



Historic Property Inventory Survey

Kansas

Cost-Share Grant Project Spotlight

Historic property inventory surveys are the foundation of effective resource management. They serve to document existing resources, prioritize preservation needs, and identify properties eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. In Kansas, the National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program provided \$15,000 to the State Historical Society to conduct such a survey of historic Route 66 properties through Kansas.

While only 13 miles of Route 66 passes through Kansas, the survey identified 99 intact resources that were built during the route's period of significance, including road segments, bridges, culverts, gas stations, restaurants, commercial and office buildings, and a few residences. Of these, 29 properties were determined eligible for nomination to the National Register. Nominations were prepared for one road segment, nine road structures, and two buildings including the Williams Food Market (pictured at the right), all of which were subsequently listed. For income producing properties, listing on the National Register makes potentially eligible for rehabilitation tax credits and other preservation incentives.

A historic context statement for Kansas Route 66 was also developed during the project, which will facilitate the nomination of other eligible properties to the National Register in the future.

In addition to Kansas, the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program has provided grant funds to other Route 66 states to assist with the preparation of surveys, context statements, and property nominations to the National Register. These include California, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri.



Historic image of the Williams Food Market in Riverton, Kansas



The Williams Food Market today.

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