

Delaware releases historic preservation plan for 2018–2022

(DOVER, Del.—Aug. 23, 2018)—The [Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs](#) today released **“Partners in Preservation: Planning for the Future—Delaware’s Historic Preservation Plan, 2018–2022”** which provides a guide for citizens, organizations and agencies working together to preserve Delaware’s heritage for the future. Go to the following to read the full plan: <https://history.delaware.gov/pdfs/2018-2022DelawareSHP0Plan.pdf>. Printed copies are available on request.



The plan outlines six broad goals for the next five years, and suggests specific strategies and actions that can help achieve those goals. The plan encourages advocates to be informed, share resources and take action. Notably, the plan emphasizes the importance of potential partners that could assist in this work, and encourages building on common interests among a variety of stakeholders.

The preservation plan focuses on developing tools and information needed to help guide growth and change in ways that sustain and enhance the state’s character and quality of life. In this work, the plan complements [Delaware Strategies for State Policies and Spending](#), developed by the Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination to coordinate land-use decision-making, as well as other statewide and local planning efforts.

As a requirement for receiving Delaware’s annual portion of the federal [Historic Preservation Fund](#), administered by the National Park Service, the division is responsible for coordinating the preparation and development of a

comprehensive, statewide historic preservation plan and for updating it at regular intervals. Begun in August 2016, the new plan was written by members of the division's [State Historic Preservation Office](#) working with consultant [Heritage Strategies](#), and with input from preservation professionals, non-profit organizations and the public. Additional review, comment and final approval of the plan were supplied by the National Park Service, as well as the [Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation](#) which provides guidance and perspective on Delaware's historic preservation issues.

The Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs is an agency of the State of Delaware. The division enhances Delaware's quality of life by preserving the state's unique historical heritage, fostering community stability and economic vitality and providing educational programs and assistance to the general public on Delaware history and heritage. The division's diverse array of services includes operation of five museums which are [accredited by the American Alliance of Museums](#), administration of the State Historic Preservation Office, conservation of the state's archaeological and historic-objects collections, operation of a conference center and management of historic properties across the state. Primary funding for division programs and services is provided by annual appropriations from the Delaware General Assembly and grants from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, a federal agency. However, the contents and opinions expressed in the division's programs and services do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the Department of the Interior.

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