

HISTORIC PARK PLANS: DESIGN CONSULTANT'S GUIDELINES

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Montgomery County historic preservation requirements apply to work on regulated **Historic Sites** and **Historic Resources**, and other properties of intrinsic value to M-NCPPC called Historic Park Resources. The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (MC-DPS) review and approve changes or alterations to projects classified as **Historic Sites** or **Historic Resources**. The Department of Parks Cultural Resources Stewardship Section reviews and approves changes or alterations to historic preservation projects classified as Historic Park Resources.

Classifications:

- 1) **Historic Sites** are any individual historic resource that is significant and contributes to the historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural values within the Maryland-Washington Regional District and which has been so designated in the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation* ("Master Plan").
- 2) **Historic Resources** are a district, site, building, structure or object, including its appurtenances and environmental setting, which is significant in national, state or local history, architecture, archaeology or culture. This includes, but is not limited to, all properties on the *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County* ("Locational Atlas").
- 3) Historic Park Resources are defined as **Historic Sites** and **Historic Resources**, and other sites, buildings, structures or objects, including appurtenances and environmental settings, determined by the Cultural Resources Stewardship Division to be of intrinsic value to the M-NCPPC.

The criteria may apply to an entire project or to part of a project, and may apply to the work of any trade or engineering discipline.

Standards and Guidelines

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission office, also known as the Historic Preservation Section of the M-NCPPC Planning Department, can provide assistance to determine the applicable regulatory standards and guidelines. The Consultant is responsible for contacting them for the latest update of published guidelines, standards, rules, application forms and instructions pertaining to historic preservation from any agency having jurisdiction.

When a **Historic Site** is listed in the Master Plan, *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* ("Standards") that are published by the National Park Service will be the guiding standards for the project. The Standards are written for specific project treatments: preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, or reconstruction. The goals of individual projects will determine which Standards treatment is most appropriate for that project.

When a **Historic Resource** is listed on the Locational Atlas, the standards and guidelines are more flexible. Regardless of the project's status, if a Historic Park Resource is determined to have intrinsic value to the M-NCPPC Cultural Resources Stewardship Section, every effort shall be made to comply with the Standards and to protect the future eligibility of the property for Locational Atlas or Master Plan status.

Note: This summary was finalized April 3, 2008 in consultation with the M-NCPPC Historic Preservation Section and is intended as a guideline for Department of Parks' projects. At the time of a project's historic preservation review, this information should be verified with the Department of Parks Project Manager and Historic Preservation staff.