

Historic resource preservation and adaptive reuse

Possible 2 points

Intent

To respect local and national landmarks and conserve material and cultural resources by encouraging the preservation and adaptive reuse of historic buildings and cultural landscapes.

Requirements

This credit is available to projects with at least one historic building, contributing building in a historic district, or cultural landscape on the project site.

Do not demolish any historic buildings or contributing buildings in a historic district, or portions thereof, or alter any cultural landscapes as part of the project.

An exception is granted only with approval from an appropriate review body. For buildings or landscapes listed locally, approval must be granted by the local historic preservation review board, or equivalent. For buildings or landscapes listed in a state register or in the National Register of Historic Places (or equivalent for projects outside the U.S.), approval must appear in a programmatic agreement with the state historic preservation office or National Park Service (or local equivalent for projects outside the U.S.).

If any historic building or a contributing building in a historic district in the project site is to be altered (rehabilitated, preserved, or restored), use one of the following approaches for each building, as applicable.

- Building subject to local review. Obtain approval, in the form of a certificate of appropriateness, from a local historic preservation commission or architectural review board for any exterior alterations or additions.
- Building subject to state or federal review. If the building is subject to review by a state historic preservation office or the National Park Service (or equivalent body for projects outside the U.S.), the alteration must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (or equivalent for projects outside the U.S.).
- Listed or eligible building not subject to review. If a building is listed or determined eligible but alteration is not subject to local, state, or federal review, include on the project team a preservation professional who meets the U.S. federal qualifications for historic architects or architectural historians (or a local equivalent for projects outside the U.S.). The preservation professional must confirm adherence to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, or a local equivalent for projects outside the U.S.

If a cultural landscape is to be rehabilitated, restored, or preserved, do so in accordance with the Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes or local equivalent for projects outside the U.S. whichever is more stringent.