

Explanation of SHPO's Fields in the OSA Portal

SHPO Details

The SHPO Details are the fields that SHPO uses to track information about the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), the National Historic Landmark program, the Keeper of the NRHP Determinations of Eligibility (DOE), the Minnesota State Register of Historic Places, SHPO eligibility concurrences, SHPO report numbers, and SHPO comments related to archaeological sites. Prior to the re-launch of the OSA Portal in the summer of 2025, this information was maintained in SHPO's internal Archaeology database. The SHPO Details are also where SHPO manages documentation for individual archaeological sites including NRHP nominations and eligibility files. Historically, SHPO has created eligibility files for individual archaeological sites, but this has not been consistent and will not be part of SHPO's practice going forward. This practice is an artifact of a paper-based inventory.

An overview of the SHPO Fields

NRHP Listed or Previously Determined Eligible (Options: Listed, Eligible, No)

- This field is used to quickly identify whether an archaeological site has been listed in the NRHP (either individually or within a district) or previously determined eligible. The value "No" in this field means the site has not been listed in the NRHP or previously been determined eligible. The value "No" in this field **does not mean the site is not eligible**; in most cases, it indicates that the site has not been evaluated.

National Register: This is a group of fields that describes whether a site is listed in the NRHP. This group of fields only shows up for sites that are listed.

- The group of fields includes Listing Name, Listing Date, NPS Reference Number, Contributing Status, and Removed from Register.
 - **Listing Name:** This is the name of the property from the NRHP nomination.
 - **Listing Date:** This is the date that the National Park Service (NPS) approved the nomination for inclusion in the NRHP.
 - **NPS Reference Number:** This is the number the NPS assigns to the NRHP property (also known as the National Register Information System [NRIS] number).
 - **Contributing Status:** This field describes whether the site is individually listed or within a district. If the site is within a district, the values will either be Contributing, Non-Contributing, or Unevaluated based on the NRHP nomination. If SHPO staff find or concur that a site is contributing or non-contributing to a district, that status will be in the group of fields named "SHPO Evaluation and Environmental Review Program Status."
 - **Removed from Register:** This field is the date that the NPS removed the property from listing in the NRHP.

Determination of Eligibility: This is a group of fields that describes whether the Keeper of the NRHP has provided an opinion on a site's eligibility. The Keeper of the NRHP can provide an opinion upon request, but most often provides an opinion when a property is nominated to the NRHP but the property's owner(s) object to having the property listed in the NRHP. The group of fields only shows up for sites where SHPO has a documented opinion from the Keeper.

- **DOE Name:** This is the name of the property as shown on the Keeper's opinion document.
- **DOE Date:** This is the date of the Keeper's opinion.
- **Contributing Status:** This field describes whether the site has been individually determined eligible or is within a district. If the site is within a district, the values will either be Contributing, Non-Contributing, or Unevaluated based on the available documentation. If SHPO staff find or concur that a site is contributing or non-contributing to a district, that status will be in the group of fields named "SHPO Evaluation and Environmental Review Program Status."

State Register: This is a group of fields that describes whether a site is designated in state statute as a historic site or place (Minnesota Statutes 138.57, 138.581, 138.662, 138.664). The group of fields only shows up for sites that are individually designated in state statute or are within the boundary of a property designated in state statute.

- **State Register Name:** This is the name of the property as listed in state statute.
- **State Register Designation Date:** This is the legislative year that the property was added to state statute and therefore designated as a state historic site.
- **Within the Boundaries of a State Register Listed Property** (Options: Individually Listed or Within): this identifies whether a property is individually listed or within a state register property.
- **Repealed in State Statute:** This is the legislative year that the property was removed from state statute.

National Historic Landmark: This is a group of fields that describes whether a site is designated as a National Historic Landmark (NHL) or is within the boundaries of an NHL.

- **National Historic Landmark Name:** This is the name of the property as defined in the National Historic Landmark system and can be slightly different than the name in the NRHP.
- **Listing Date:** This is the date the property was designated as an NHL.
- **Contributing Status:** This field describes whether the site is individually listed or within a district. If the site is within a district, the values will either be Contributing, Non-Contributing, or Unevaluated based on the NHL nomination. If SHPO staff find or concur that a site is contributing or non-contributing to a district, that status will be in the group of fields named "SHPO Evaluation and Environmental Review Program Status."

SHPO Evaluation and Environmental Review Program Status: This is a group of fields that track when SHPO concurs with an eligibility recommendation or determination of eligibility by a federal agency or other entity. It primarily holds eligibility concurrences that originate from the Environmental Review Program (ERP) but also holds eligibility concurrences from the NRHP Program.

- **Individual Resource Evaluation Status** (Options: Eligible for NRHP, Not Eligible for NRHP, Listed in NRHP, Unevaluated, Eligible for the Purposes of Section 106). This field represents SHPO's opinion on a site's

eligibility. The value “Eligible for the Purposes of Section 106” means that the site has not been formally evaluated and instead was treated as eligible, i.e. as a historic property, for the purposes of a specific Section 106 review. If this field is blank, then the site is unevaluated.

- **District Inventory Number:** If an archaeological site is within or overlaps a property that has been inventoried in MnSHIP, then the relevant inventory number will be listed in this field. The inventory number can then be used to search MnSHIP to find additional information.
- **District Name:** If an archaeological site is within or overlaps a property that has been inventoried in MnSHIP, then the Historic Name in MnSHIP for that property will be listed in this field.
- **Resource Contributing Status:** This field describes whether the site is individually eligible or listed or within an eligible or listed district. If the site is within a district, the values will either be Contributing, Non-Contributing, or Unevaluated based on the available information.
- **Resource Contributing Date:** This is the date that SHPO provided concurrence or comments on whether a site is contributing or not to a district, if relevant.
- **Eligibility Concurrence Date:** This is the date that SHPO provided concurrence or comments on a site’s individual resource evaluation status.
- **ERP Number:** This field lists the SHPO Review Number. This field is used to cross-reference the SHPO concurrence with the relevant Environmental Review Program project review file, which may have more information.
- **Regulatory Framework for SHPO Review** (Options: NHPA (106 or 110), State Review, Technical Assistance, Other, None – NRHP Program). The purpose of this field is for SHPO to track eligibility concurrences by program and relevant law. The values correspond to: National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106 or Section 110); State Statute (primarily 138.40 or 138.665 & 666); as part of a state Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) or state Public Utilities Commission (PUC) project review; for some other reason; or through the NRHP program.

SHPO Comments: This field includes any notes that SHPO staff want to share with other users about an archaeological site.

SHPO Report Number(s): This field lists report numbers from SHPO’s internal Reports database for archaeological reports prepared and submitted to SHPO prior to the re-launch of the OSA Portal in the summer of 2025. A small subset of SHPO reports are now available in the OSA Portal. If there is a number listed in this field, check to see if the report is within the OSA Portal. If not, email DataRequestSHPO@state.mn.us to request a copy of the report. If the report is scanned, it will be shared digitally. If it is not scanned, you may need to request an appointment to view it in person. See SHPO’s [website](#) for more information.

Attachments: This is where SHPO staff can upload copies of NRHP nominations or other documentation other than survey reports pertaining to an archaeological site.