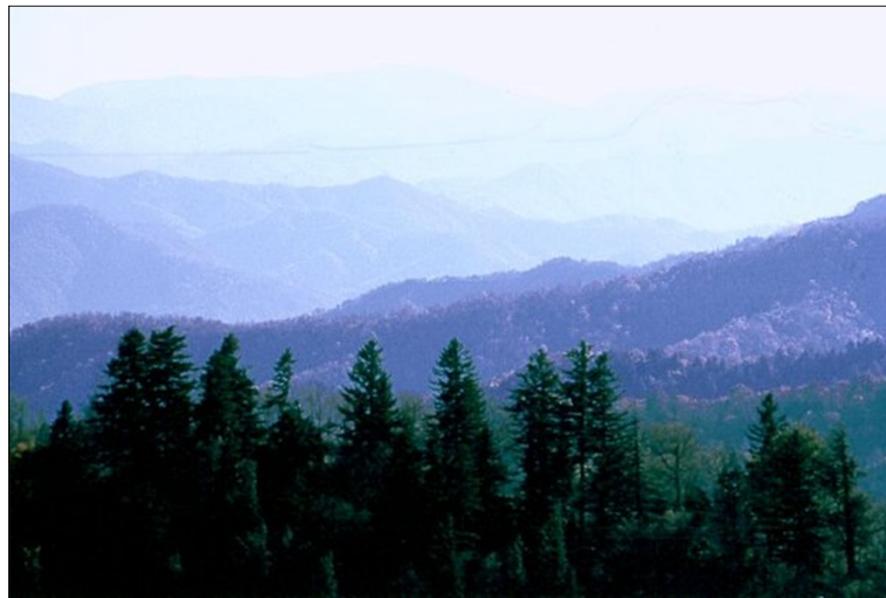


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Lisa Deline

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Introduction, Barbara Wyatt

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NRIS Goals

- Development of basic guidance about landscape description and evaluation, to be incorporated into the National Register Bulletin How to Complete the National Register Registration Form.
- Revisions to National Register bulletins, as appropriate, to emphasize the inclusion of landscape considerations and achieve consistency among the bulletins.

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- Development of new guidance for special kinds of landscapes for which little guidance is currently provided.
- Determine training strategies that may effectively supplement written guidance and assist in the identification, description, and evaluation of landscapes.

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Agenda

1:00 **Welcome and Introductions**

1:20 **An Overview of Landscapes and the National Register**

Introduction to the Session, Barbara Wyatt

Varieties of Listed Landscapes, Lisa Deline

Archeology and Landscapes, Erika Martin Seibert

Administrative History: Landscapes and the National Register, Linda McClelland

2:10 Break

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- 2:15 **Landscape Terminology used in the National Register Program, Barbara Wyatt**
- 2:25 **Criteria and Integrity Applied to Landscape Nominations**
Case studies presented by NR staff
- 2:45 **Landscape Registration: Issues and Concerns**
- 3:30 **Meeting ends**

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National Register/NHL Programs**

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Carol Shull, Interim Keeper National Register of Historic Places

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Core group

- Linda McClelland, NRHP
- Lisa Deline, NRHP
- Erika Martin Seibert, NRHP
- Susan Dolan, NPS
- Bob Page, NPS
- Marla McEnaney, NPS

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- April Franz, PA SHPO
- Mary Hopkins, WY SHPO
- Asrid Liverman, CO SHPO
- John Mark Joseph, GU SHPO
- Kurt Dongoske, Zuni THPO
- Doug Harris, Narragansett Deputy THPO
- Eirik Thorsgard, Grand Ronde THPO
- Michael Kaczor, USDA Forest Service FPO
- Jennifer Hirsch, National Capital
Planning Commission FPO---cannot attend

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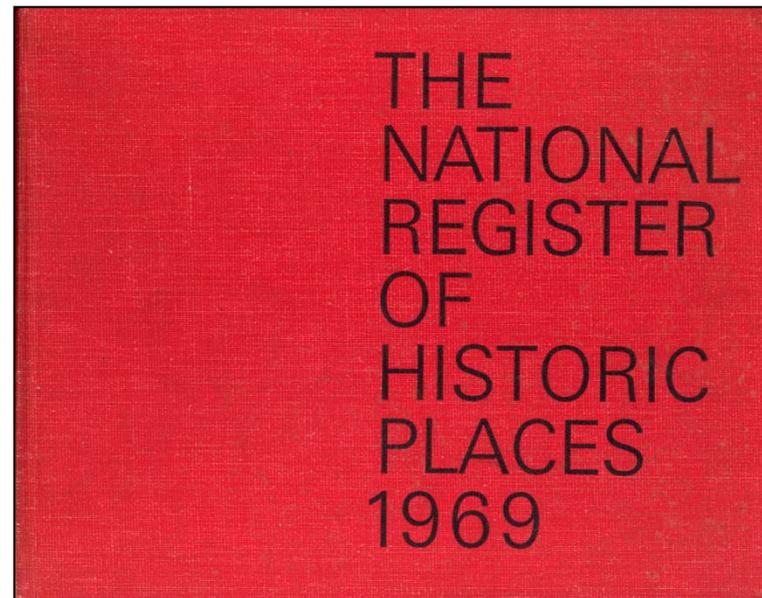
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An Overview of Landscapes and the National Register

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The first book of NR listings, published in 1969

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Architectural distinction

1969

Landscape distinction?



**Acknowledgment
of the significance
of vernacular
buildings and
landscapes**

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Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site Sullivan County, New Hampshire 36 acres

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Gettysburg National Military Park Adams County, Pennsylvania 3,672 acres

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Mesa Verde National Park
Montezuma County, Colorado
52,000 acres

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Varieties of Listed Landscapes

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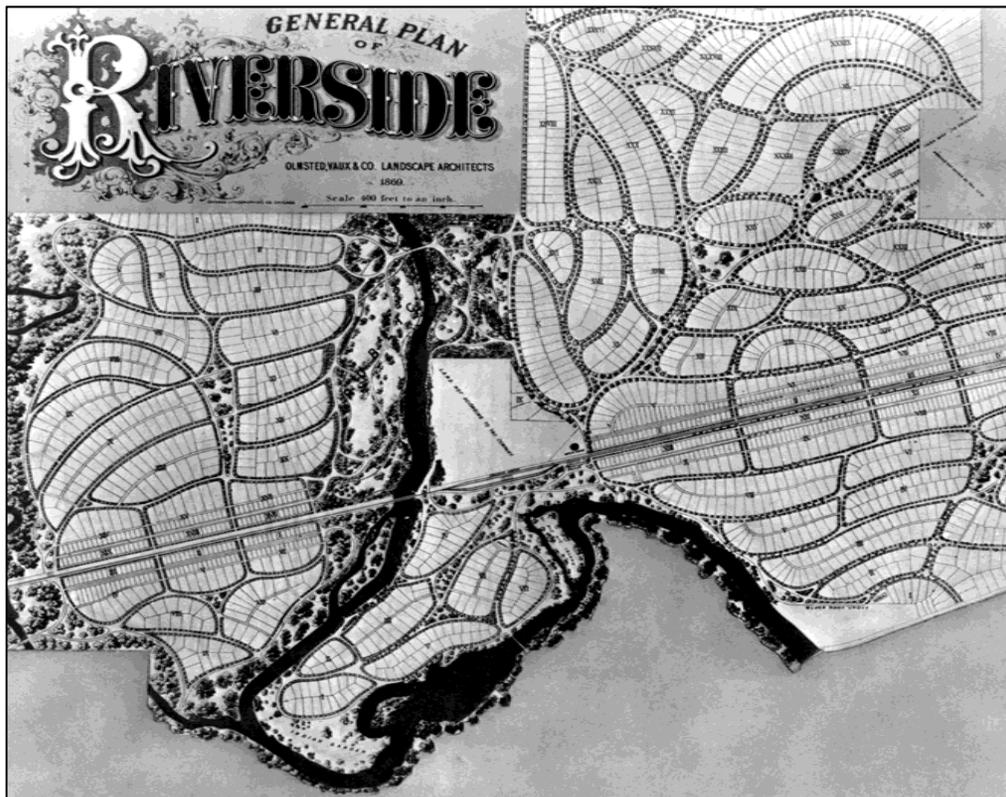
Designed Historic Landscapes



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Designed Landscapes (subdivisions)



Institutional campuses
Corporate campuses
Towns/rural villages
Large farms and ranches
Estates
Plantations
Large parks

Riverside, Illinois
Frederick Law Olmsted

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Designed Landscapes (parks)



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Rural Historic Districts (farms and ranches)



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Rural Historic Districts (agricultural communities)



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Historic Sites (folk art collections)



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Small Designed Spaces (cemeteries)



Gardens
Courtyards
Small parks
Grounds
Squares and plazas

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Large rural places (districts, ranches)



Hagadone Homestead, Fergus County, Montana

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Large rural places (districts or sites, battlefields)



Nez Perce Battlefield, Idaho

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Transportation networks



Canals
Trails
Systems of roadways
and paths
Railroad grades

Lincoln Highway

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Archeology and Landscapes

Erika Martin Seibert

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Archeology and Landscapes: History and Background

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19th Century

- Develop context for archeology and landscapes today; dispel myths
- Archeologists have been concerned with landscapes since the mid 19th Century (1830/1850)



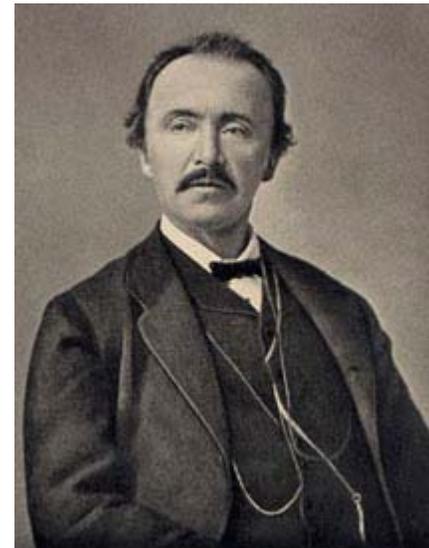
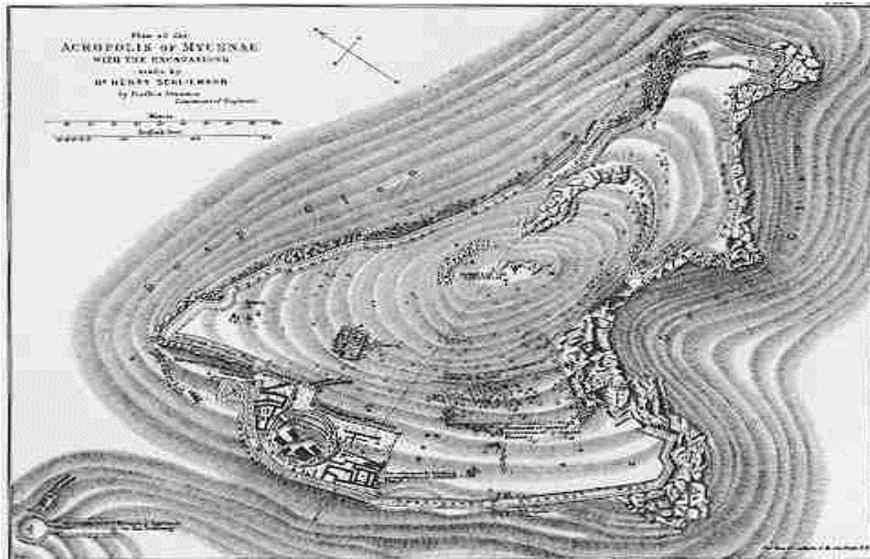
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Archeology and Landscapes: History and Background

- 1830/1850: Connections between Archeology, Anthropology and Geography in academic institutions
- Archeology is a subfield of Anthropology – we are concerned with human culture, including perceptions of the landscape



19th Century

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Archeology and Landscapes: History and Background



- 1930s: citations of important geographers including Sauer, Deneven, Butzer
- excavation of elite gardens and designed landscapes: Governor's Palace, Paca Garden

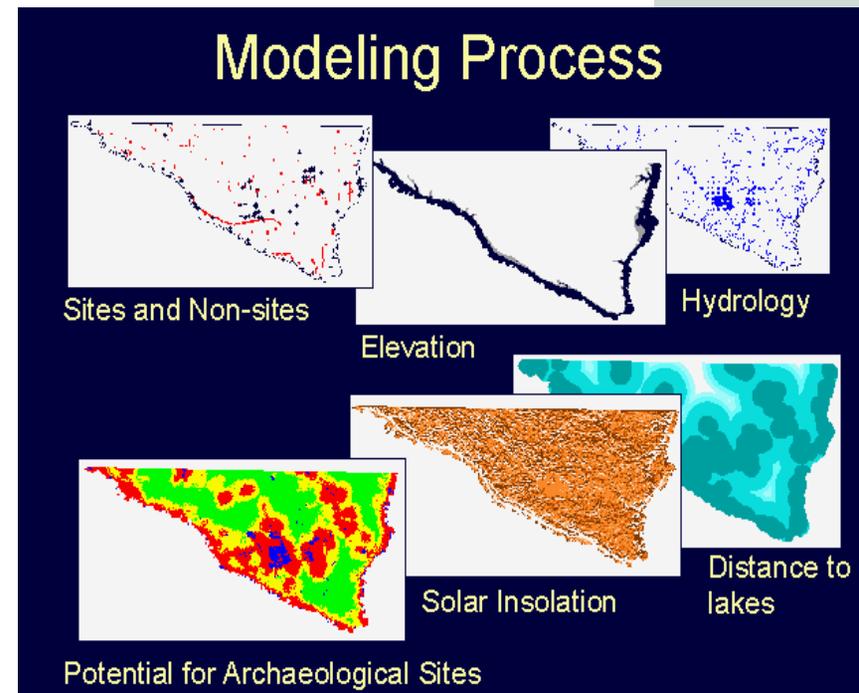
Early 20th Century

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Archeology and Landscapes: History and Background

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- Handbook of American Indian Monographs
- Gordon Willey; Predictive Modeling

1940s, 1950s 1960s

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Archeology and Landscapes: History and Background

Landscape Archeology: is concerned with the conscious and unconscious shaping of the land: with the processes of organizing space or altering the land for a particular purpose, be it religious, economic, social, political, cultural or symbolic; with the unintended consequences of land use and alteration; with the role and symbolic content of landscape in its various contexts and its role in the construction of myth and history; and with the enactment and shaping of human behavior within the landscape.

-The Oxford Companion to Archaeology

1970s 1980s, and 1990s

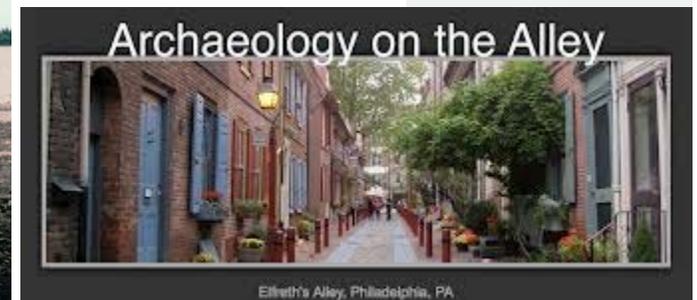
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Defining Landscape Archeology:

- 1) Influence of Binford – humans and their environment
- 2) Development of CRM
- 3) Historical archeology and postprocessualism



1970s 1980s, and 1990s

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Archeology and Landscapes Today

Patterson's 7 Conceptualizations of Landscape in Archeology

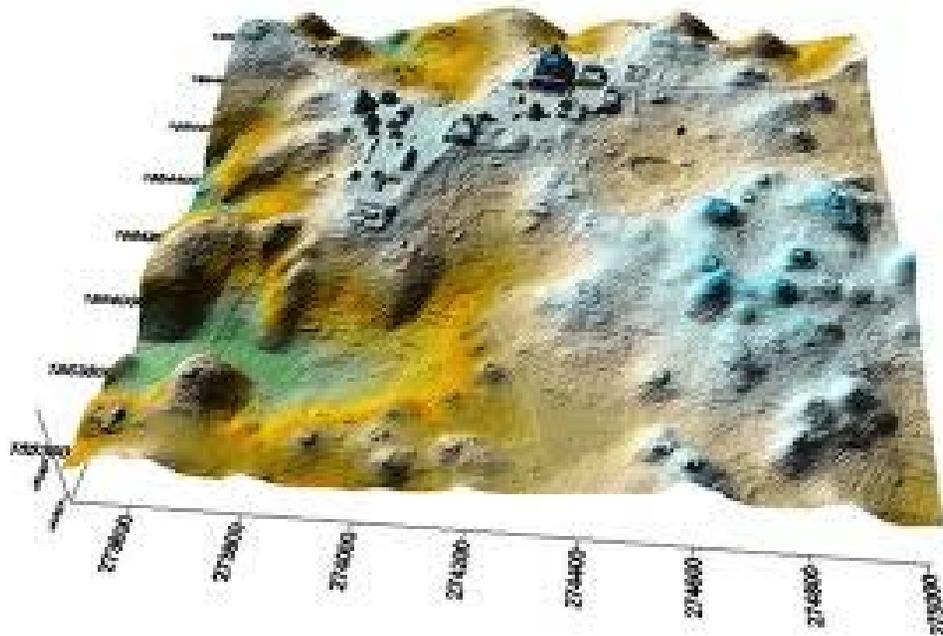
- 1) Ecological Habitats
- 2) Settlement Patterns
- 3) Subsistence and Settlement Systems
- 4) Terrestrial and Celestial Spheres
- 5) Materializations of Worldview
- 6) Built or Marked Environments
- 7) Stages for Performance

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Archeology and Landscapes Today

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Archeology and the NRLI

- 1) Landscape is primary context for human behavior; archeologists approach landscape from an anthropological and geographic perspective.
- 2) Archeology provides data on landscapes that is not available elsewhere.
- 3) Landscape archeology touches on contemporary concerns of preservationists – gender, ethnicity, multiculturalism, diversity, providing insight to these issues that is not available elsewhere.

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Administrative History: Landscapes and the National Register

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Break—5 minutes!

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Landscape Terminology Used in the National Register Program

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The Act

historic property



historic resource

district
site
building
structure
object

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The Act



Rosebud Battlefield, Montana

cultural park?

National Historic Preservation Act

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The Regs.

Definitions for district and site:

District. A geographically definable area, urban or rural, possessing a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united by past events or aesthetically by plan or physical development.

36 CFR 60, National Register of Historic Places

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District



Kitterman-Buckey Farm, Frederick County, MD

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Site. A site is the location of a significant event, a prehistoric or historic occupation or activity, or a building or structure whether standing, ruined, or vanished, where the location itself maintains historical or archeological value regardless of the value of any existing structure.

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Bear Butte, MT

Sites



Medicine Wheel/Medicine Mountain, Big Horn County, WY

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A requirement to provide information *From the Act:*

The Secretary shall develop and make available to Federal agencies, State and local governments, private organizations and individuals . . .
information concerning professional methods and techniques for the preservation of historic properties and for the administration of the historic preservation program at the Federal, State, and local level.

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National Register Bulletins

*Guidelines for
Evaluating
Archeological
Properties*

*How to Complete the
National Register
Registration Form*

*Guidelines for
Evaluating and
documenting
Traditional
Cultural Properties*

*How to Evaluate and
Nominate Designed
Historic Landscapes*

TERMINOLOGY

*Historic Residential
Suburbs*

*Guidelines for
Evaluating and
Documenting Rural
Historic Landscapes*

*Guidelines for Identifying,
Evaluating, and
Registering America's
Historic Battlefields*

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Standard terminology suggested in How to . . .

Certain conventions and terms are used for documenting National Register properties. Although there may be other ways to classify resources, describe functions or architectural influences, or state the significance of properties, the standardized terminology and approaches adopted by the National Register program ensure **nationwide consistency** of National Register records. They also make the data in the National Register Information System more useful. . . .

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How To . . . Appendix 4

Contributing resource—a building, site, structure, or object adding to the historic significance of a property. (Noncontributing resource—does not add to historic significance of a property.)

Cultural resource—building, site, structure, object, or district evaluated as having significance in prehistory or history.

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How To . . . Appendix 4

Physical characteristics—visible and tangible attributes of a historic property or group of historic properties.

Property type—a grouping of properties defined by common physical and associative attributes.

Setting—quality of integrity applying to the physical environment of a historic property.

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Before the Landscape bulletins . . .

Cultural Landscapes: Rural Historic Districts in the National Park System

Robert Melnick and Daniel Sponn, 1984

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From the Melnick/Sponn publication:

historic rural landscape district-- a geographically definable area, possessing a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of landscape components which are united by human use and past events or aesthetically by plan or physical development (p. 8).

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Other Melnick definitions:

cultural landscape—a geographic area, including both natural and cultural resources, including the wildlife or domestic animals therein, that has been influenced by or reflects human activity or was the background for an event or person significant in human history.

historic landscape—important for form, layout, or its designer, or for all three. Significant persons or events are not the primary reason for its preservation, although both may be relevant. With historic landscapes, as with historic structures, attention to detail is of importance.

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rural landscape—a geographically definable area, possessing a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of landscape components which are united by human use and past events or aesthetically by plan or physical development.

wilderness—describes a wild, comparatively uninhabited, uncultivated region. These landscapes are not considered, by definition, to be cultural landscapes. They could, however, be adjacent to cultural landscapes within or external to a park unit. Wilderness landscapes may also have significance ascribed to them by cultural groups,

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Designed Landscapes (bulletin 18)

designed historic landscape

Rural Historic Landscapes (bulletin 30)

rural historic landscape
landscape characteristic
clusters
small-scale elements
landscape archeology



Other bulletins that provide definitions:

Mining

Historic Residential Suburbs

TCPs

Cemeteries and Burial Places

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From non-NR sources:

Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes

Component landscape—a discrete portion of the landscape which can be further subdivided into individual features. The landscape unit may contribute to the significance of a National Register property, such as a farmstead in a rural historic district. In some cases the landscape unit may be individually eligible for the National Register. . .

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Character-defining feature—a prominent or distinctive aspect, quality, or characteristic of a cultural landscape that contributes significantly to its physical character. Land use patterns, vegetation, furnishings, decorative details and materials may be such features.

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Criteria and Integrity Applied to Landscape Nominations

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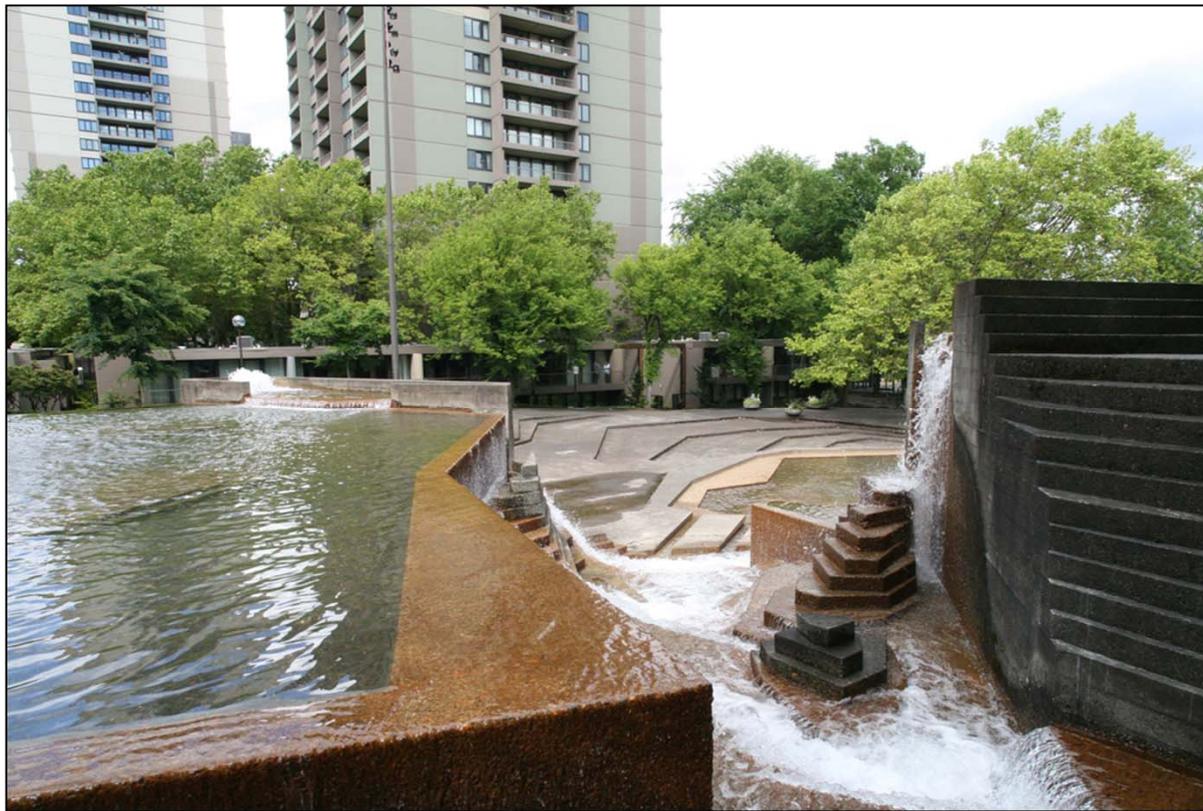
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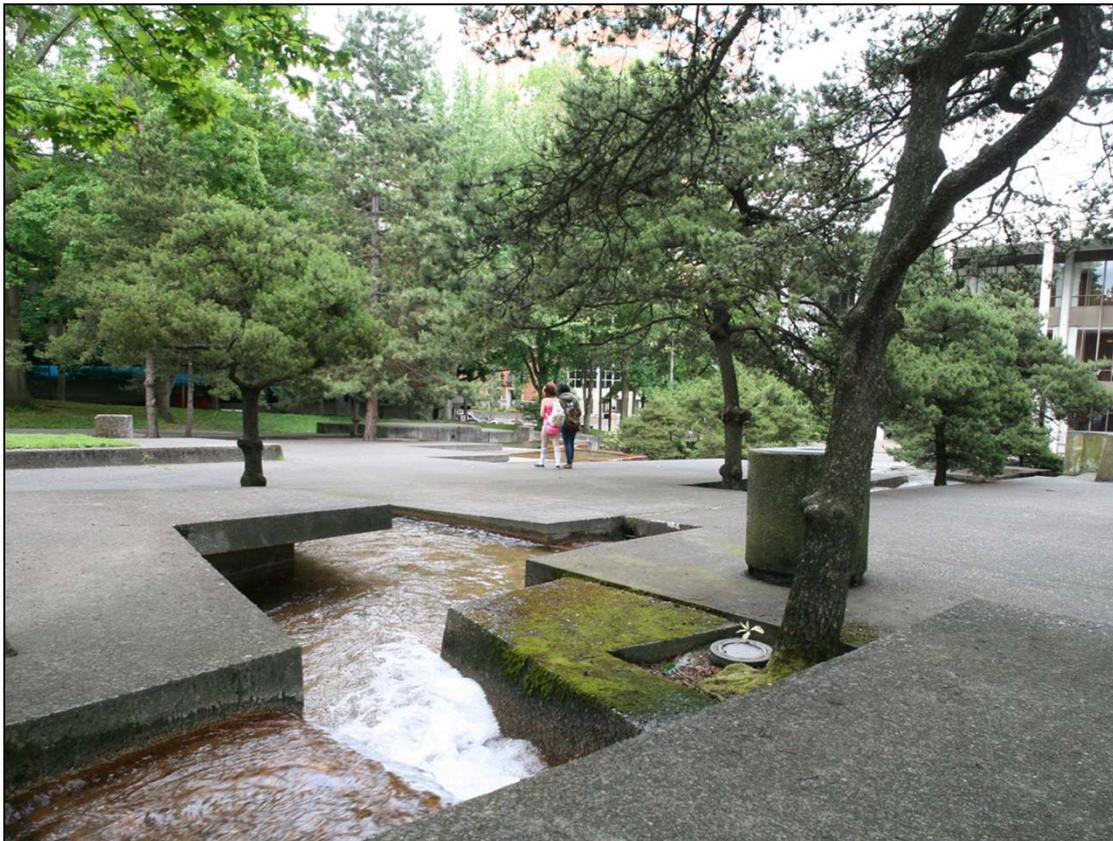


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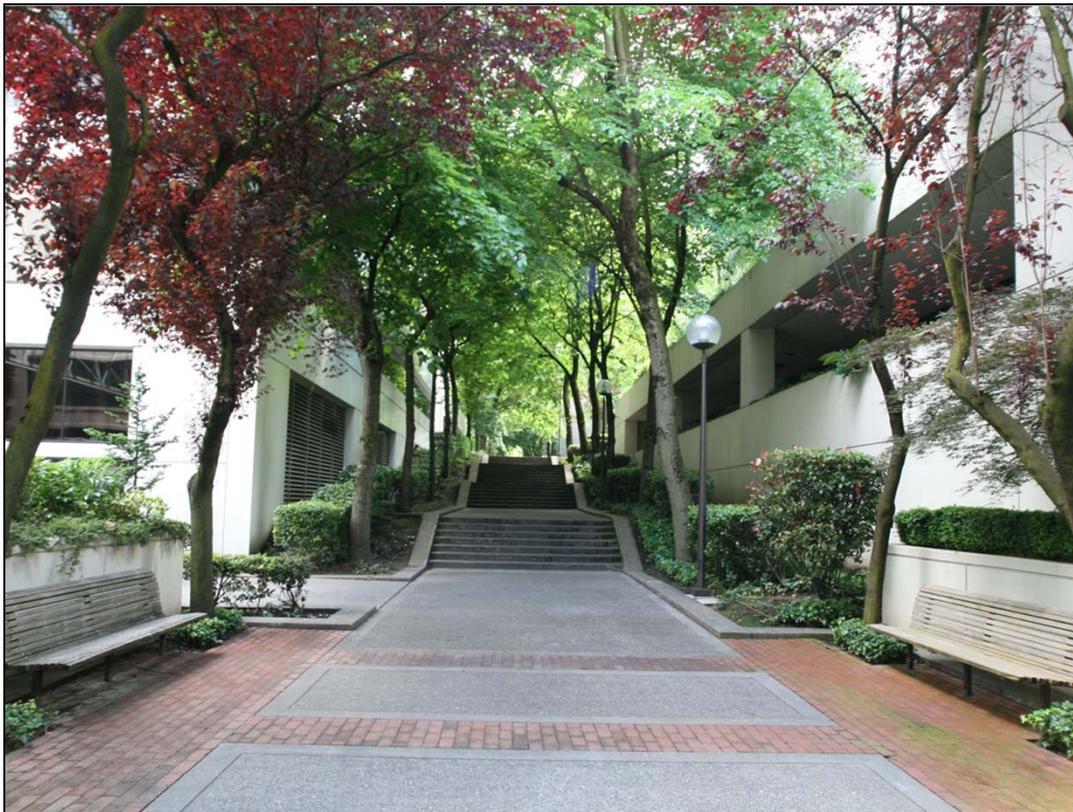


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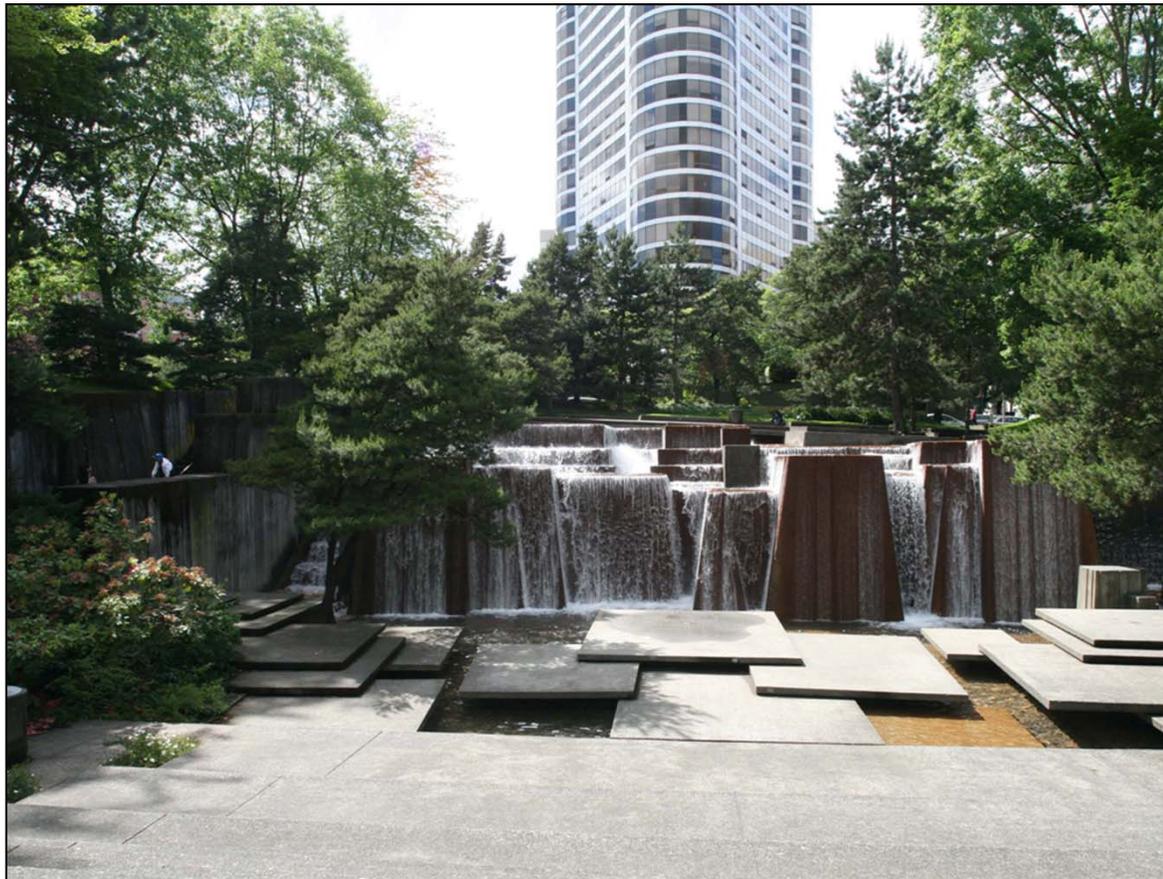


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Three Mile Gulch
Cooper River Historic District
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NR Listed Archeological Properties

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Most NR listed archeological properties begin Section 7 with a description of the landscape (for both sites and districts).

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NR Listed Archeological Properties

Three Mile Gulch (NR listed precontact property)



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NR Listed Archeological Properties

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Cooper River Historic District (NR listed historic period property)



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Fountain Lake Farm Barbara Wyatt

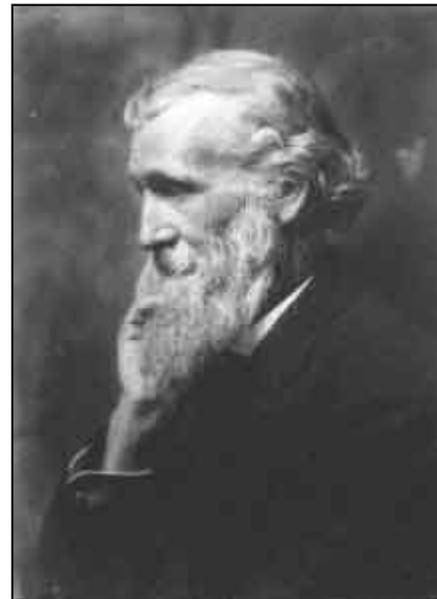


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Fountain Lake Farm Marquette County, Wisconsin

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Boyhood home
John Muir



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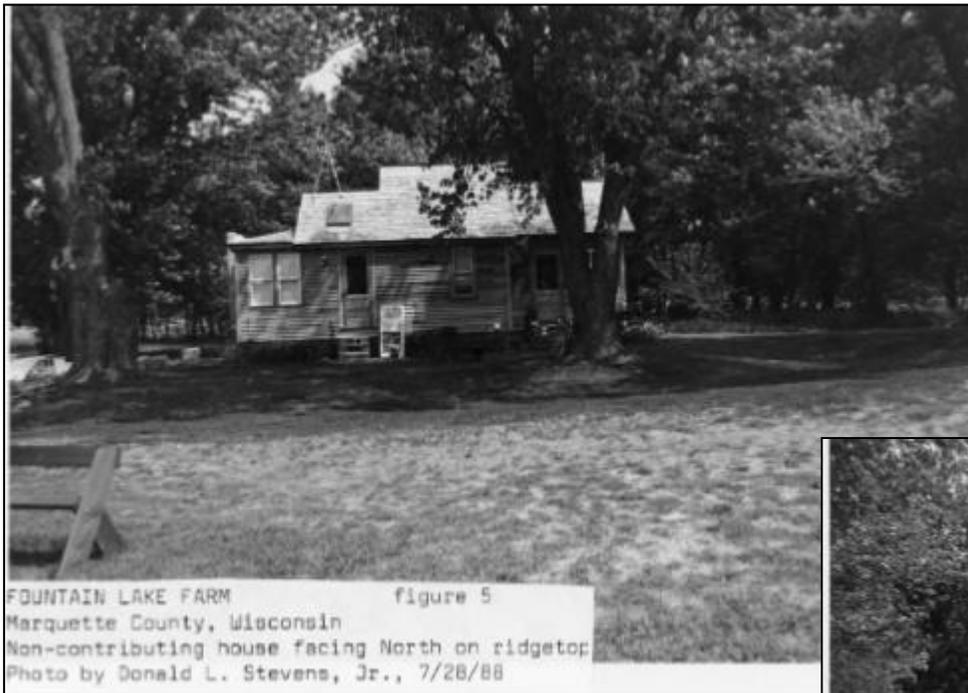


Fountain Lake Farm

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Fountain Lake Farm Noncontributing house



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Fountain Lake Farm



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Common Criteria Exceptions Used with Landscapes

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- Religious properties
- Cemeteries
- Commemorative properties
- Reconstructions



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---if they have exceptional importance



(Also a Commemorative property having design significance)

Jefferson Westward Expansion National Memorial,
St. Louis, MO (completed 1965; NHL 1987)

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Modernism in Architecture and Landscape Architecture in Bartholemew County, IN, MPS



Irwin Miller House (NHL)
Columbus, IN



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Landscape Registration: Issues and Concerns

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Landscape Registration: Issues and Concern

. . . Suggested by workshop attenders and via email to Barbara Wyatt

National Register Bulletins

- Need a bulletin on evaluating linear resources: railroads, roads, canals, streetcar lines, etc.
- Update the survey bulletin to reflect modern technology
- Amend the mining bulletin

more . . .

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Bulletin concerns, cont.

- Amend the landscape bulletins
- New bulletin on rural landscapes with more direction on evaluating farmsteads and boundaries

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Information Needs

(perhaps addressed in white papers)

- Applying Community Planning and Development as an area of significance
- Guidance on impacts to setting and the importance of settings to the eligibility of properties, including landscapes
- Guidance on the integrity of materials (landscape)

more . . .

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Information needs, con't.

- Compare and contrast traditional cultural places and sacred sites
- Guidance on evaluating conservation/environmental properties (i.e. wetlands restorations)

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Other Needs/Problems

- Add an ethnohistoric context (to inspire others to develop local, regional, and national post-contact historic contexts)
- More assistance for consultants preparing nominations for rural historic landscapes (how much description is necessary, particularly for agricultural and mining districts)
- Property owners do not perceive landscapes that are still used as they were historically (for example, for farming and ranching) to be historic.

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Other, con't.

- Problems exist regarding mineral and surface rights, because few people own both.
- Listing of the Cathedral trees stopped a road widening and saved a historic landscape—should be considered more.
- Don't have the time to focus on landscapes, and large landscape nominations seem particularly daunting.

more. . .

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Other, con't.

- It is very difficult to quantify boundaries—not for designed landscapes, but for natural and cultural landscapes. They can be difficult to defend when reviewing projects for 106, etc.
- Problems: ranchers, oil companies, and wind farms
- Has National Register listing had an impact on saving important landscapes?

more. . .

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Other, con't.

- Does the public recognize landscapes as an important type of historic site?

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Participants, please share your ideas via live email:

- NR bulletins
- Guidance, such as white papers, on particular topics
- Other issues with landscape nominations



**Comments on the Webinar?
More to say about landscape issues?
Please send comments by August 1, 2013**

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*The National Register staff thanks you
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