

Welcome to Nevada's Preservation Survey #1

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) thanks you for taking time to share your thoughts about historic preservation in Nevada. Historic preservation has always been a community effort, and we're glad to have you as part of the state's preservation network. Your participation is essential to the selection of preservation goals that the state's partners will achieve in the next decade.

Once complete, the Nevada Preservation Plan for 2020-2028 will describe these goals and priorities for all historic preservation partners in Nevada. The current plan, which will expire December 2019, is on our website [here](#).

The survey should take no more than 20 minutes to complete. This is the first of two surveys available during the planning period. The second survey will open after July 1, 2018 and will focus on the specific preservation goals you helped us to create. We encourage you to take both surveys.

In this survey, the term "historic/archaeological" is used as a substitute for the term "cultural resource."

The term "historic" means over fifty years in age.

Hint: Do not use your browser's back button during this survey, click the "Previous" button at the bottom of the page.

* 1. In what Nevada county do you spend most of your time? Please select one county.

* 2. What is your age group?

- 12 to 17
- 18 to 24
- 25 to 44
- 45 to 64
- Over 64 years old
- I prefer not to answer this question

3. Please describe yourself. Please check all that apply.

- Member of the Public Interested in Historic Preservation
- Tribal Member
- Educator (at any level)
- Student (at any level)
- Government Employee (Local, State, or Federal)
- Elected Official (Local, State, or Federal)
- Retired Person
- Cultural Resource Consultant
- Nevada [Site Steward](#)
- Professional Archaeologist
- Amateur Archaeologist
- Professional Architect, Engineer, or Planner
- Professional Historian
- Amateur Historian
- Trade Professional (Construction Worker, Mason, Carpenter, etc.)
- Owner of a Historic Property
- Realtor or Property Developer
- CLG ([Certified Local Government](#)) Member
- Industry Representative
- Other. Please describe:

4. In your opinion, why is it important to preserve Nevada's historic/archaeological resources? Please select all that apply.

- Improves quality of life
- Brings tourism dollars to communities
- Creates opportunities for economic development
- Leaves a legacy for future generations to learn from and enjoy
- Creates educational opportunities about history and culture
- Retains community character and sense of place
- Demonstrates respect for our ancestors and culture
- Reduces sprawl and saves open spaces and farmland
- Other- Please provide another reason to preserve Nevada's historic/archaeological resources.

5. From a statewide perspective, what aspects of **Nevada's** history do you think are underrepresented in the media, schools, museums, public events and exhibits? Please check all that apply.

- Nevada Territory (1861- 1864)
- 19th Century Mining (1850-1900)
- 20th Century Mining (1901-1978)
- Early to Mid 20th Century Development
- The New Deal (1933-1942)
- Military Defense in the 20th Century
- History of Ethnic and/or Cultural Communities (for example: Native American, Asian American, African American, Basque American, Latino American, Basque American, Pacific Islanders, or Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Americans)
- Women
- Transportation
- Recreation
- Gaming
- Agriculture and Ranching
- Other. Please elaborate on what other aspects of history are underrepresented. For example, they could be cultural groups, time periods, places, or events.

* 6. What types of historic/archaeological sites or buildings do you believe are important to preserve? Please check all that apply.

- Downtown Commercial Buildings
- Cemeteries
- Rock Art Sites
- Native American Sacred Sites
- University or College Buildings
- Agricultural Buildings (such as Farms, Ranches, and Barns)
- Engineering Structures (such as Bridges and Tunnels)
- Public Buildings (such as Courthouses, City Halls, and Schools)
- Religious Buildings
- Parks with Historic/archaeological Sites or Buildings
- Private Residences
- Mid-Century Modern Buildings
- Trails (such as the California Emigrant Trail, the Old Spanish Trail, or the Salt Song Trail)
- No historic/archaeological sites or buildings are worthy of preservation
- Historic Archaeological sites (such as Mining Camps and Mining Sites)
- Ghost Towns
- Precontact (Prehistoric) Native American sites (such as Campsites, Village Sites, Resource Gathering Areas)
- Paleontological Remains and/or Sites (Fossils)
- Historic/archaeological buildings or sites associated with specific Ethnic and/or Cultural Communities (for example: Native American, Asian American, African American, Basque American, Latino American, Basque American, Pacific Islanders, or Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Americans)
- Historic Native American sites (such as Game traps and Hunting areas)
- Other sites or buildings (or you may specifically identify the historic and/or modern community from the box above):

* 7. Are there specific historic/archaeological sites and buildings that you would like to add to our list?

Please answer either yes or no and then click on the "Next" button below.

Yes

No

* 8. Please tell us about the specific historic/archaeological site or building that you would like to add to our list.

* 9. If we have further questions concerning this important historic/archaeological site or building, may we contact you?

This information will not be used for any other purpose except to gather more information about this important site or building.

Please answer either yes or no and then click on the "Next" button below.

No

Yes

10. Please provide your contact information. Feel free to fill in any or all of the following boxes. *This information will not be used for any other purpose except to gather more information about this important resource or resource type.*

Name

Address

City/Town

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Email Address

Phone Number

11. When thinking about the historic/archaeological site or building you felt were important to preserve:

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Please identify the threats to the sites or buildings. You may choose as many as you feel apply.

	Serious threat	Possible threat	Neutral or no threat	No opinion
Lack of understanding about the fragility of these sites or buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of awareness about the value of these sites or buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negative perceptions of preservation (e.g., private property concerns)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Owner neglect and disinvestment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Insensitive modifications to historic buildings or areas of concern	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of disaster preparedness for historic/archaeological sites or buildings (flood, earthquake, storms, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Serious threat

Possible threat

Neutral or no threat

No opinion

Lack of funding for managing the historic/archaeological sites and buildings, both public and private

Lack of state legislation to protect historic/archaeological sites or buildings

Development pressures, tear-downs, urban sprawl, or infrastructure improvements (power lines, cell towers, etc.)

Damage from recreation/visitation, such as ATVs, mountain biking, or camping

Looting (theft)

Vandalism (spray paint, bullet holes, breakage, etc.)

What other threats face those resources, please describe:

Historic preservation involves coordination between government agencies and private entities (non-profits, businesses, etc.) at the local, state, and national level.

In the following four questions, please let us know what tools you think are effective and realistic at each level to reduce the threats you identified and preserve historic/archaeological sites and buildings.

12. Non-profit groups and private associations typically educate the public about historic preservation issues, advocate for preservation laws, programs, or solutions, and sometimes offer preservation services.

What do you think are the most effective and realistic tools for Nevada's preservation non-profits and associations to use to reduce the threats you identified?

	Very effective tool	Less effective than other tools	Tool is not effective	No opinion
Provide public outreach and education (such as websites or tours of historic neighborhoods)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sponsor preservation workshops and conferences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conduct surveys to identify important historic/archaeological sites and buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Less effective than
 Very effective tool other tools Tool is not effective No opinion

Advocate for funding for state grants for historic building rehabilitation, such as [Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation](#) or the [Restore Nevada's Treasures revolving fund](#)

Support and advocate for heritage tourism programs

Support volunteer programs that monitor historic/archaeological sites and buildings on public land

Organize volunteers to reduce impacts to historic/archaeological sites or buildings (such as removing brush and cleaning up trash)

Advocate for local historic preservation ordinances and enforcement

Hold and enforce preservation easements or covenants that require preserving historic/archaeological sites or buildings on specific private property (such as a historic ranch)

Other. If possible, please elaborate on what other tools are effective and realistic for preservation non-profits and associations to use to address the threats you identified.

13. **Local governments** generally implement land use laws giving them the most legal power to preserve important historic resources, especially on private property.

What tools do you think are most effective and realistic for **your local government** to use to reduce the threats you identified?

	Very effective tool	Less effective than other tools	Will not be effective	No opinion
Public outreach and education about preservation programs and activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sponsor preservation workshops and conferences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conduct surveys to identify historic/archaeological sites or buildings important to the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop heritage tourism programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Monitor historic/archaeological sites or buildings on public land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop local historic preservation ordinances and enforcement to protect historic/archaeological sites and buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Less effective than

Very effective tool

other tools

Will not be effective

No opinion

Hold and enforce preservation easements or covenants that require preserving historic/archaeological sites or buildings on specific private property (such as a historic ranch).

Develop grant programs to support the rehabilitation of historic buildings

Create and support local historic preservation commissions to oversee local preservation programs and ordinances

Provide tax incentives for owners of historic properties

Other. If possible, please elaborate on what other tools are effective and realistic for your local government to use to address the threats you identified.

14. The [Nevada state government](#) implements state, and sometimes federal laws, regarding historic preservation and provides most of the support for federal preservation programs on non-federal land within the state's borders.

What tools do you think are most effective and realistic for the Nevada [state government](#) to use to reduce the threats you identified ?

	Very effective tool	Less effective than other tools	Will not be effective	No opinion
Public outreach and education about preservation best practices and state preservation programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sponsor preservation workshops and conferences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Surveys of communities to identify important historic/archaeological sites and buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support heritage tourism programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for monitoring important historic/archaeological sites on public land through the Nevada Site Stewardship Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Very effective tool	Less effective than other tools	Will not be effective	No opinion
Support state historic preservation laws and enforcement to preserve historic/archaeological sites and buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hold and enforce preservation easements or covenants that require preserving historic/archaeological sites and buildings on specific private property (such as a historic ranch)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fund state grants for building rehabilitation such as the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Train government decision-makers and advocacy groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide tax incentives for owners of historic properties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other. If possible, please elaborate on what other tools are effective and realistic for state government to use to address the threats you identified.				

15. The **federal government** establishes national preservation policy, including laws and standards, that guide national programs and that obligate federal agencies to try to preserve historic/archaeological resources during the projects that they support.

What tools do you think are most effective and realistic for the **federal government** to use to reduce the threats you identified ?

	Very effective tool	Less effective than other tools	Will not be effective	No opinion
Public outreach and education about preservation best practices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sponsor preservation workshops and conferences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop heritage tourism programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Monitor important historic/archaeological sites and buildings on federal land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Implement federal laws to protect historic/archaeological sites and buildings that are important to history or prehistory	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Award federal grants for preservation activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Train government decision-makers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide tax incentives for owners of historic/archaeological sites and buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other. If possible, please elaborate on what other tools are effective and realistic for the federal government to use to address the threats you identified.

Goals for Preservation in the Next Eight Years

16. Please rank the following goals for the statewide preservation community in the next eight years in order of their importance to you.

Your can either drag and drop the goals into the correct ranking or you can provide a number for each goal .

All Nevadans desire sustainable communities and know that historic preservation is an essential component to making communities sustainable

All Nevadans understand the value of historic preservation in reversing the decline of main streets and downtown commercial centers

Significant historic/archaeological sites and buildings in Nevada are identified and listed in official historic registers at the federal, state, and/or local level

All Nevadans have access to information about historic/archaeological places and how to care for them

Heritage tourism is an integral part of Nevada's economy

Nevada's historic preservation community is culturally and ethnically diverse

Nevada's infrastructure is strengthened and improved while preserving significant historic/archaeological sites and buildings

* 17. Are there additional goals that you feel need to be added to the statewide preservation community's list of priorities?

Please answer either yes or no and then click on the "Next" button below.

Yes

No

* 18. What additional goals should be added to the priority list?

19. What do you believe are good methods for the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to communicate a preservation message to you and your community?

	Good method to communicate message to the widest audience	Message might reach some people, but would miss others	Message will miss many people, this is a poor method to communicate
"Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month" activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SHPO web site	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fact sheets and brochures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hands-on training workshops and demonstrations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historic preservation curriculum for K-12 students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preservation conferences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Downloadable videos	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Signage and markers at historic sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Video news releases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Radio advertisements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Newspaper articles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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audience

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people, but would miss others

Message will miss many
people, this is a poor method
to communicate

Local television
segments

Podcasts

Are there other methods you would suggest for communicating the preservation message?

20. Are you aware that the Nevada SHPO currently offers programs that do the following:

	Yes	No	Not sure
Assists property owners or community members with listing resources in the National Register of Historic Places and the Nevada State Register ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assists owners of income-producing historic buildings with applications for federal rehabilitation tax credits ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assists communities to conduct architectural or archaeological surveys to identify and document resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintains the Nevada Site Stewardship Program (NSSP) to assist in the preservation of historic/archaeological resources on state and federal lands?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Yes

No

Not sure

Reviews federal projects for their effects to Nevada's important historic/archaeological resources and can assist the public in participating in this [federal review process](#)?

Maintains the roadside [Nevada Historical Marker](#) program?

Assists local governments to develop historic preservation programs (such as local preservation ordinances and historic resource commissions) through the National Park Service's [Certified Local Government](#) program?

Provides grants to [Certified Local Governments](#)?

Yes

No

Not sure

Manages the [Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation](#) grant program that provides state grant funding to local governments and non-profit organizations in Nevada for the rehabilitation of cultural resources to be used as cultural centers?

Provides educational and training opportunities when requested by local governments and private organizations

Assists private property owners to protect Indian burial sites