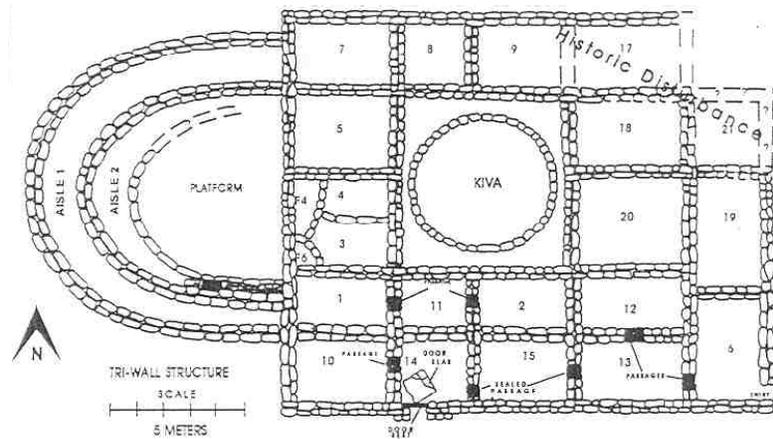




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Preservation Programs of



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THE COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Overview

The mission of the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) is to creatively engage Coloradans and their guests in partnerships to discover, preserve, and take pride in our architectural, archaeological, and other historic places by providing statewide leadership and support to our partners in archaeology and historic preservation.

The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Edward C. Nichols, is responsible for administering the preservation programs as defined in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The SHPO also administers state historic preservation laws.

The Colorado State Archaeologist, Richard Wilshusen serves as the Deputy SHPO for archaeology and federal program administration. The office is a division of History Colorado. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, except for official state holidays.

The Deputy SHPO for history, Steve Turner, also directs the State Historical Fund program. The State Historical Fund, Historical & Architectural Survey, the National Register of Historic Places, and the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., except for official State holidays.

In support of our program areas we offer advice, provide education materials, conduct school and community presentations and house a reference library and research collections.



Centennial Farm Program

In cooperation with the Colorado Department of Agriculture, the State Historical Fund administers the Colorado Centennial Farm Award which recognizes working farms and ranches that have remained in the same family for more than 100 years. An additional award, the Centennial Farm Historic Structures Award, honors Centennial farms and ranches with buildings that are at least 50 years old.

Presented annually at the Colorado State Fair, this award recognizes the important role agriculture has played in the settlement and development of Colorado and honors the contributions made by the state's long-standing farm and ranch families.

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The Power of Heritage and Place

A 2020 Action Plan to Advance Preservation in Colorado

This plan seeks to motivate and empower people to value heritage and historic places by enhancing opportunities to demonstrate the myriad benefits of sharing and preserving the stories therein embodied. The Action Agenda is organized around six goals devised to guide statewide, regional, and local preservation efforts over the next five years. They are ordered to reflect a logical progression in advancing the practice of preservation in Colorado:

Goal A: Preserving the Places that Matter

- *The ongoing identification, documentation, evaluation, protection, and interpretation of Colorado's irreplaceable historic and cultural resources*

Goal B: Strengthening and Connecting the Colorado Preservation Network

- *The building of the capacity of preservation partners and networks statewide to nurture local leaders and leverage assets*

Goal C: Shaping the Preservation Message

- *The promotion and messaging of historic preservation's mission and vision to all citizens*

Goal D: Publicizing the Benefits of Preservation

- *The documenting and sharing of the benefits of historic preservation*

Goal E: Weaving Preservation Throughout Education

- *The education of students and citizens of all ages about their shared heritage*

Goal F: Advancing Preservation Practices

- *The provision of historic preservation technical outreach to assist in defining, describing, and preserving Colorado's historic and cultural resources*

Intergovernmental Services / Certified Local Governments

Certified Local Governments (CLGs) are those municipalities that have enacted a local preservation ordinance which meets certain standards. It is through these local ordinances that privately owned properties can be truly protected.

The CLGs are eligible for an earmarked pool of federal grants, can participate in the state preservation tax credit program, and can attend workshops and meetings held to encourage networking among local governments. OAHF staff is available to assist with the creation of new CLGs and to provide information and training to other commissions.



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GIS Program

The Colorado Cultural Resource GIS (Geographic Information System) Program was initiated in 1999 as an ongoing effort to provide site and survey location information as digital overlays to USGS topo maps. The detailed and up-to-date overlays and maps provide invaluable information for contractors, planners, researchers, and students. OAHP staff maintains these GIS overlays and they are available to qualified individuals, organizations, and agencies.

Generalized versions of the system, modified to protect the exact location of archaeological resources, will be made available on the web. Funding for this program is made possible through grants from the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the USDA Forest Service, and the State Historical Fund.

Compass, Colorado's on-line cultural resource database, provides web access to data concerning sites and documents. The service is available to qualified individuals and allows the user to perform searches on nearly 150,000 archaeological and architectural sites and buildings based on numerous criteria, including location, building characteristics, artifacts, dates and management recommendations. Information concerning access and fees is available on the OAHP web site.

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Historical & Architectural Survey

Historical & architectural surveys provide tangible and lasting evidence of who we are, how we got here, and how we have changed through time. Identification, designation, and protection of historic buildings and structures ensure that communities retain their special sense of time and place.

Completed inventories provide the foundation for informed resource management and planning decisions. By considering historic resources early in the planning stages, it is more likely they can be preserved for future generations. Preservation planning studies that provide for the recognition and protection of cultural resources are usually based on the results of historical & architectural surveys.

Survey information is a valuable educational tool for local residents, business owners, and the general public who are interested in learning more about a region. Property owners often use the information to help in the appropriate restoration or rehabilitation of their houses and places of business.

Survey information can also be used to establish walking tours or in the general reconstruction of a community's history. Information gathered during surveys often becomes the basis for nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, the State Register of Historic Properties, or as locally-designated landmarks.

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Intergovernmental Services / Review and Compliance

When a federal agency funds, licenses or permits an activity that may affect cultural resources, the agency must consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer. State agencies must consult with the Colorado Historical Society to determine whether their activities involve nominated or listed State Register properties. In certain circumstances, local governments may be included in the consultation process.

Intergovernmental Services staff assists federal and state agencies and their applicants in carrying out these responsibilities. This consideration process involves a series of steps that include:

- Evaluating the eligibility of the cultural resources.
- Determining effects of proposed work on eligible, nominated, or listed properties.
- Seeking alternatives to avoid, minimize, or mitigate effects to such properties.



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National Register & State Register

OAHP assists property owners in listing Colorado's most historically and architecturally significant buildings, structures, and sites in the National Register of Historic Places and the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. Colorado currently has over 1,200 listings in the National Register and more than 1,600 listings in the State Register.

Properties listed in the National Register or State Register may be eligible for investment tax credits for approved rehabilitation projects. Listed properties are also eligible to compete for acquisition and development grants from Colorado's State Historical Fund.

Although OAHP strongly encourages the preservation of National Register and State Register properties, listing offers no automatic protection. Private owners of National Register and State Register properties using private funds may alter or demolish these properties, subject to local building regulations. Projects involving federal or state agency actions or funding are reviewed by OAHP with the goal of preserving historic resources whenever possible.

OAHP staff is available to assist with the initial assessments of eligibility and to provide guidance in the completion of register nominations.

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Office of the State Archaeologist

The State Archaeologist's duties and responsibilities include the investigation of impacts to archaeological resources and response to requests for technical and administrative assistance. The staff also provides guidance relating to the identification, documentation, and protection of archaeological resources. These responsibilities are enumerated in state rather than in federal statutes and include the issuance of permits for archaeological and paleontological work on non-federal/nontribal lands in the state.

Under state law, the State Archaeologist responds to the discovery of unmarked human graves. The staff works with citizens to resolve potentially conflicting concerns between development, scientific research, and respectful treatment.

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PAAC Program

The Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC) introduces individuals to Colorado's past, instructing them on archaeological field and laboratory methods, including artifact identification. The classes cover site recording and report preparation of Colorado's cultural resources with emphasis on the responsible stewardship.

Evening and weekend classes are offered across the state, based on a schedule designed to meet local requests. These classes are taught by the Assistant State Archaeologist, and proficiency certification is available upon successful completion of a program.

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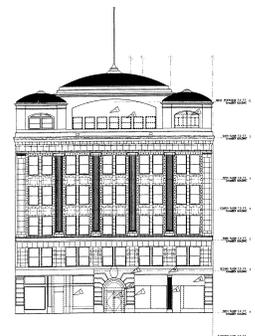
Intergovernmental Services / Preservation Tax Incentives

Federal and state tax laws provide incentives for historic preservation projects which follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The federal government now offers a 20% investment tax credit for the approved rehabilitation of certified historic buildings used for income producing purposes as well as a 10% credit for certain other older buildings.

The state offers a similar 20% state income tax credit based on \$5,000 or more of approved preservation work on designated properties. Applicants are urged to contact OAHF staff as early as possible when considering an application for either federal or state tax credits. There is a \$50,000 maximum credit per qualified property.

OAHF provides advice to property owners, developers, and architects concerning appropriate preservation and rehabilitation measures. OAHF staff review applications for tax incentives and make recommendations for approval.

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State Historical Fund

The State Historical Fund (SHF) awards grants to public and non-profit organizations to preserve and interpret Colorado's architectural and archaeological treasures for public benefit. Each year, the program receives a portion of the total state tax revenues generated by gaming in the towns of Black Hawk, Central City and Cripple Creek. These funds are then redistributed for historic preservation projects in communities throughout Colorado.

Examples of projects funded include preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic schools, libraries, theaters, county courthouses, town halls, mining and agricultural sites, railroad cars, bridges and historic commercial districts. Grants are also awarded for educational programs, survey and planning projects, interpretation of important historic sites and archaeological analysis.



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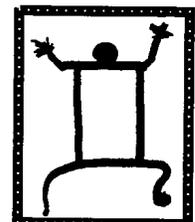
Survey & Inventory

Approximately 6% of Colorado has been surveyed for cultural resources. The surveys may involve the identification of historic homes in a residential area, the recording of commercial buildings in a downtown district, or the gathering of archaeological information in a remote portion of the state. These surveys are often spurred by agencies or municipalities proposing federal, state, or local projects. OAHP staff is available to assist with the planning and documentation of these surveys.

Over 165,000 cultural resources with archaeological, architectural or engineering qualities have been recorded in Colorado. This information has been collected over the last 50 years and represents extensive field, laboratory and archival research by a wide variety of government agencies, local initiatives, educational institutions, preservation organizations and the general public.

Information from these surveys and resources are summarized in a computerized database and the original forms and documents are stored at OAHP. These resources are available to the public for a variety of research and management uses in addition to those individuals interested in Colorado's rich and diverse cultural resources.

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