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About Us
Heritage Conservancy identifies, documents, and protects structures that characterize this region and its rich history by recognizing their architectural integrity and historical significance. Over 600 historic properties have been listed on its Register of Historic Places. As part of its unique dual-mission, Heritage Conservancy has also facilitated the preservation of more than 14,500 acres (and counting!) of farmland, forest, watersheds, wildlife habitats and open space in this region. This land will remain intact for the enjoyment and benefit of future generations. Visit our website or reach out to us at 215-345-7020 to learn more about how we are helping to provide a better quality of life for our community and how you can get involved.

Heritage Conservancy is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization.

Register of Historic Places

Does your property qualify?

Heritage Conservancy and its Historical Review Board are seeking submissions of historic structures for the Register of Historic Places.
Mission
Historic Preservation & Conservation

Our beautiful region is rich with history and heritage. The houses, barns, and other historic structures that remain standing today represent a parade of people who came before us. In order to recognize and appreciate the architectural integrity and historic significance of these structures, Heritage Conservancy and its Historical Review Board created the Register of Historic Places. This listing can help to educate the community about the history of our area and evoke a sense of pride for the structures that we are fortunate to have intact. As a result, this historic recognition will encourage stewardship of our great heritage for future generations to enjoy.

Historical Review Board

The Historical Review Board is a volunteer committee organized by Heritage Conservancy that meets four times a year to review applications for listing on a non-binding Register of Historic Places. The Board considers the architectural integrity and historic significance of a property, and it recognizes the transformation of buildings over time. The Board considers the overall appearance and compatibility of new additions, architectural details, and interior features of a building. In certain nominations, outbuildings are also considered.

Criteria for Qualification

The criteria for qualifying properties for our Register of Historic Places is as follows:

- The property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our local or national history; or
- The property is associated with the lives of persons significant in the past; or
- The property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represents the work of an important architect, or that possesses high artistic values; or
- The property has yielded or may be likely to yield significant historic or pre-historic archaeological resources.

Overall, you should consider the property itself, how it served the community, notable events that took place on the property, notable persons that lived, worked, or stayed in the building, and legends involving the property and community.

Recognition

Any structure that is approved for the Register of Historic Places is eligible to display a plaque to recognize its historic and/or architectural elements.

Listing on the Conservancy’s Register of Historic Places does not impinge upon the rights of property owners in the maintenance, modification or sale of their property. Continued listing on the Register is dependent upon the property maintaining historic and architectural integrity.