements. This includes properties that are (or could be) designated on the Cumberland County Historic Register, determined eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places, or part of an Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) district in Cumberland County.

- -The site/landscape/resource is faced with imminent, recognized endangerment either from overt action, neglect, incompatible use, development, or loss of context.

Nominations will be evaluated according to the following criteria

- Architectural and/or historic significance
- Identifiable threat; and
- Likelihood that inclusion on this list will make a positive impact on preservation efforts.
- If a landscape/natural resource, tie to the culture and history of Cumberland County

Send nomination to Outreach Director, Cumberland County Historical Society, 21 North Pitt Street, Carlisle, PA 17013 attn: David Smith

Application questions may also be directed as noted above.

Application

Site Information:

Name of Site/landscape/resource _____

Address _____

Municipality in Cumberland County _____

Designation (select one)

_____ National Historic Landmark

_____ Individually eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places

_____ Contributes to a National Register Historic District and/or HARB Historic District

_____ Cumberland County Register of Historic Places

_____ Other (e.g. Significant, but not yet recognized as such) _____

Site Ownership

_____ Public

_____ Private

Name of Owner

Address of Owner

Phone –Email

Nomination Contact Information (Leave blank if the information is the same as site ownership)

Name of Group or Individual nominating the site

Address

Phone Email --

Are you a member of the Cumberland County Historical Society? Yes No

How did you hear about the Cumberland County Opportunity Watch List?

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Name

Signature Date

Site Evaluation: Please answer the following Questions as clearly and completely as possible. We ask that you stay within the word count guidelines. The word count is provided for each question.

1. Physical Description of the site. Please describe all significant features, such as, architectural style or character of the key building(s) and the surrounding landscape or neighborhood. If it is a building(s) please include an approximate date of construction. (Please send any architectural drawings, photographs, and maps as clearly marked attachments.) Not to exceed 1000 words.

2. Historical Significance of the site/landscape/resource. (Not to exceed 800 words.)

3. What is the status of the site/landscape/resource? (200 words)

4. What is the threat to the site/landscape/resource? Please elaborate on the threat. (200 words)

- a. Inappropriate Alteration
- b. Compromised Setting
- c. Physical Deterioration
- d. Demolition
- e. Commercial or Industrial Development

5. Which of these factors are contributing to the issue?

- a. _____ Economics

- b. _____ Use
- c. _____ Condition/Care
- d. _____ Ownership
- e. _____ Policy/Planning
- f. _____ Other (Please Specify)

6. What actions would eliminate the threat, and how would listing with the Opportunities Watch List help alleviate the threat? (200 words)

7. Are there any outside individuals or organizations working to preserve the site/landscape/resource? Please provide their contact information if possible.

8. What are the future plans or proposed use for the site/landscape/resource? (200 words)

9. Are there opportunities for the site/landscape/resource to be used to promote preservation in Cumberland County? Examples include tours and historic programming and collaborations with Cumberland County Historical Society's Preservation Learning Lab. (200 words)

10. Provide any additional comments or recommendations. (200 words)

Nomination Checklist:

_____ Nomination Form

_____ Digital photographs showing multiple views of the property, site, or cultural resource

_____ Signed permission form to reproduce provide images and information

_____ (If applicable) Supporting documentation of the site and threat such as newspaper articles or correspondence.

Nomination Deadline:

*email submissions preferred

Please send to dasmith1879@gmail.com

Paper submission can be returned to Outreach Coordinator, Cumberland County Historical Society, 21 North Pitt Street, Carlisle, PA 17013 ATTN. David Smith

Helpful Definitions

Historic Preservation Terminology as defined by the Nations Park service:

<https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/About/Documents/National-Register-of-Historic-Places-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

Acquisition: The act or process of acquiring fee title or interest other than fee tile of real property (including acquisitor of development rights or remainder interest).

Comprehensive Historic Preservation Planning: the organization into a logical sequence of preservation information pertaining to identification, evaluation and treatment of historic properties, and setting priorities for accomplishing preservation activities.

Historic Context: a unit created for planning purposes that groups information about historic properties based on a shared theme, specific time period and geographical area.

Historic Property: a district, stie, building, structure or object significant in American history, architecture, engineering, archeology or culture at the national state of local level.

Integrity: the authenticity of a property's historic identity, evidenced by the survival of physical characteristics and existed during the property's historic or prehistoric period.

Inventory: a list of historic properties determined to meet specified criteria of significance.

Preservation: defined as the act of process of applying measures necessary to sustain the existing form, integrity, and materials of an historic property. Work, including preliminary measures to protect and stabilize the property, generally focuses upon the ongoing maintenance and repair of historic materials and features rather than extensive replacement and new construction. New exterior additions are not within the scope of this treatment: however, the limited and sensitive

upgrading o mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and other conde-required work to make properties functional is appropriate within a preservation project.

Reconstruction: defined as the act of process of depicting by means of new construction, the form, features, and detailing of a non-surviving site, landscape, building, structure, or object for the purpose of replicating its appearance at a specific period of time and in its historic location.

Rehabilitation: defined as the act of process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions and feature which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values.

Restoration: is defined as the act of process of accurately depict the form, features, and character of a property as it appeared at a particular period of time by means of the removal of features from tother period in its history and reconstruction of missing features from the restoration period. The limited and sensitive upgrading of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems and other code-required work to make properties functional is appropriate within a restoration project.

Helpful Links

Cumberland County Register of Historic Places

<https://www.historicalsociety.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/CCHS-County-Register-of-Historic-Places-Application.pdf>

Carlisle Borough

https://www.carlislepa.org/government/boards___commissions/historical_and_architectural_review_board.php

Mechanicsburg Borough

[https://www.mechanicsburgpa.org/government/boards___commissions/historic_architectural_review_board.php /](https://www.mechanicsburgpa.org/government/boards___commissions/historic_architectural_review_board.php/)

Shippensburg Borough

<https://borough.shippensburg.pa.us/Government/Boards/HARB>

Upper Allen Township

https://www.uatwp.org/government/historical_architecture_review.php

National Register of Historic Places

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm>