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WHAT ARE THE NATIONAL AND NEW JERSEY REGISTERS?

National Register of Historic Places

The first National Register for historic properties was begun by Congress in 1935 with the passage of the Historic Sites Act. This act directed the Secretary of the Interior to designate properties of national importance as National Historic Landmarks. The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 established the National Register of Historic Places as the official list of national historic resources worthy of preservation. This act expanded the National Register to include buildings, structures, objects, sites and districts of statewide and local significance.

Being listed on the National Register includes the following benefits:

- Public recognition of a property's historical, architectural or archeological significance
- Eligibility for federal investment tax credits for the rehabilitation of income-producing historic properties
- A measure of protection from potentially harmful Federal agency projects or undertakings

New Jersey Register of Historic Places

A 1970 state law established the New Jersey Register of Historic Places as the State's official list of historic resources worthy of preservation. Modeled upon the National Register program, the New Jersey Register uses the same criteria, the same application forms, the same review process, and the same State Review Board consideration.

Being listed on the New Jersey Register does include the following benefits:

- Public recognition of a property's historical, architectural, or archeological significance
- Eligibility to apply for rehabilitation or restoration grants or loans from the New Jersey Historic Trust (if the property is owned by county or local government or by a non-profit corporation)
- Protective review of state, county, or municipal projects that might "encroach upon, damage, or destroy" a listed property

Being listed on the New Jersey Register does not:

- Place restrictions on private property owners;
- Affect local decisions of municipal historic preservation commissions or change local planning board or board of adjustment decisions

For further information on The National and New Jersey Registers of Historic Places contact Bob Craig at the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office - 609.984.0541 / bcraig@dep.state.nj.us

The Path of a Register Nomination

National and State Register Listing Process

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