

Illinois State Historic Preservation Office

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The purpose of the *Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan* is to examine current statewide preservation activities and identify strategies to advance preservation efforts at the local, regional, and statewide levels over the next decade. The Statewide Plan will provide goals and objectives to guide planning for Illinois' historic and cultural resources over the next ten years.

WHY IS THE SHPO CREATING A STATEWIDE PLAN? By preparing the Statewide Plan, the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (IL-SHPO) is fulfilling its duties to the National Park Service to provide a comprehensive planning process that incorporates input from Illinois stakeholders. In addition, the Statewide Plan will guide the IL-SHPO in its programming and policy decision-making.

WHO SHOULD USE THE STATEWIDE PLAN? The Statewide Plan will be relevant to the IL-SHPO, local municipalities and state agencies, historic boards and commissions, preservation advocacy organizations, museums, historical societies, cultural institutions, Tribal communities, and preservation advocates around the state. The Statewide Plan will provide goals and objectives that address a variety of preservation issues and are achievable to implement.

WHO IS PREPARING THE STATEWIDE PLAN? In 2022, the IL-SHPO contracted with The Lakota Group, SWCA and Bailey Edward to assist them in the preparation of an updated *Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan*. The planning team will facilitate virtual and in-person meetings and workshops to solicit feedback from around the state to identify key preservation issues, trends, needs, and successes. The *State of the State* report will outline current preservation efforts leading to preparation of the final Statewide Plan.

PARTICIPATE! The input and participation of the citizens and stakeholders of Illinois is vital in the preparation of a Statewide Plan that is meaningful and useful to the Illinois preservation community. We welcome and encourage your involvement. **We want your input!**

Visit the Project Website for more information about the following opportunities for your participation in the planning process:

- Attend a Virtual Listening Session
- Attend an in-person Regional Workshop
- Submit your comments to the planning team on the Project Website



PROJECT SCHEDULE



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