This issue of *Local Preservation* presents a variety of materials useful to historic preservation commissions nationwide. The materials are current—most were published after 1980. All were available from the sources listed below when this issue went to press.

**Establishing and Operating a Historic District Board or Commission**

*A Comprehensive Program for Historic Preservation in Omaha, Nebraska.* Robert Peters, editor. Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission, December 1980. 130 pages. The publication primarily outlines Omaha history but also includes a discussion of establishing boundaries for historic districts, establishing design criteria, survey and implementation methods. Available from Omaha City Planning Department, Omaha/Douglas Civic Center, 1819 Farnam St., Omaha, NE 68183, (402) 444-5212, for $5.95.


Manual for Historic Preservation Commissions. South Dakota State Historical Preservation Center, 1985. 29 pages. Written for local preservation commission members, this informal publication explains the national historic preservation program in lay terms, discusses the pros and cons of local legislation and provides some excellent public education tools. Available from State Historic Preservation Center, 3 E. Main St., PO Box 417, Vermillion, SD 57069 (605) 677-5314, no charge.


A Procedural Handbook for Local Historic District Commissions. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, Spring, 1986. 36 pages. A very useful handbook designed for the commission member; it discusses the design review process, design guidelines and community education. Available from Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, Suite 200 Heritage Center, 225 E. Markham, Little Rock, AR 72201, (501) 371-2763, for $3.50 for a single copy; $2.50 each for 10 or more copies.
Strictly Legal


State Enabling Legislation for Local Preservation Commissions. Pamela Thurber and Robert Moyer. No. 5236. National Trust for Historic Preservation, Fall, 1984. 79 pages and charts. An analysis of existing state enabling legislation including a comparison of requirements for preservation commissions, designation of historic districts and landmarks, and the certificate of appropriateness process. A number of charts in the rear of the publication indicate the variety of provisions required under state legislation. Available from The Preservation Bookshop, 1600 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 673-4197, for $12.00.

Pertaining to Historic Districts

Establishing Local Historic Districts. Patricia Weslowski, editor. Massachusetts Historical Commission, second revision October, 1986. Basic instructions for Massachusetts Historic District Commissions on the procedures for establishing historic districts and local design review ordinances. Available from the Preservation Planning Division, Massachusetts Historical Commission, 80 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116; (617) 727-8470, no charge.

Historic Districts: An Introduction to Information Resources. Information Sheet No. 35. Hope Headley. The Preservation Press, 1983. 12 pages. This short but informative pamphlet discusses what a historic district is and how to establish one, and the economic benefits that can result. The majority of the pamphlet is dedicated to an annotated bibliography on the subject. Available from The Preservation Press, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036 (mail orders: (202) 673-4200), for $4.00.


Historic Districts Model Preservation Guidelines: South Bend and St. Joseph County, Indiana. Historical Preservation Commission of South Bend and St. Joseph County, July, 1980. 32 pages. A good example of local written guidelines (no illustrations included) and written implementation and enforcement procedures. Available from the Historical Preservation Commission of South Bend and St. Joseph County, Room 1123, County City Building, South Bend, IN 46601, (219) 284-9798, for $5.00.


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Zoning and Historic Preservation: A Survey of Current Zoning Techniques in U.S. Cities To Encourage Historic Preservation. Ellen Kettler Paseltiner and Deborah Tyler. Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois, 1983. 32 pages (including brief 1984 update). Provides an overview of a variety of zoning measures in use around the country to encourage preservation including: transfer of development rights; special or conditional use ordinances; conversion of institutional or industrial structures to residential use; zoning restrictions in commercial areas of historic districts; special district zoning; height or floor area ratio restrictions; and modification of zoning rights. Available from Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 752, Chicago, IL 60604, (312) 922-1742, $6.00 for members and $6.50 for non-members.

Design Review


Developing Downtown Design Guidelines. California Main Street Program, 1988. 52 pages. This volume is designed for use by local planning officials whose work involves redeveloping an older downtown while retaining its historic character. Available from Main Street Program, California State Department of Commerce, 1121 L St., Suite 600, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 322-1394, for $6.50.


Historic District Design Guidelines, Park City, Utah. Downing Leach Associates. Park City Planning Department, July 1983. 97 pages. Comprehensive community specific guidelines, highly illustrated with drawings and photographs. The book includes a thorough discussion of new construction guidelines in the Park City historic district as well as siting, massing, clustering and parking lot design issues. Available from from Park City Planning Department, PO Box 1480, Park City, UT 84060, (801) 649-9321, for $7.50.

Reviewing New Construction Projects in Historic Areas: Procedures for Local Preservation Commissions. Ellen Beasley. National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1986. 28 pages. Although all the examples are based in New England, the publication provides a very concise and helpful format with a list of questions to help review boards establish a process and method for reviewing new construction projects. Available from the Northeast Regional Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 45 School St., Boston, MA 02108, (617) 523-0885, for $2.50.

From the Property Owner's Point of View

Construction Standards for the Comstock Historic District Commission. 8 pages; circa 1985. Virginia City, Nevada. A good example of a property owner's manual which includes the procedures of the commission, public hearing procedures, orders to stop work, rules regarding mobile homes and housetrailers in the historic district, and basic design guidelines. Available from the Comstock Historic District Commission, PO Box 128, Virginia City, NV 89440, (702) 847-0281, no charge.

Guidebook for Local Landmarks and Preservation Districts. Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission. A good example of an informational booklet for property owners with a chart which categorizes and summarizes the review process for different design changes and requests. Available from Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission, 609 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, KY 40202, (502) 625-3501, no charge.


Virginia's Heritage: A Property Owner's Guide to Resource Protection. Sponsored by American Farmland Trust; Chesapeake Bay Foundation; Lower James River Association; The Nature Conservancy, Virginia Chapter; Piedmont Environmental Council; Potomac Appalachian Trail Club; Preservation Alliance of Virginia; Virginia State Division of Historic Landmarks, Dept. of Conservation and Historic Resources; Virginia Outdoors Foundation; and the Waterford Foundation, September, 1988. 40 pages. Discusses preservation tools available to property owners such as easements and leaseback arrangements. Available from Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, Virginia State Department of Conservation and Historic Resources, Morson's Row, 221 Governor Street, Richmond VA, (804) 786-3143, no charge.
Small Towns and Rural Preservation


Tax Incentives and Economic Benefits of Preservation


The Economics of Amenity: Community Futures and Quality of Life. Robert H. McNulty, R. Leo Penne and Dorothy R. Jacobson, Partners for Livable Places, Washington, D.C. 1985. 156 pages. Although the subject matter is broader than historic preservation alone, the book shows how cities throughout North America are using preservation in conjunction with strategies to promote the arts, quality urban design, natural and scenic resources as a comprehensive package of amenities to stimulate business investments, develop tourism, and increase and retain economic growth. Includes annotated bibliography. Available from Partners for Livable Places, 1429 21st St., NW, Washington, DC 20036, mail orders (202) 887-5990, for $12.95 plus $2.50 for postage.

National Main Street Center: Training Program Materials. National Trust for Historic Preservation. Presents the objectives and methods of the Main Street Program in a format useful for building local capacity to initiate and carry out a downtown revitalization program. Deals with subjects such as design, promotion, organizing for action, and the economics of revitalization. Features training notebooks, technical bulletins, slide/tape shows, and videocassette series. Available from the National Main Street Center, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 673-4219.
Videos and Slidetapes

Built by Design. Produced by the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions. 22 minutes. 1/2 inch VHS format (slide/tape version as of 1/1/89). A basic education tool targeted for communities considering establishing or having recently established historic district commissions. Deals with typical problems faced by historic commissions particularly in the area of reviewing alterations and additions to historic properties. Also addresses such issues as: Why have a commission?; What are the appropriate procedures for commissions to follow?; and, Why is it necessary to have procedures and guidelines for regulating alterations? Available from the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions, PO Box 783, Frederick, MD 21701 for $34.95 including postage.

Rehabilitation and Repair of Windows (in two parts) and Repair and Maintenance of Stucco Finishes. Both videos produced by the Florida Conference of Preservation Boards and Commissions, 1987. Each video is 15-25 minutes long and is produced in a VHS format. Two more videos are in progress, one on the repair and maintenance of roofs and one on porches. Available from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, PO Box 11206, Tallahassee, FL 32301, (904) 224-8128. Florida Trust members can obtain these videos at no rental charge; non-members may rent them for the cost of postage, which is usually $2.50.

Frederick: A Historic Preservation Commission at Work. National Park Service, 1987. 14 minutes. 1/2 inch VHS format. This video shows how a preservation commission has evolved over time to become an effective force in community development. Local participants include historic preservation commission members and staff, as well as government officials, community leaders, and local businesspeople. Available from the American Association for State and Local History, Order/Billing Department, 172 Second Ave. N., Suite 102, Nashville, TN 37201, (615) 255-2971. Members of AASLH $67.50, non-members $75.00 plus shipping & handling. (Catalogue Item #551V).

Historic Preservation in Oregon: In the Spirit of Cooperation. Historic Preservation League of Oregon, 1987. 15 minutes. Slide/tape format. The program describes the statewide planning program in Oregon and the importance of and techniques for integrating historic preservation into the local planning process. Available from the Historic Preservation League of Oregon, PO Box 40053, Portland, OR 97240, (503) 243-1923, for a $10.00 rental fee for members; non-members may rent it for $35.00, plus a refundable deposit of $50.00.

History Lives: Historic Preservation in Oregon City, Oregon. City of Oregon City Planning Department, 1986. 26 minutes. VHS format. An example of a public education tool produced with Certified Local Government funds by a local commission for a specific community. Available from City of Oregon City Planning Department, 320 Warner Milne Rd., Oregon City, OR 97045, (503) 657-0895 for a $5.00 rental/postage and handling fee.

Preservation Possibilities. National Park Service, 1986. 29 minutes. 1/2 inch VHS format. Presents a variety of preservation activities that Certified Local Governments (CLGs) can do with CLG funds from their state historic preservation offices. Communities across the nation are shown doing architectural and archaeological surveys, evaluating and preparing nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, and preparing guidelines for design review. Historic preservation commissions are shown making decisions concerning alterations to historic properties and participating in the planning of a major development project. Available from the American Association for State and Local History, Order/Billing Department, 172 Second Ave. N., Suite 102, Nashville, TN 37201, (615) 255-2971. AASLH members $67.50, non-members $75.00 plus shipping and handling. (Catalogue Item #552V).
Seeing the Community: Historic District Preservation in New York State. Preservation League of New York State, 1980. 38 minutes. Slide/tape format. A very useful program designed to teach the layperson how to see design elements in a community. Available from the Preservation League of New York State, 307 Hamilton Street, Albany, NY 12210, (518) 462-5658. There is no charge for Preservation League members. Non-members can obtain this presentation with a refundable rental deposit of $50.00 and a non-refundable shipping and handling charge of $15.00.

The National Register of Historic Places. National Park Service. 79 slides. This slide/tape presentation provides an introduction to the National Register of Historic Places and is designed to be used in preservation education by a variety of organizations and agencies including state historic preservation officers, Federal agencies, local governments, and local preservation commissions. It shows a range of properties nationwide that are eligible for inclusion in the National Register, briefly presents the National Register criteria of significance and criteria considerations, and presents the important concept of "integrity." Available from the American Association for State and Local History, Order/Billing Department, 172 Second Ave. N., Suite 102, Nashville, TN 37201, (615) 255-2971. AASLH members $49.00, non-members $54.50. (Catalogue Item #AV-575S).

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. National Trust for Historic Preservation. 15 minutes. 1/2 inch VHS format and slide/tape format. Produced with the premise that a greater understanding of the Standards will encourage more rehabilitation projects and ensure that the work done respects the important historic features of buildings and thus preserves a community's heritage. Offers information on proper cleaning procedures for the exteriors of commercial buildings, planning for Federal tax credits for certified rehabilitation, and information on when to repair and when to replace. Available from National Trust for Historic Preservation, Western Regional Office, 1 Sutter St., Suite 707, San Francisco, CA 94104, (415) 956-0610. Video format $15.00 for rental, $30.00 for purchase. Slide/tape $15.00 rental, $50.00 for purchase.

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