

Historic preservation symposium to take place in Dover, Del. on June 26, 2019

(DOVER, Del.—June 5, 2019)—The [Delaware State Historic Preservation Office](#), in collaboration with preservation partners [Friends of the John Dickinson Mansion](#) and [Preservation Delaware](#), invites the public to attend a special historic preservation symposium. As part of the day's activities, speakers from the National Park Service and the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office will discuss disaster preparedness, issues regarding elevating historic properties in flood-prone areas and National Register of Historic Places nominations.

The symposium will take place on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 in the Delaware Room of the [Delaware Public Archives](#) located at 121 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. North in Dover, Del. Admission is free, but, due to limited seating, reservations are required by calling the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office at 302-736-7400. The office is open between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **Reservations are due by June 19, 2019.**



Flooding along Union Street in front of the Milton Theatre in Milton, Del. after the March 1962 nor'easter. Disaster preparedness for historic properties will be explored as part of the upcoming historic preservation symposium.



The Milton Theatre today. The building is a component of the Milton Historic

District.

Symposium agenda

9:00–9:15 a.m.

Welcoming remarks

Tim Slavin, Delaware State Historic Preservation Officer and Director, [Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs](#)

9:15–10:15 a.m.

“Using Criterion A in National Register of Historic Places Nominations”

Lisa Deline, Architectural Historian, [National Park Service](#)
Ms. Deline, reviewer of Delaware nominations to the [National Register of Historic Places](#), will provide updated information about the effective use of Criterion A which represents the quality of significance present in historic properties that are associated with events important to broad patterns of American history.

10:15–10:45 a.m.

Question and answer session with Lisa Deline

10:45–11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00–11:45 a.m.

“Lessons Learned: Prepare Now for Future Weather Events”

Reid Thomas, Restoration Specialist, [North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office](#)

Mr. Thomas will showcase some of the weather-related situations that he encountered during his 29 years of service within the northeastern region of North Carolina.

11:45 a.m.–Noon

Question and answer session with Reid Thomas

Noon–1:45 p.m.

Lunch on your own

List of restaurants and map to be provided.

1:45–2:30 p.m.

“The Ups and Down of Elevation: Case Studies of the Elevation of Historic Buildings in North Carolina”

John Wood, Preservation/Restoration Specialist, North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

Mr. Wood will discuss his extensive experience in historic preservation and restoration projects within the southeastern region of North Carolina.

2:30–2:45 p.m.

Question and answer session with John Wood

3:00–4:30 p.m.

Reception at the John Dickinson Plantation, 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover

The Friends of the John Dickinson Mansion will host an informal get together after the symposium.

Administered as a museum by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, the [John Dickinson Plantation](#), Delaware’s first National Historic Landmark, was the childhood home of John Dickinson, a founding father of the United States, a framer and signer of the U.S. Constitution and “Penman of the Revolution.” The museum is a partner site in both the [First State National Historical Park](#) and the [National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom](#), and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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