



Historic Preservation Resource Guide

The following list of online resources is intended to assist Delaware's historic preservation review commissions and the public with common historic preservation-related issues; please note that this list is not intended to be comprehensive.



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PRESERVATION ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCIES

[National Alliance of Preservation Commissions \(NAPC\)](#)

The NAPC is the only organization devoted solely to representing the nation’s preservation design review commissions.

[National Park Service \(NPS\)](#)

The NPS, a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Interior, has an extensive, far-reaching role in historic preservation and administers programs such as the National Register of Historic Places and the Certified Local Government (CLG) Program.

- [Certified Local Governments](#)
- [Technical Preservation Services](#)
- [Working on the Past in Local Historic Districts](#)

[National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is America’s leading non-profit dedicated to historic preservation.

[Preservation Delaware, Inc. \(PDI\)](#)

A statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of Delaware’s architectural heritage and historic settings through education, public policy initiatives and technical assistance.

DEMOLITION

Demolition by Neglect

- Osborne, Rebecca. *[PDF Download]* [“Balancing Act: Preventing Demolition by Neglect.”](#) UNCG Department of the Interior Architecture
- National Trust for Historic Preservation. *[PDF Download]* [“Preservation Law Educational Materials: Demolition by Neglect.”](#)



Demolition Review

- Paulus, Emily. [PDF Download] "[Protecting Historic Resources through Demolition Review.](#)"
New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources
- Miller, Julia H. [PDF Download] "[Protecting Potential Landmarks through Demolition Review.](#)"
National Trust for Historic Preservation

DESIGN GUIDELINES

- National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. "[Online Design Guidelines.](#)"
- National Park Service. "[Creating and Using Design Guidelines.](#)"

ENERGY EFFICIENCY / SUSTAINABILITY

- National Park Service. "[Sustainability.](#)"
- ---. [PDF Download] "[The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation & Illustrated Guidelines on Sustainability for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.](#)"
- ---. "[Improving Energy Efficiency in Historic Buildings.](#)" *Preservation Brief 3*
- National Trust for Historic Preservation. "[Weatherization Guide for Older & Historic Buildings.](#)"
- Whole Building Design Guide. "[Sustainable Historic Preservation.](#)"

FUNDING

Rehabilitation

- Delaware State Historic Preservation Office. "[Delaware's Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program.](#)"
- National Park Service. "[Tax Incentives for Preserving Historic Properties.](#)"
- Preservation Delaware. "[Preservation Fund.](#)"

Various

- National Trust for Historic Preservation. "[Find Preservation Funding.](#)"

LEAD PAINT

- National Park Service. "[Appropriate Methods for Reducing Lead-Paint Hazards in Historic Housing.](#)" *Preservation Brief 37*
- National Trust for Historic Preservation. "[Lead-safe Practices for Older & Historic Buildings.](#)"

LEGAL

- Reap, James K., Melvin B. Hill, Jr. [PDF Download] "[Law and the Historic Preservation Commission: What Every Member Needs to Know.](#)" National Park Service: Cultural Resource Partnership Notes



- Stipe, Robert E. [PDF Download] "[A letter to George: How to Keep the Preservation Commission Out of Court and Avoid Being Sued.](#)"

NEW CONSTRUCTION / ADDITIONS

- National Park Service. "[New Exterior Additions to Historic Buildings: Preservation Concerns.](#)" *Preservation Brief 14*

Examples

- Government of the District of Columbia. [PDF Download] "[District of Columbia Historic Preservation Guidelines: New Construction in Historic Districts.](#)"
- Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia. [PDF Download] "[Sense of Place: Design Guidelines for New Construction in Historic Districts.](#)"

PRESERVATION ORDINANCES

- National Park Service. "[Local Laws as Neighborhood Guardians.](#)"
- National Trust for Historic Preservation. "[Preservation Ordinance FAQ.](#)"

PRESERVATION PLANNING

- National Park Service. "[Historic Preservation Planning Program.](#)"

SURVEY

- Delaware State Historic Preservation Office. "[Architectural and Archaeological Survey.](#)"
- National Park Service. "[Guidelines for Local Surveys: A Basis for Preservation Planning.](#)" *National Register Bulletin 24*

WINDOWS

- Anderson, Carolina. [PDF Download] "[Upgrading Historic Building Windows.](#)" General Services Administration: Technical Preservation Guidelines
- National Trust for Historic Preservation. "[Windows.](#)"

Wood

- National Park Service. "[The Repair of Historic Wooden Windows.](#)" *Preservation Brief 9*

Steel

- ---. "[The Repair and Thermal Upgrading of Historic Steel Windows.](#)" *Preservation Brief 13*



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