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The Recent Past: Strategies for Identification, Evaluation, and Protection

Seminar Overview

The challenge of recent past resources is recognizing their constantly evolving definition. Explore the framework of timeline, resources, and historic significance to understand properties that range from the obvious to the unorthodox, from suburbia and larger-scale construction, to more fragile resources and cultural landscapes. Review strategies for identification, evaluation, and protection through primary reference materials and the impact of laws and regulations. Discuss the issues of integrity, eligibility criteria, and evolving frontiers in the practice of preservation.

Agenda

The recent past

- Timeline
- Patterns and social events

Resources

- Suburbia
- Larger-scale construction
- Cultural landscapes
- Fragile and shorter-lived property types
- Peripheral and unorthodox resources

Primary references

- National Register Bulletin 15
- National Register Bulletin 18
- National Register Bulletin 22
- Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (Rehabilitation)
- Supplemental materials

Laws and Regulations

- Local
- State
- Federal: Section 106, Section 110, Section 4(f)

National Register of Historic Places

- Eligibility criteria
- Integrity

Strategies

- Identification
- Evaluation
- Protection

Preservation practice: grounding versus evolution

Case studies

Interactive group exercises