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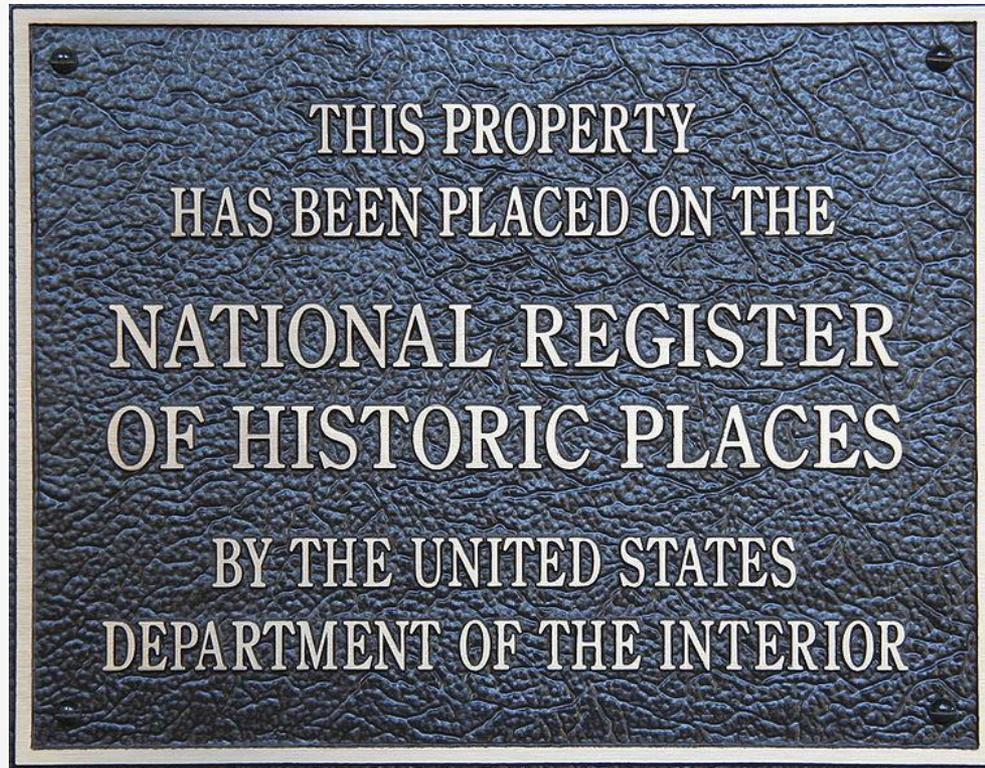
The Benefits of National Register Districts

Texas Historical Commission



National Register of Historic Places

Official federal list of sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture





National Register: Evaluation Criteria

At least 50 years old,
plus be associated with an important historic context
(local, state, or national)

A: Association with historic events or activities

B: Association with important persons

C: Distinctive design or physical characteristics

D: Potential to provide information about prehistory or history





Integrity: Does it convey significance?

Location – *is the property in its original place?*

Setting – *is the historic character of the surroundings intact?*

Materials – *are the original components intact?*

Workmanship – *is there evidence of the builder's level of skill?*

Design – *is the original arrangement apparent (form, plan, style)?*

Feeling – *does the property evoke a historic period of time?*

Association – *is the property intact enough to retain a link with historic persons or events?*





National Register Districts



DISTRICT

A significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development.



Eligibility under Criterion C

- Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, *or*
- Represents the work of a master, *or*
- Possesses high artistic value, *or*
- Represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction





Contributing vs. Noncontributing Resources

Contributing

- Present during period of significance
- Relates to the documented significance
- Possesses good degree of integrity

Noncontributing

- Not present during period of significance
- Not related to the documented significance
- Lacks sufficient integrity





Contributing vs. Noncontributing Resources

Contributing resources enjoy all the same benefits of individually listed properties



Noncontributing status isn't necessarily permanent and can be reversed



National Register of Historic Places

The designation does **NOT**:

- Restrict in any way a private property owner's ability to alter, manage, or dispose of a property.
- Require that properties be maintained, repaired or restored.
- Require public access to private property.
- Allow the listing of historic districts over a majority of property owners' objection
- Allow the individual listing of private property over an owner's objection.





National Register of Historic Places

LISTING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER....

- Provides prestigious recognition to significant properties
- Bolsters community pride
- Encourages the preservation of historic properties
- Qualifies property for designation as an SAL (optional)

THIS PROPERTY
HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE
NATIONAL REGISTER
OF HISTORIC PLACES
BY THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR





National Register of Historic Places

LISTING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER....

- Gives property owners priority access to technical assistance from the Texas Historical Commission staff
- Provides information about historic properties for local and statewide planning purposes.
- Provides the basis for most preservation activities under federal programs.

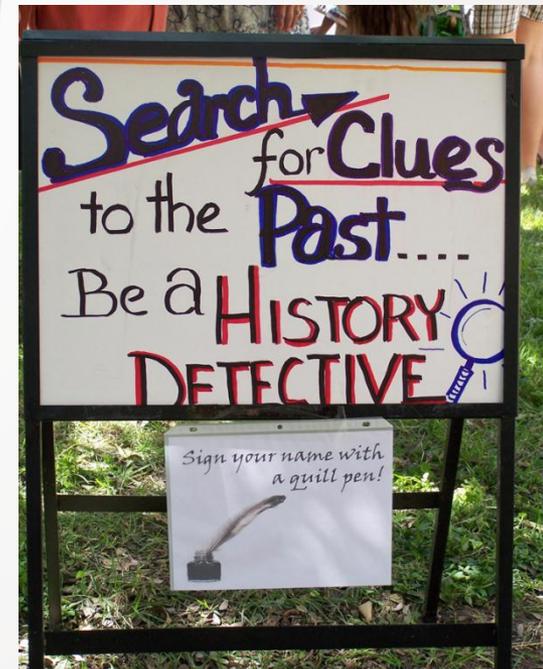
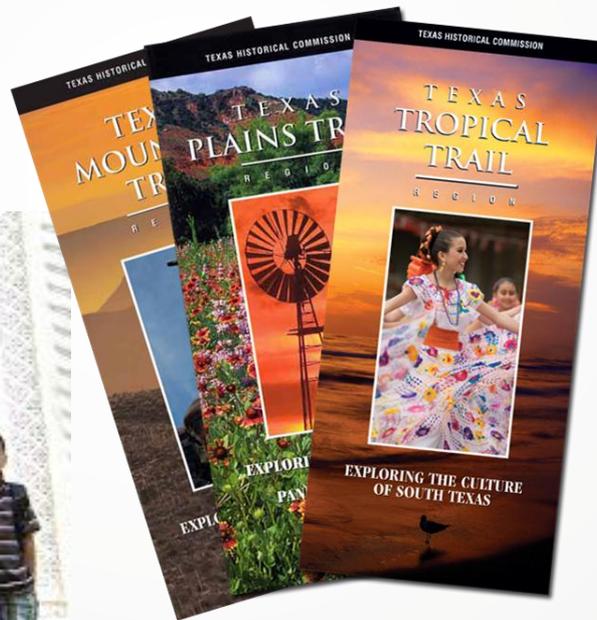




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LISTING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER....

- Provides basic eligibility for financial incentives, when available.
- Helps promote tourism and economic development.
- Supports local heritage education initiatives.





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National Register of Historic Places



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The National Register of Historic Places is a federal program administered in our state by the Texas Historical Commission in coordination with the National Park Service. Listing in the National Register provides national recognition of a property's historical or architectural significance and denotes that it is worthy of preservation. Buildings, sites, objects, structures and districts are eligible for this designation if they are at least 50 years old (with rare exceptions) and meet established criteria. Plaques are available, but not required, for this designation.

The National Register designation imposes no restrictions on property owners. Those receiving grant assistance or federal tax credits for rehabilitation projects, however, must adhere to certain standards. With a National Register designation, the property receives extra consideration before any federal projects, such as highway construction, are undertaken. To nominate a property, the owner's consent is required.

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