

Historic Designations in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County



National Register



Local Historic Designation



Local Historic Marker



NC Highway Marker



NC Civil Rights Trail

What?

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts worthy of preservation for their significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture. The purpose is to ensure that these properties are considered in the planning of federal undertakings.

Designation of a property as a local historic landmark, or a neighborhood as a local historic overlay district, protects the architectural character of the property by limiting the changes an owner may make to it. Work other than routine maintenance must be permitted by the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission through the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Local historic markers recognize sites, buildings, organizations, events, and people. A historic marker commemorates the physical location of a significant piece of local history and provides information to the public about that history.

State markers designate places, events, or persons of statewide historical significance. Historical significance means any person, place or event of the past that has been recorded, documented, or recognized in a primary or secondary source as having a lasting contribution to NC history.

The North Carolina African American Heritage Commission's Civil Rights Trail will physically mark 50 sites critical to the Civil Rights Movement (1941-1976), highlighting and acknowledging tireless civil rights efforts that are well known and, in some cases, unsung.

How?

At least 50 years old. Significant event, person, architecture, or data (archaeology). Integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

At least 50 years old. Special significance of history, architecture, culture, or archaeology. Integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

At least 50 years old. Not marked elsewhere in Forsyth County. Sited in the right-of-way and visible to the public.

Sited on a numbered state or federal highway. At least 25 years following death of a person. Statewide significance of the subject's relationship to NC history; contributions to NC; and impacts on NC's history.

Statewide or regional significance. Protest, rally, and sit-in sites. Birthplace, childhood homes, and primary residences of civil rights icons. Places where people organized. Places where civil rights icons visited, stayed, and spoke. Educational institutions. Legal/courthouses.

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Who?



Preparation by consultant. Review by Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission and City Council/County Commissioners. Approval by State Historic Preservation Office and National Park Service.



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Approval by Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission.



Approval by NC Marker Advisory Committee.



Approval by NC Civil Rights Trail Advisory Committee of the NCAHNC.

When?



More than 1 year, rolling.



6 months to 1 year, rolling.



Less than 6 months, due October 31.



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6 months to 1 year; Round II due October 31, 2021, Round III due August 2022.

Why?



Recognition. Consideration of impacts to property during federal and state undertakings. May be eligible for federal and state income tax incentives.



Recognition. Restrictions on changes. Landmarks are eligible for property tax deferral of up to 50%.



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Examples

Reynoldstown Historic District
Winston-Salem Tobacco Historic District

Old Salem Historic District
Reynolds Building

Fourteenth Street School
Safe Bus Company

R.J. Reynolds
Great Wagon Road

New Ahoskie Baptist Church
Shelby Sit-ins

More

National Register: ncdcr.gov/about/history/division-historical-resources/nc-state-historic-preservation-office/architectural-1 or 919-814-6587

Local Historic Designation: cityofws.org/1319/Local-Historic-Landmark-Program or 336-747-7040

Local Historic Marker: cityofws.org/1366/Historic-Marker-Program or 336-747-7040

NC Highway Marker: ncdcr.gov/about/history/division-historical-resources/nc-highway-historical-marker-program or 919-807-7291

NC Civil Rights Trail: aahc.nc.gov/programs/civil-rights-trail or 919-814-6511

