



CLG Orientation Westminster

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What is historic preservation?

The study, documentation, designation, protection, and physical preservation of:

- Buildings
- Structures
- Sites
- Objects
- Districts

"Historic preservation is a conversation with our past about our future."

- National Park Service



Why preserve?

- Increase community identity and pride
- Reduce waste
- Revitalize downtowns
- Heritage tourism
- Generate jobs
- Increase property values
- Support small businesses
- Create affordable housing



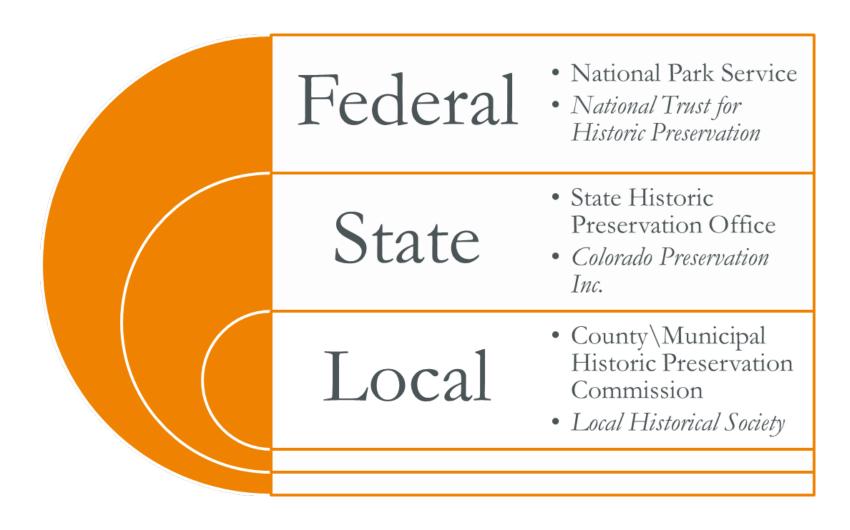


National Historic Preservation Act, 1966

- Set a national policy for preserving our heritage
- Created a partnership program between the Federal Government and the States and Tribes
- Established the National Register of Historic Places and the National Historic Landmarks programs
- Defined a process of review of Federal projects
- Amended in 1980 to add local partnership through the Certified Local Governments (CLG) program

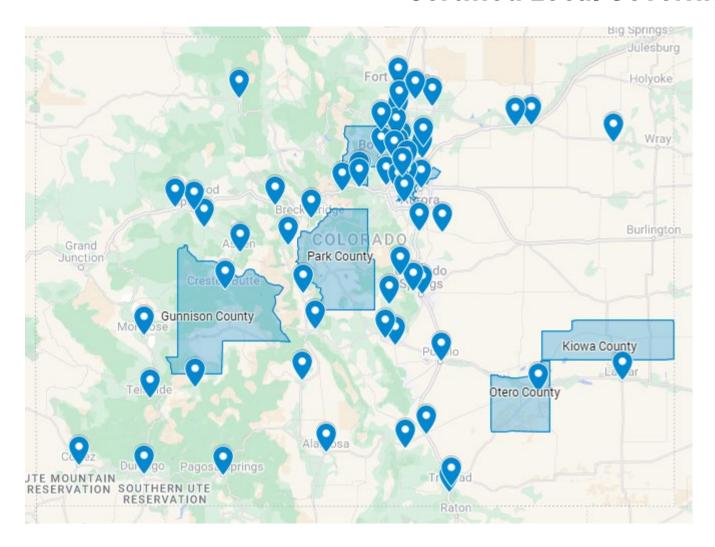


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Certified Local Governments



- Local government partnership agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and National Park Service (NPS)
- 68 CLGs in Colorado
- 2,100 CLGs nationwide



Certified Local Government Benefits

- CLG Grants
- NPS Grants
- Eligibility for state tax credits and State Historical Fund grants
- Access to Compass
- Training
- Technical preservation support
- Formal role in National Register review process
- Comment on Federal undertakings (Section 106)





Certified Local Government Responsibilities

- Enforce local preservation ordinance
- Establish and maintain a commission
- Send meeting minutes to SHPO
- Provide for adequate public participation
- Maintain a system of survey and inventory
- Attend SHPO-approved training at least once per year
- Submit an annual report

- CLG Evaluation (every four years)





Local Preservation Ordinance

City of Westminster Municipal Code, Title XI, Chapter 13

- Establishes an Historic Landmark Board
- Outlines procedures for the designation of local landmarks and historic districts, as well as review of alterations, relocation, and demolition
- Empowers the HLB to make recommendations to the City Council on designation; issue Certificates of Appropriateness; conduct surveys; initiate public education programs; ensure minimum maintenance of landmark properties; and assist property owners with preservation incentives
- Compliance with design review is mandatory

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. 3015

COUNCILLOR'S BILL NO. 12

SERIES OF 2003

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLORS

Hicks-McNally

A BILL

FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR IDENTIFICATION, PRESERVATION AND USE OF CITY LANDMARKS

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER ORDAINS

Section 1. Chapter 13 of Title XI of the Westminster Municipal Code is hereby adopted to

11-13-1: DECLARATION OF POLICY AND PURPOSE

- (A) The Council finds that the pressures of population growth and development may result in the destruction, impairment or drastic alteration of the buildings, structures and areas important to the City's social, cultural, historic and architectural heritage. It is further found that the prevention of such destruction and impairment and the attendant preservation of the City's social, cultural, historic and architectural heritage is essential to the public health, safety and welfare.
- (B) The purpose of this chapter is to promote the public health, safety and welfare through:
- The protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of buildings, structures, sites and
 areas that are reminders of past eras, events and persons important in local, state or national history, or
 which provide significant examples of architectural styles of the past, or which are unique and
 irreplaceable assets to the City and its neighborhoods, or which provide for this and future generations
 examples of the physical surroundings in which past generations lived;
- The development and maintenance of appropriate settings and environments for such buildings and structures, and in such sites and areas;
- The enhancement of property values, the stabilization of neighborhoods and areas of the City, the increase of economic and financial benefits to the City and its inhabitants, and the promotion of visitor trade and interest;
- The preservation and enhancement of a City of varied architectural styles, reflecting the distinct phases of its history: cultural, social, economic, political and architectural;
- The enrichment of human life in its spiritual, educational and cultural dimensions by fostering knowledge of the living heritage of the past; and
- The provision of educational opportunities and to increase the appreciation of local and state history.
- (C) The intent of this chapter is to create a reasonable balance between private property rights and the public interest in preserving Westminster's unique historic character and culture. It is also the intent of this chapter not to preserve every old building in the City, but rather to provide incentives to preserve historic and architecturally significant sites, buildings, structures, neighborhoods and districts by providing guidelines for the appropriate use of land and the moving, demolition, reconstruction, restoration or alteration of such buildings, sites and structures that comply with state and federal historic preservation laws, thereby making certain tax credits available to private property owners and making other benefits and incentives available for preservation projects.





HPAC Decision-Making

- Rules of Procedure (By-Laws)
- Agendas
- Preparation for designation and design review
- Procedures for designation and design review
- Evaluating designation and design review
- Actions; Making a Motion
- Meeting Minutes
- Decision Record
- Allowing for public participation and ensuring public access and transparency

Historic Landmark Board of Westminster, Colorado

Bylaws

A. Membership.

- The Board shall consist of five to seven members, as appointed by City Council.
 Up to two alternate members may be appointed by the City Council.
 - Boardmember terms shall be staggered and shall be of at least one year in duration.
- At least 40 percent of the boardmembers shall be professionals in preservationrelated disciplines as described in the Colorado Historical Society Certified Local Government Handbook. Information on the credentials of the boardmembers shall be kept on file for public inspection.
- 4. Alternate members shall serve as full members of the Board with the exception that they shall not vote on an application except in the absence of a regular member, in which case the chair shall designate an alternate member to sit in the stead of the absent regular member. If an alternate member hears an application at a public hearing and the hearing is then continued to another date, the alternate shall continue to sit as a voting member on the application unless the absent regular member listens to the recordings of all prior public hearing testimony and reviews all documents submitted in support of the application.
- The Board may invite persons to participate on the Board as ex-officio, non-voting members.

B. Officers.

- The Board shall elect a chair, a vice-chair, and a secretary by written or voice vote, at the discretion of the Board. The Chair and Vice-chair shall be regular members of the Board.
 The Secretary may be a regular or alternate member of the Board or a City staff member.
- Other officers may be selected at the discretion of the Board. The appointment or election of other officers shall be noted in the Board's meeting minutes.
 - 3. The Board Chair shall perform duties designated by the Board, including:
- (a) preside over regular and special meetings and conduct public hearings pursuant to the procedures established by the Board,
 - (b) coordinate with City Staff to establish an agenda prior to each meeting,
 - (c) appoint committees as desired by the Board,
 - (d) other duties as established from time to time by the Board.

August 2, 2011



Elements of Local Preservation Programs

- Survey
- Designation
- Design Review
- Incentives
- Advocacy & Public Education





Survey

- Documentation of cultural resources
- Basis for all other preservation activities
- Survey Types:
 - Reconnaissance
 - Intensive
 - Archaeological (Class I, II, III)
- Methodologies:
 - Comprehensive
 - Selective
- Historic Context Studies

Additional HPC Tools:

- Preservation Plans
- Survey Plans

Historic Architectural Survey: 2006-2007 Westminster, Colorado



Harris Park & Pillar of Fire Neighborhoods, Transportation Resources Survey Report

prepared for: Westminster Historic Landmark Board Department of Community Developmen City of Westminster, Colorado

by: Deon Wolfenbarger Three Gables Preservation Partially funded by: Funds from the National Historic Preservation Act Administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, for the Colorado Historical Society. Project 8CO-04-618

9. 2007



WESTMINSTER

Frontier, Nature, and Leisure: California Ranch Reconnaissance Survey, 2015–2016

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Dropared for

City of Westminster. Colorado

Certified Local Government Grant CO-15-022

August 2016



Westminster Selective Intensive Survey Jefferson County Westminster, Colorado

Project Number CO-08-018

Cultural Resource Survey 2008-2009

June 2009



Prepared for:

City of Westminster, Department of Community Development

Bunyak Research Associates 10628 W Roxbury Avenue Colorado Historical Society, Certified Local Government Grant



Designation

- National Register of Historic Places
- State Register of Historic Properties
- Local Designation
- Eligibility based on significance and integrity
- Criteria are established in ordinance
- Districts
 - Contributing versus non-contributing
 - % of owner support/owner disapproval
 - Opt-out not allowed

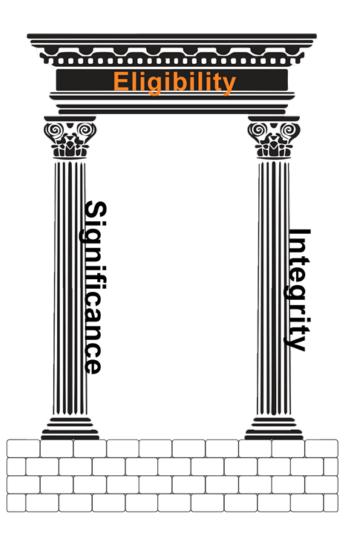






Designation

Context
National, State, and Local Register
Criteria
Area(s) of Significance
Period(s) of Significance



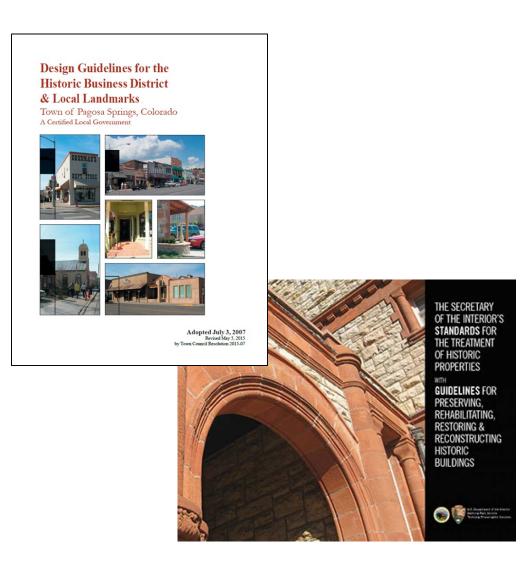
Location
Setting
Design
Materials
Workmanship
Association
Feeling

"Integrity is the ability of a property to convey its significance... The evaluation of integrity is sometimes a subjective judgment, but it must always be grounded in an understanding of a property's physical features and how they relate to its significance." – NR Bulletin



Design Review

- -Required for each CLG in Colorado
- -Based on local ordinance and designation
- -Mandatory or voluntary compliance
- -Must be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties
- -CLGs may also adopt their own Design Guidelines
- -Design Guidelines guide HPCs and property owners on treatment decisions, expand upon standards set forth in the ordinance, and must follow SOI Standards





Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

- Most flexible of SOI Standards: accommodates reasonable changes for new uses
- Designed to ensure the historic integrity of property is retained. Maintain qualities for which the property was designated
- Provides regulatory guidance for the Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program
- Provides basis for most local design guidelines

- 1. Choose a compatible new use
- 2. Retain historic character
- 3. Ensure that property tells true story of development
- 4. Consider historic changes as potentially significant
- 5. Preserve distinctive features
- 6. Repair rather than replace
- 7. Avoid destructive treatments
- 8. Protect archaeological resources
- Design additions to be sympathetic to the original
- 10. Make new additions reversible



Incentives

LOCAL	STATE & FEDERAL
 Sales tax rebate Low/zero interest loans Exemptions and variances Technical assistance Easements Property tax rebates Grants 	 State Historic Preservation Tax Credit State Historical Fund Revolving Loan Fund Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit



Advocacy & Public Education

- -Be proactive
- -Attend board of county commissioner and planning commission meetings
- -Foster community pride and ownership
- -Form relationships with historic property owners
- -Public outreach
 - publicize each project
 - Host an event/workshop
 - Use social media
 - Celebrate preservation month



Are You Considering

Historic Designation

in Berthoud?

Owner's Manual



Incentives

- CLG Grants
- NPS Grants
- State Historical Fund
- State Residential and Commercial Tax Credits
- Federal Tax Credits

Certified Local Government Grants

- Only Certified Local Governments are eligible to apply
- Administered by History Colorado's Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
- Due January 15th of each year
- No-match grants of up to \$25,000 for preservation planning, survey, design guidelines, designation, context studies, education/outreach projects
- Underrepresented communities and community engagement
- Applications available on October 1st; draft review available

https://www.historycolorado.org/certified-local-government-grants



National Park Service Grants

- African American Civil Rights, Save America's Treasures, History of Equal Rights, Underrepresented Communities grants
- CLGs are eligible to apply, along with SHPO, THPO, and non-profit organizations
- Administered by the National Park Service
- Provides funding for both physical preservation work as well as documentation, designation, and survey
- If you are interested in applying, start early!

https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/project-grants.htm



State Historical Fund - Noncompetitive Grants

- Government entities and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply, and may also apply on behalf of a private property owner
- Administered by History Colorado's State Historical Fund
- Rolling deadline
- Archaeological Assessments, Historic Structure Assessments, Planning, and Survey Plan grants
- Up to \$15,000
- 10% cash match required for government/nonprofit owner; 25% cash match for private owner
- Micro Grants
- Up to \$5,000
- 50% cash match required for all applicants
- Emergency Grants
- Up to \$15,000 with no match required

https://www.historycolorado.org/our-grant-types



State Historical Fund - Competitive Grants

- Government entities and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply, and may also apply on behalf of a private property owner
- Administered by History Colorado's State Historical Fund
- Due October 1st and April 1st each year
- General Grants
- Up to \$250,000
- 25% cash match required for government/nonprofit owners, and 50% for private owners
- Mini Grants
- Up to \$50,000
- 25% cash match required for government/nonprofit owners, and 50% for private owners
- BIPOC projects Projects which significantly benefit and involve one or more BIPOC communities qualify for reduced or no cash match

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State Residential Tax Credits

- Private property owners rehabilitating an owner-occupied residence
- Property must be designated on the National, State, or a CLG's local register
- Worth 20-25% of qualified rehabilitation expenditures
- Minimum expenditures of \$5,000
- Cap of \$50,000 in credits
- 10 years to use credits
- Administered by History Colorado's Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

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State Commercial Tax Credits

- Private and nonprofit owners rehabilitating an income-producing property
- Long-term lessees may also apply
- Property must be designated on the National, State, or a CLG's local register
- Worth 20-25% of qualified rehabilitation expenditures
- Minimum expenditures of \$20,000
- Cap of \$1 million in credits
- Need to reserve in advance
- Credits may be sold
- Administered by History Colorado's Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the State of Colorado's Office of Economic Development and International Trade

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Federal Preservation Tax Credits

- Private owners rehabilitating an income-producing property
- Long-term lessees may also apply
- Property must be designated on the National Register
- Worth 20% of qualified rehabilitation expenditures
- No Cap
- Rehabilitation must be substantial
- Administered by History Colorado's Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the National Park Service

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Resources

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Happy Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month!

