State Review Board Update
STATE REVIEW BOARD ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

• Make the plan accessible
• SHPO needs more of a presence in Greater Minnesota
• Communities and rural areas without an HPC have little power to advocate for preservation
• How do we monitor progress with goals from 2012-2017 plan?
• Engage more younger people in preservation
• Involve students in real preservation work as advocates
• Improve communication, training and funding between SHPO and county historical societies
• Preservation is an economic driver
• Preservation is sustainability
• Increase promotion of National Register program
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC & PARTNER ENGAGEMENT TO DATE

• Began engagement September of 2019
• Seven public events; conversations with over 310 individuals
• Online survey 9/19 – 1/20: 1,117 results
• Consulted with 11 Minnesota tribes
• Interviews with nearly 20 partner agencies and preservation organizations
• Meeting In a Box: 12 meetings hosted
• Insightful, thoughtful and powerful ideas from the public, professionals and our partners
Thinking back, what would you want to add or change about your feedback from a year ago?
PUBLIC & PARTNER EMERGING THEMES

1. Preservation is important to preserve cultural identity/heritage, to access historic resources, and to learn about Minnesota’s history.

2. Preservation is directly tied to economic vitality and sustainability.

3. Stakeholders want more education and technical assistance, money, and partnership opportunities.

4. Changing/improving the regulatory framework would make preservation easier.

5. Cultivating and coordinating partnerships among stakeholders should be encouraged.

6. Information needs to be shared and made more accessible.

7. Preservation needs to broaden its perspective and evaluation criteria to be more inclusive of diverse communities and historic resources.

8. More archaeological sites need to be inventoried and designated.

9. Minnesotans have insufficient knowledge about historic/cultural resources.

10. The top threats to preservation are low lawmaker interest; the public not valuing preservation; a lack of understanding of resources; and a perception that new is better than old.

11. Higher costs and limited funds are barriers to preservation.

12. Preservation should be more fully integrated into local planning.

13. Pro-development housing policies often conflict with preservation and pose threats to archaeological and historic resources.

14. A shortage of skilled tradespeople and professionals is a barrier for preservation.

15. The impact of climate change on preservation is significant and needs to be addressed.
THEMES FOR FURTHER GOAL DEVELOPMENT

The Themes are a direct reflection of the public’s engagement and input that we have received to date.

What is a Plan Goal: It’s a Singular item
States a direction that will guide the management or work related to historic & cultural resources connected directly to the theme(s).
These Plan Goals will provide a vision for the State as a whole, and a direction for the SHPO office.
1. Coordination and Partnerships
   a) Clearly define roles and responsibilities regarding historic preservation in Minnesota
   b) Cultivating & encouraging partnerships
   c) Address challenges with the regulatory framework
      • Lack of integration into local planning
      • Conflict between policies and preservation
      • Changing & improving

2. Sustainability, Resilience and Climate Change
   a) Address impact of climate change on preservation
   b) Preservation ties to sustainability
   c) Disaster and Resiliency Planning for Cultural Resources

3. Costs, Financial Resources and Benefits
   a) Ties to economic vitality
   b) Higher costs and limited funds
   c) Pandemics & disasters (Covid) resulting in increased vacancies, required alterations, etc.

4. Education, Technical Assistance and Information
   a) Increased access to information
   b) Lack of understanding of existing resources (more survey, inventory & designation)
      • more archaeological sites need to be inventoried and designated
   c) Shortage of skilled tradespeople and professionals in preservation
   d) Increase interest in preservation (public and lawmaker)

5. Inclusivity and Diversity
   a) Inclusive of diverse communities
   b) Broader perspectives

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OVERARCHING THEME FOR THE PLAN:
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3. Costs, Financial Resources and Benefits
4. Education, Technical Assistance and Information
5. Inclusivity and Diversity
**Issue identification:**

What are some relevant issues related to Inclusivity and Diversity in Minnesota?

What are some relevant issues related to Education, Technical Assistance & Information Access in Minnesota?