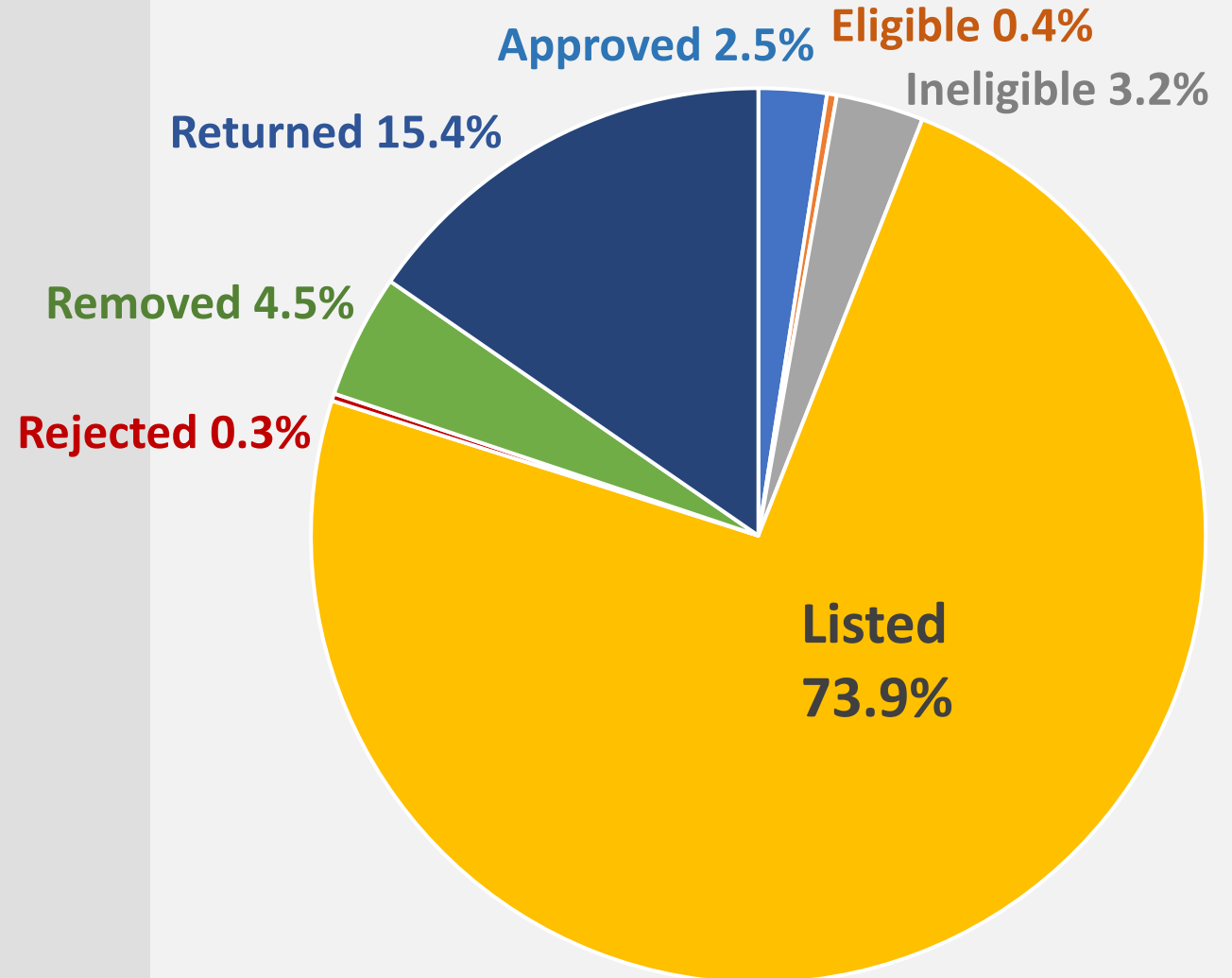


**National Register of Historic
Places
and
National Historic Landmarks
FY23 Year in Review**

Isaac Milbank House, (FL) built 1911, listed 2023.

National Register actions FY23

Action	Count
Approved*	28
Eligible*	4
Ineligible	36
Listed	841
Rejected	3
Removed	51
Returned	175
Grand Total	1,138



* Approved = Multiple Property Documentation Cover; Eligible/Ineligible = DOE request or owner objection

National Register new and revised guidance in process

TCP Bulletin Revision and Reissuance

- 17 webinars conducted
 - 402 attendees* from 185 organizations
 - 4 Tribal consultations, reaching 42 Tribes
 - 2 Native Hawaiian Organization consultations
 - 1 Alaska Native Corporation consultation
- 85 submissions received via letter, email, and PEPC site, totaling 900+ comments
- Internal review and revision in process
- Federal Register comment period Fall 2023
- issuance by early 2024
- Project webpage at [TCP Bulletin Project Webpage \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/tcpbulletin)

*Some individuals attended more than one session.

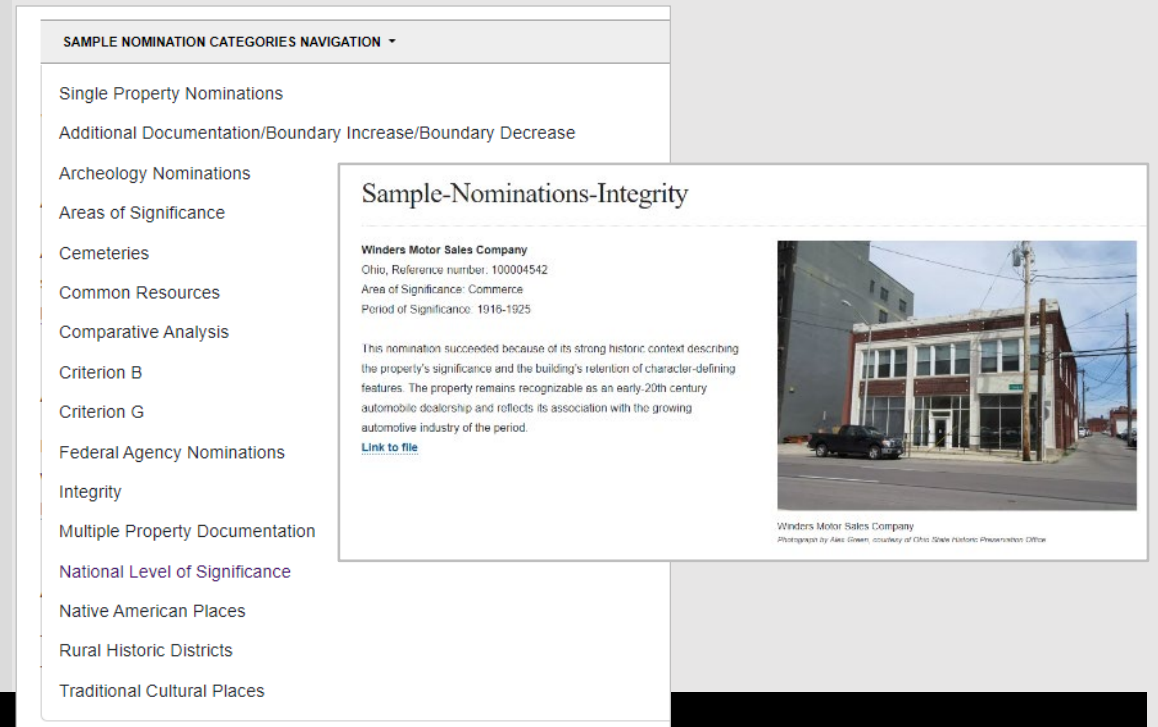
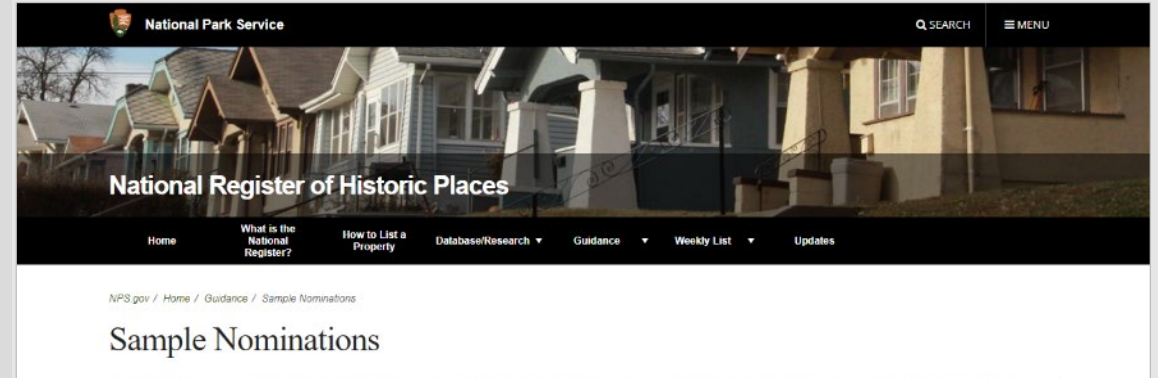


National Register new and revised guidance in process

- **Bulletins 15 and 16A (criteria, form)**
 - internal scoping underway
 - comment period early 2024
- **Modern Era Bulletin**
 - preliminary scoping underway, schedule TBD
- **Photo guidance update**
 - revision underway
 - issuance projected early Fall 2023
- **Urban Renewal Nationwide MPDF**
 - consultant contract awarded August 2023
 - 24 month schedule

National Register sample nominations webpage revision and expansion

- 60 total nominations, with more routinely added
 - 27 older nominations removed
 - 20 nominations retained, explanations expanded
 - 40 new nominations added, with explanations
- Actions organized by category, with page links
 - 16 categories currently available, with more in development



National Register new guidance vehicle: *Best Practices Review*

A new publication illustrating National Register guidance by providing examples from recent nominations

- Typically 5 to 6 pages of text and images, focused on a single issue, with citations to National Register Bulletins
- First issue released September 2022
 - *Evaluating Non-Historic Exteriors*
- New issues released quarterly
 - *Evaluating Garages and Outbuildings in Historic Districts*
 - *Amending National Register Documentation*
 - *Evaluating Common Resources*
 - *Preparing a Concise Significance Statement*
- All available at [National Register Publications \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/)



National Register communications: E-Blast

Long-standing newsletter-type quarterly publication for the historic preservation professional, focused on National Register program issues and nomination technical issues

- Articles prepared by National Register staff
- Typically 3 to 5 pages of text and images
- Circulation of 400+ individuals
- Distributed via email to SHPOs, THPOs, FPOs, and others upon request
- First issued in 2009, 508 compliance and index of all issues in development



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October 2022

Enhanced E-Filing System Now Accepting Submissions

Based on the popularity and feedback received on the electronic submission process, the National Park Service launched an improved system, the Cultural Resource Submission Platform (CRSP, or "crisp"). As of September 16, 2022, nominating authorities have been able to register and submit their requests for National Register actions via a system with no file size limitations or photograph restrictions, and which includes added amenities such as automatic acknowledgment of receipt.

As our preservation partners are aware, in April of 2020 the National Register program initiated an electronic-only submission process in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, which imposed telework status on many state, federal, and Tribal agency staff. Given the speed with which that system was mounted, it imposed file-size and other limitations. The new expanded CRSP system allows for the regular submission of photographs without the count limitations imposed by the earlier electronic-only submission process.

With the exception of those without reliable high speed internet access, all nominating authorities should now use CRSP to transmit their full submissions for National Register actions to the National Park Service. Please note that CRSP is available only to nominating authorities (e.g., NPS-approved SHPO, FPO, and THPO staff, not consultants or contractors). CRSP should be used by nominating authorities for all requests for National Register actions, including nominations for listing, requests for removal, Additional Documentation, Boundary Changes, Determinations of Eligibility, etc. Additionally, through CRSP, nominating authorities can submit the materials that were not included in the file-size-limited submissions made between April 10, 2020, and September 15, 2022.

For more information, visit [CRSP - National Register of Historic Places \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/crsp)

National Trust Hosts "PastForward" from November 1-4, 2022

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is hosting its annual PastForward conference online from November 1-4, 2022. This year's themes are historic preservation and climate action; encouraging inclusion and diversity through preservation; and understanding preservation's role in real estate development. State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Chief Megan Brown and National Register Historian Jim Gabbert teamed on "Building Diversity into the National Register," available on-demand. Technical Preservation Services' Renee Novak and Jennifer Oeschger partnered with Anthony Bahano (IL SHPO staff) and Matthew Pearce (DE SHPO staff) on "Creative Reuses for 'White Elephant' Buildings: The Adaptive Reuse of Difficult and Challenging Historic Buildings in the Tax Credit Program," also available on-demand. On November 3, National Register/SHL Program Chief Sherry Freear will be joined by Sr. Historian Paul Lasgapan and Archaeologist Julie

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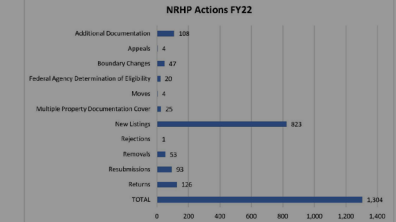


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NRHP Year-in-Review

Fiscal Year '22 was another successful year for the National Register, processing over 1,300 actions and launching several initiatives. The nomination rejection rate continued to be low, at 1/12th of 1 percent, with the single rejection in FY22 for the proposed move of a building from a rural to urban setting. Of the 126 returned actions, approximately 70% were resubmitted and resulted in positive action.



FY22 saw the implementation of several initiatives to better support both our partners and the public.

- Launch of enhanced e-filing system, the Cultural Resources Submission Portal (CRSP)
- Relaunch of *Traditional Cultural Properties Bulletin* revision and renaissance process
- Expanded sample nominations web page
- Inaugural issuance of short form guidance quarterly publication, *Best Practices Review*
- Launch of analysis of older National Register nominations for additional areas of significance

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April 2023

Debating District Boundaries

District boundaries have long been a topic of much interest when it comes to the National Register of Historic Places. Nominations submitted in the early years of the program did not always clearly describe boundaries or they would provide imprecise limits, which can be frustrating for someone wanting to know if their property is in a listed district or not. This is additionally problematic for Section 106 and historic tax credit processes for the same reasons. More recently, "jigsaw" boundaries, i.e., those that cut in-and-out of blocks in residential and commercial areas, have been much discussed among NPS National Register reviewers and State Historic Preservation Office staff.

National Register Bulletin 21: Defining Boundaries for National Register Properties (the Boundaries Bulletin) states at page 2:

Areas that have lost integrity because of changes in cultural features or setting should be excluded when they are at the periphery of the eligible resources. When such areas are small and surrounded by eligible resources, they may not be excluded, but are included as non-contributing resources of the property.

The term "surrounded by" typically refers to "donut holes," which are not allowed and are further discussed in the boxed text on page 2 of the *Boundaries Bulletin*. However, care should be taken to ensure that boundaries do not cut-in-and-out of an area to the extent that the selected district reflects a false sense of place. For example, a district boundary could exclude non-contributing resources in the middle of blocks or only include one building in a block. This jigsaw approach may result in a higher percentage of contributing properties in the resource count, but the impact of those resources on integrity will still apply when considering the visual continuity of the district. It is preferable to take the boundary to the end of a block or to an alley unless there is a good reason not to do so, such as a clear visual distinction in building stock or development trend, such as residential to commercial or late 19th century to post-modern styles. Generally speaking, a few more non-contributing properties will not jeopardize significance.

The *Boundaries Bulletin* provides images of jigsaw district boundaries as illustrative examples of boundary selections at pages 13 and 14. While this approach may have been considered a best practice over 25 years ago when this bulletin was published, boundaries of this nature do not always age well. For example, districts whose



Plan (left) and Aerials (right) discuss contributing and non-contributing buildings from "The School of Athens," painting by Raphael Sanzio da Urbino (1509-1510).

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Passing of Retired NPS Historian Harry Butowsky



Dr. Harry Butowsky. Photograph courtesy of macquart@nps.gov.edu, used by permission.

National Park Service Historian Harry A. Butowsky passed away on May 6, 2023. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mr. Butowsky earned a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. He retired in 2012 from the NPS History Program where he worked for 35 years as an historian and manager for the NPS History e-Library web site. He lived in Reston, Virginia.

Butowsky is the author of six National Historic Landmark theme studies including *World War II on the Pacific, Man in Space, World War II Warships on the Pacific, and Astronomy and Astrospitzes*. He also completed the primary research for the Brown v Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, Kansas and the Opua Radar Site National Historic Landmark on Oahu, Hawaii. Participating in several of the commemorations of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dr. Butowsky interviewed survivors, and chaired a panel on the attack. Mr. Butowsky wrote more than 60 articles on military, labor, science, and constitutional history. Since 1980, he has taught the history of World War I and World War II at George Mason University.

Butowsky was the manager of two award-winning websites, NPSHistory.com and ParksCanadaHistory.com. These sites include electronic collections of thousands of public domain documents relating to the history of the NPS, other U.S. Department of Interior components, and Parks Canada. Dr. Butowsky was a frequent contributor of op-ed articles for *National Parks Traveler* magazine. (This article is an edited version of the article that first appeared in the May 2023 NPS Technology E-Gram, available at [Techology E-Gram - Archaeology Program \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/techology).)

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National Historic Landmarks WASO-managed nominations

- **Summit Camp Archeological District NHL Nomination**
 - Preparation of nomination for Chinese railroad worker camp sites in Tahoe National Forest, California
 - Supported by AAPI NHL Theme Study (2018)
 - Project coordinated with US Forest Service and NCSHPO
 - Draft under review
- **Tuskegee Veterans Affairs Medical Center NHL Nomination**
 - Preparation of nomination for VA campus opened in 1923 as segregated facility for African American veterans
 - Project coordinated with Dept. of Veterans Affairs and ASALH
 - RFP for consultant issued September 2023



Sam and Ruth Van Sickle Ford House (IL), pending NHL designation.

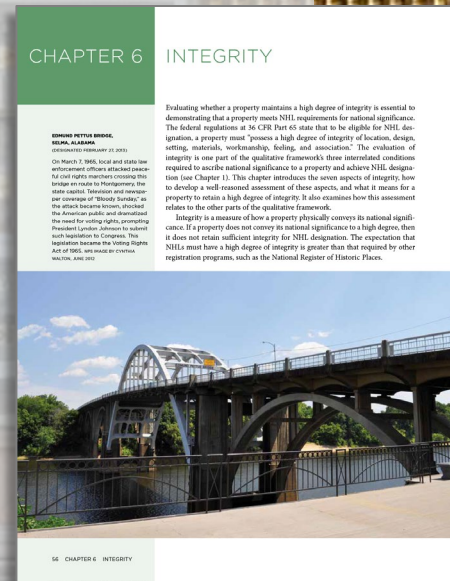
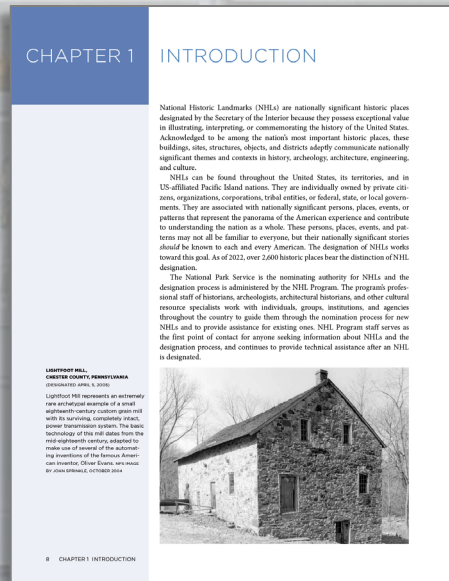
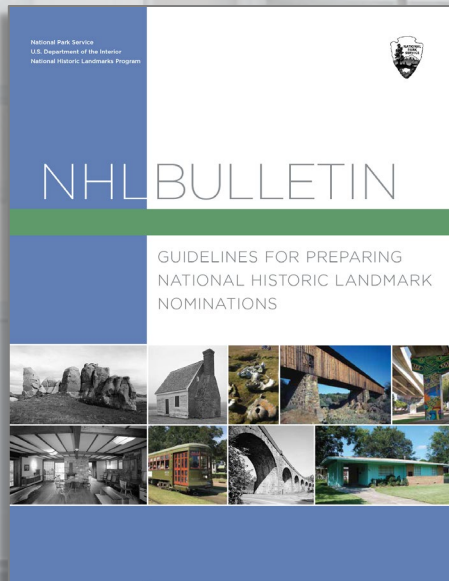
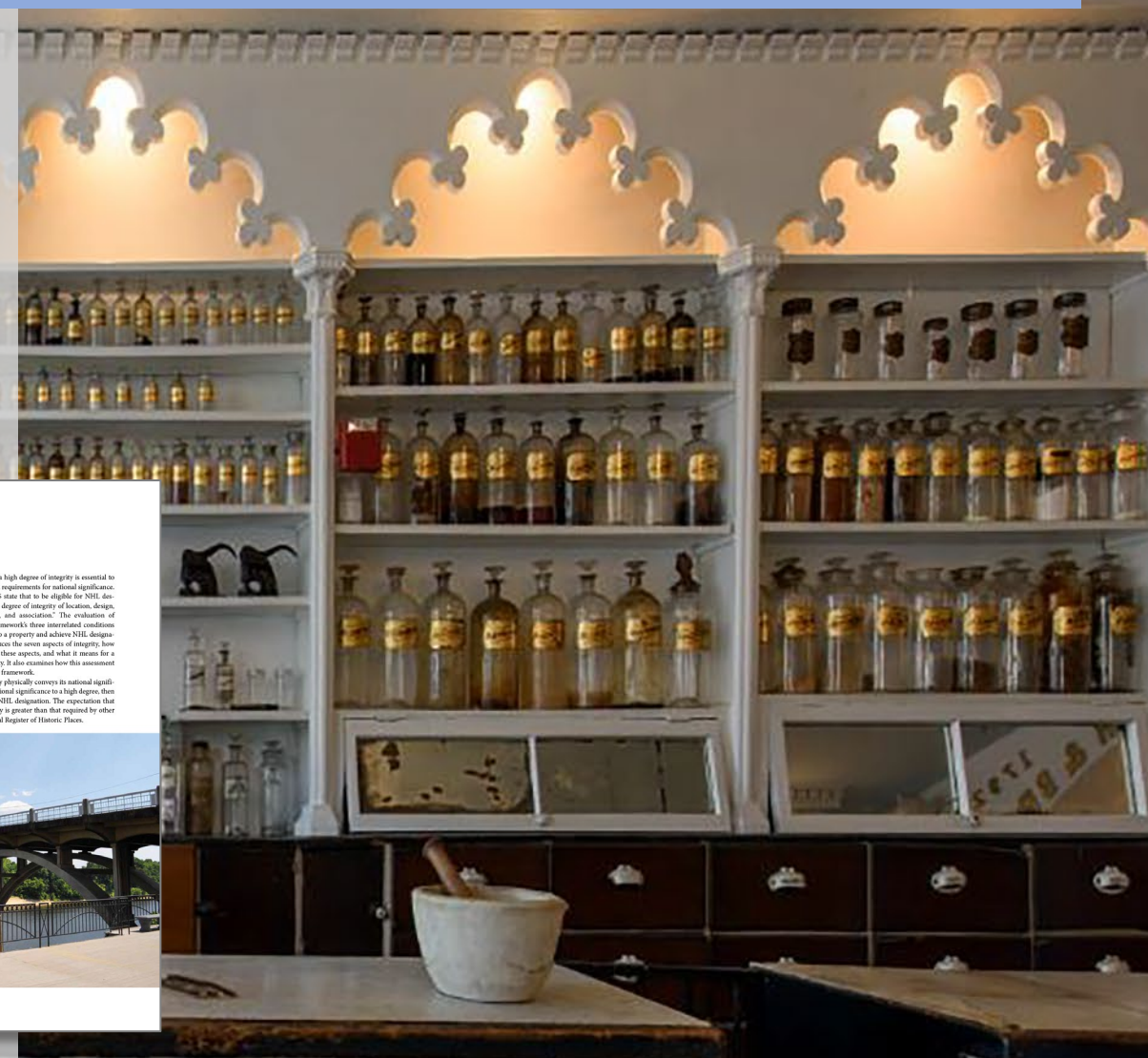
National Historic Landmarks Program activity

- **National Park System Advisory Board (NPSAB)**
 - Provided training for newly reestablished Board
 - Presented program overview and 25 NHL actions at August 2023 NPSAB meeting
- **Data Validation Project**
 - Populated with 1970-2022 data
 - Work continues with pre-1970 data
 - Scheduled to be completed by FY24 Q2
- **Women's History Research**
 - Mellon Humanities Postdoctoral Fellow retained
 - Will explore ways to expand designations for places specifically/exclusively associated with achievements of women
 - September 2023 to August 2025 schedule

National Historic Landmarks revised guidance

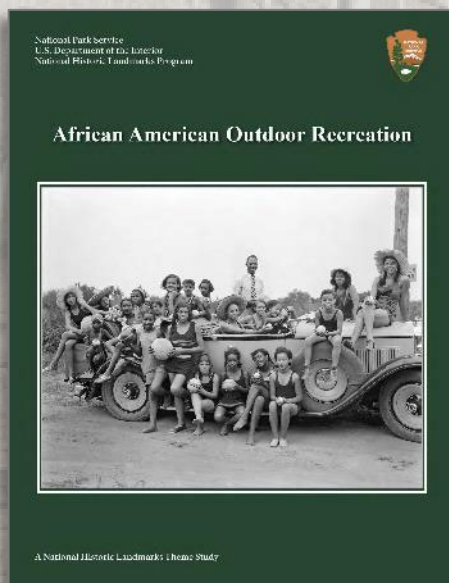
NHL Bulletin

- Issued Fall 2023
- First update since 1999
- Includes expanded discussion on integrity and numerous examples of designated places
- Available at [NHL Bulletin 2023 \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/nhlbulletin)



National Historic Landmarks guidance issued

- African American Outdoor Recreation Theme Study
- American Latino Heritage Theme Study registration requirements and property study list



Addendum - American Latino Heritage Theme Study National Historic Landmark Registration Guidelines (2022)

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Wink's Panorama (CO), pending designation.

National Historic Landmarks new and updated works in progress

- **Indian Boarding Schools**
 - Developing context, new NHL nomination
 - Contracting TBD
 - 24 month schedule
- **Black high schools during the Jim Crow Era**
 - Developing context, new NHL nomination
 - Contracting in process
 - 36 month schedule
- **Underground Railroad NHL Theme Study Update (2000)**
 - Coordinating update with NPS Network to Freedom program
 - Consultant work in progress



Stewart Indian Boarding School (NV), NHL nomination In development.

Interns' Accomplishments, Summer 2023

Emma Trone (Georgetown), NR Social Media Coordinator

- Created 44 place webpages, including two articles
 - Summer Camps listed in the National Register of Historic Places (10 properties)
 - HBCU Properties that have received NPS Grants (10 properties)
- Created 18 Facebook posts and 18 Instagram posts

Zion McThomas (Auburn), NHL Research Intern

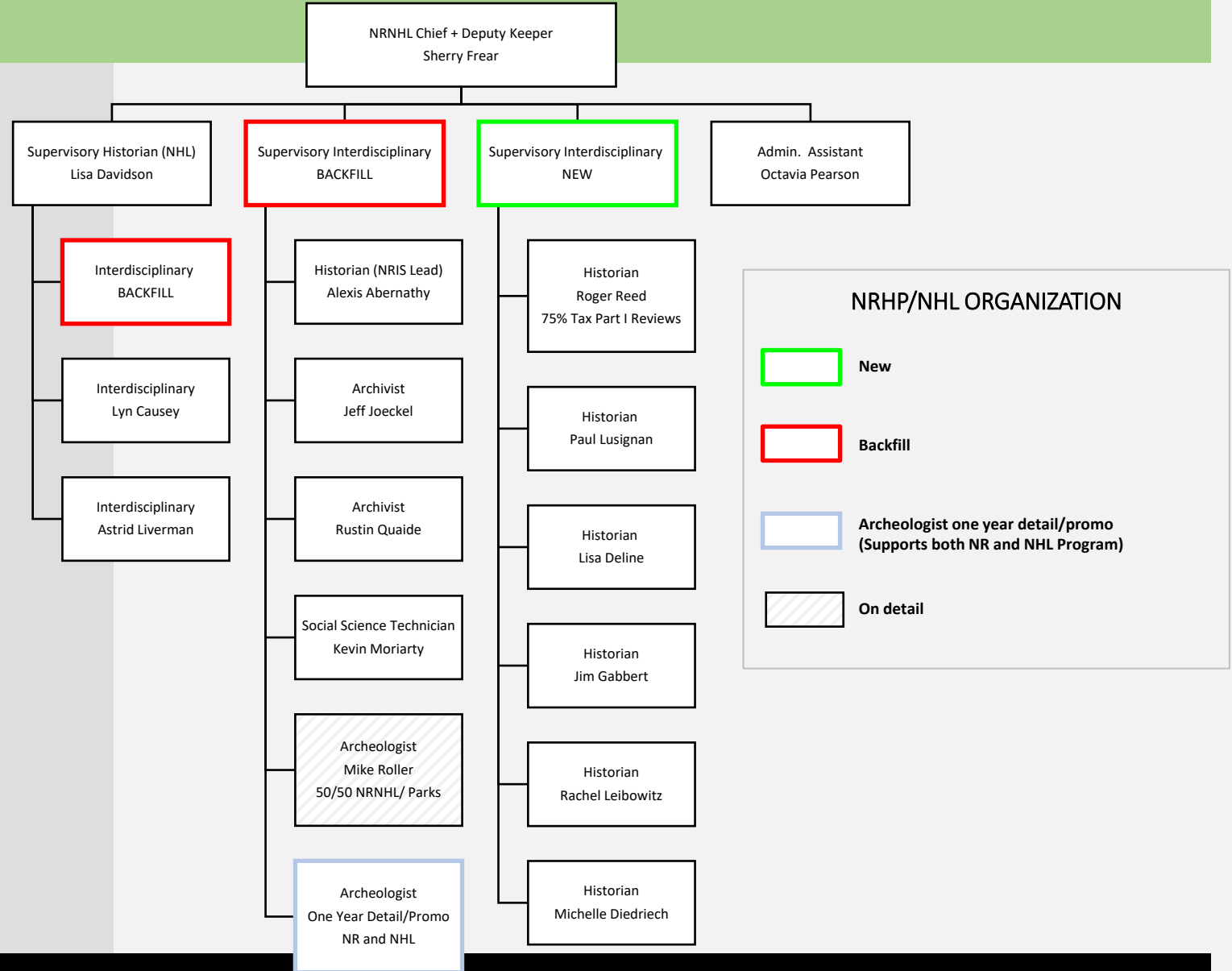
- Researched public high schools during Jim Crow project: produced annotated bibliography and brief reports on still-extant high schools in ten cities
- Prepared NHL social media posts on various NHLs including the Louis Armstrong House and the Claude McKay Residence (Harlem YMCA)

Who's doing all this work.....?

NR/NHL Program staff = 20

New Staff in FY23

- Two NHL historians
 - Astrid Liverman
 - Evelyn Causey
- Two National Register reviewers
 - Michelle Diedriech
 - Rachel Leibowitz
- One FT archeologist
 - Mike Roller
- Approved positions to be filled
 - Manager positions x2
 - NHL historian x1



National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks

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Samuel D. Outlaw Blacksmith Shop (VA), built c. 1927, listed 2023.