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DELAWARE’S HISTORIC PRESERVATION NETWORK
GOVERNMENT-BASED HISTORIC PRESERVATION

FEDERAL:
National Park Service (NPS)
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National Center for Preservation Technology and Training
Web page: www.ncptt.nps.gov

NPS administers the yearly Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant to Delaware, maintains the central files on National Register properties and National Historic Landmarks across the country, and provides technical assistance on planning and other preservation activities. It also administers the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) and Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) programs. It produces a number of technical manuals on preservation, as well as histories, lesson plans for teachers, and landmark studies. Its main periodical, CRM Journal, is available free. NPS also maintains a web site which provides technical information on rehabilitation at: www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps.

STATE:
Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs (DHCA)
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The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), appointed by the Governor, oversees the state-federal preservation partnership programs. The SHPO advises the Governor and the Legislature on historic preservation issues; sits as an advisory member on the board of Preservation Delaware, Inc.; and participates in project planning under federal regulations. The Division is the holder of historic preservation easements under State law. The Division’s historic preservation staff supports the State Review Board for Historic Preservation, an appointed board of citizens and preservation professionals which reviews all of Delaware’s National Register nominations, awards sub-grants from Delaware’s HPF monies each year, and provides planning guidance for the DHCA.

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DHCA conducts cultural resource surveys, prepares statewide preservation plans, nominates properties to the National Register of Historic Places, reviews federal undertakings for effects on historic properties, administers grants, helps certify projects for federal and state tax incentives, provides public education, cooperates with related state agencies, and reviews archaeological and historic architectural activities. It provides staff support to the Unmarked Human Remains Committee and archaeologists to respond to reports of the discovery of unmarked human remains. It maintains the central files on historic properties and is developing automated systems, including a web-based, interactive map portal, to manage these data. It provides technical assistance and information about historic properties to federal, state, and local agencies during planning for federally funded projects, to local governments for their comprehensive plans, and to private citizens interested in rehabilitating a historic house or in the preservation of their community.
Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO)
Delaware Main Street Program
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DEDO provides the central coordination for the Main Street program in Delaware, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Main Street managers in each Main Street town write and administer grants for façade improvements in downtown areas, provide staff support for merchants’ and owners’ activities, and work to improve the economy of Delaware’s historic downtowns.

Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), Environmental Studies
Administration Building
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Dover, DE 19901
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DelDOT actively participates in cultural resource planning for federally funded transportation projects. It publishes the results of the architectural and archaeological surveys produced as part of this work, and makes these publications available in every Delaware high school and public library. A number of these reports are also available on-line. It provides public outreach on its cultural resource projects through newspaper articles, school tours, days for the public on archaeological sites, and slide talks to community organizations.

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Division of Parks and Recreation
Cultural Heritage Section
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The Cultural Heritage Section assists other DNREC agencies in review of federal undertakings, provides cultural resources management on DNREC-owned lands, and participates in planning activities. It provides a number of different public outreach activities, including a Time Travelers program for amateur archaeologists, lesson plans using DNREC properties, and slide talks at State Parks facilities.

LOCAL:

New Castle County Department of Land Use
New Castle County Government Center
87 Reads Way, Corporate Commons
New Castle, DE 19720-1648
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New Castle County’s Preservation Planner produces and maintains information on historic buildings and structures, writes National Register nominations, and provides both local planning and project review and federal project review. The Preservation Planner prepares public outreach publications and provides slide talks to community groups. As a Certified Local Government, the County appoints a Historic Review Board, which reviews all National Register nominations for properties within the County, reviews demolitions involving National Register-listed or eligible properties, and reviews changes to properties with historic zoning. The County now has a tax incentive for the rehabilitation of National Register-listed properties in unincorporated areas. The County can provide preservation planning assistance to incorporated areas within the county that do not have this expertise on staff.

Note: A number of cities and towns in Delaware participate in Main Street programs or have city historic districts, historic preservation zoning, and/or planning activities. Consult your local government for more information.
Kent County currently does not have a Preservation Planner. This position produces and maintains information on historic buildings and structures, writes National Register nominations, and provides both local planning and project review and federal project review. The Preservation Planner prepares public outreach publications and provides slide talks to community groups. The County offers a rehabilitation tax credit for homeowners of National-Register listed properties.

Sussex County’s Preservation Planner assists the county with federal project review and assists citizens with questions on historic properties and properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The City’s Preservation Planner produces and maintains information on historic buildings and structures, produces National Register nominations, and provides local planning and project review, and federal project review. The Preservation Planner prepares public outreach publications, coordinates Preservation Week activities in the City, and provides slide talks to community groups. As a Certified Local Government, the City appoints a Design Review Board, which reviews all National Register nominations produced for properties within the City, demolitions involving National Register-listed or eligible properties, and facade changes to properties within City historic districts.

NON-PROFIT PRESERVATION ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL:

National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP)
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e-mail: nero@nthp.org
Advisors for Delaware: Mary Jane Elliott and Joan Hazelton

Preservation Action
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Washington, DC 20036
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The National Trust runs a number of assistance programs to states, non-profit organizations, and homeowners. It organizes a national conference annually on historic preservation issues. In Delaware, NTHP provides support for the Delaware Main Street Program, Preservation Delaware’s activities, public outreach on Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation’s activities, and local organizations’ conferences on specialized historic preservation topics. NTHP issues a magazine, Preservation, available to members and on newsstands.

Preservation Action is the national lobbying organization on historic preservation issues. It advocates federal legislation to further the cause of historic preservation at the local, state and national levels.
STATE:

Preservation Delaware, Inc. (PDI)
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Wilmington, DE 19806
302-651-9617 // 302-651-9603 (fax)
Web page: www.preservationdelaware.org
Executive Director: (position vacant)
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PDI provides assistance to preservationists and local preservation organizations. It serves as a network center for technical assistance and preservation advocacy. It works with the DE SHPO, intervenes in preservation issues, develops conferences and special projects, engages in Delaware’s historic preservation easement program, is working on developing a revolving fund program in Delaware, and serves as a preservation clearinghouse. It issues a quarterly newsletter, PDI Post, and an occasional publication on special topics, The Preservation Primer, both available to members. Back Issues of the Preservation Primer can be requested from PDI.

Delaware Preservation Fund, Inc. (DPF)
P.O. Box 632
Montchanin, DE 19710
302-832-0300 // 302-832-0139 (fax)
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Board President: Mary Jane Elliott
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DPF, a corporate subsidiary of PDI, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of Delaware’s historic properties. It administers a grant program, a loan program, and an easement program. The revolving fund which supports these programs was established through the generosity of the State of Delaware, the Longwood Foundation and the Welfare Foundation.

PRESERVATION EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Center for Historic Architecture and Design (CHAD)
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CHAD supports graduate study in historic preservation in the field of urban affairs and public policy. CHAD is an interdisciplinary center created to address issues related to historic preservation through an integrated program of teaching, research, and public service focusing on: historic architecture and landscapes; design issues of the built environment; historic preservation planning and policy; documentation of historic properties and computer applications to documentation; and materials conservation research.