
WEB SITES OF INTEREST

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Aerial Photographs:

- Check out your town from above: <http://msrmaps.com/default.aspx>
- A searchable database of historic aerial photographs with prints available for purchase. <http://www.historicaerials.com/default.aspx>

Building Codes: Useful in their content and orientation towards renovation rather than new construction.

- Nationally Applicable Recommended Rehabilitation Provisions (NARRP): <http://www.huduser.org/publications/destech/narrp.html>
- New Jersey Rehabilitation Code: <http://www.state.nj.us/dca/codes/rehab>
- “Universal Access in Historic Buildings,” an article by architect Frank Heitzman that compares the Illinois and Federal accessibility laws assesses and their impact on historic buildings: <http://www.heizman.org/ihpabrochure.html>

Building Materials/Product Information for Main Street organizations:

- Awnings
 - Preservation Brief 44, “The Use of Awnings on Historic Buildings: Repair, Replacement and New Design”: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/briefs/brief44.htm>
 - Sunbrella by Glen Raven Mills has an excellent website that features images of all available awning fabrics. <http://www.sunbrella.com/usa>
 - Dickson (woven in France also by Glen Raven Mills) produces different (and often more stylish) patterns, stripes, and colors than Sunbrella. Your local awning installer can assist in finding Dickson fabric through Dickson’s exclusive distributor, Trivantage. <http://www.trivantage.com>
- Brick streets and brick pavers
 - <http://www.movingpicturestv.com/brick.htm>
 - <http://www.historicalbricks.com>
- Lighting
 - Gooseneck for Main Street exterior applications

- ANP Lighting offers goosenecks in several categories: <http://www.anplighting.com/products/rlm>
 - Abolite offers several traditional-looking gooseneck fixtures: http://www.lsi-industries.com/lighting_family.asp?ID=5590
 - B-K Lighting offers sleek, minimal gooseneck fixtures: <http://64.166.54.222/products/sign%20lighting/signlights.html>
 - Halogen and track fixtures for interior use
 - Ikea carries inexpensive halogen spotlights, sconces, clip lights, and track lighting for interior use. They are especially effective for display windows, task lighting, and point-of-purchase lighting. You can order many of these fixtures online, with more available in the store. <http://www.ikea-usa.com>
 - Reproduction and historically compatible light fixtures, reproduction light bulbs
 - Rejuvenation: <http://www.rejuvenation.com>
 - Vintage Hardware and Lighting: <http://www.vintagehardware.com>
- Paint
 - Benjamin Moore’s painting software “Personal Color Viewer 2.0” allows you to “paint” any digital image to show building owners what their repainted building will look like. It can be purchased for \$10 and downloaded from the Benjamin Moore website at: <http://store.swatchbox.com/start.asp?customer=bmv2&ptype=BMweb>
- *Old House Journal* magazine: <http://www.oldhousejournal.com>
- Signs and Banners
 - Historic signs and “ghost” signs
 - <http://www.frankjump.com>
 - <http://www.signmuseum.com>
 - <http://www.artic.edu/~ndonoh/>
 - Ideas for signs
 - <http://www.letterville.com>
 - <http://www.signweb.com>
- Structural glass (a.k.a. Vitrolite & Carrara Glass)
 - Preservation Brief 12, “The Preservation of Historic Pigmented Structural Glass”: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/briefs/brief12.htm>
 - Website of a structural glass restorer: <http://www.vitrolitespecialist.com>
- *Traditional Building* magazine has an excellent website that, in addition to past articles, includes an extensive listing of manufactures of building supplies and materials for historic buildings. <http://www.traditional-building.com>
Follow the “Product Search” link near the top of the page.

Building Surveys/Resource Identification

- American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works: is the national membership organization of conservation professionals. Its members include conservators, educators, scientists, students, archivists, art historians, and other conservation enthusiasts in over twenty countries around the world.
<http://aic.stanford.edu>
- The Curt Teich Postcard Archives
 - Housed in the Lake County Museum, this is the largest public collection of postcards and related materials containing 365,000 postcards that have been computer-cataloged under more than 2,100 subject headings.
<http://www.teicharchives.com>
 - More than 6,000 historic postcard views of Illinois towns, cities, lakes, rivers, and parks from the Teich Archives are available here. Almost all Main Street communities are represented.
<http://www.digitalpast.org/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/lakecoun004>
- Historic Preservation Plans and Historic Structures Reports
 - Preservation Brief 43, “The Preparation and Use of Historic Structure Reports”: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/briefs/brief43.htm>
 - “Historic Structures Reports and Preservation Plans: A Preparation Guide” is an excellent downloadable booklet by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s Historic Preservation Office:
<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/hpo/4sustain/preparehsr.pdf>
- National New Deal Preservation Association: a national non-profit organization dedicated to preserving New Deal resources such as murals, 1930s courthouses and post offices and school buildings. <http://www.newdeallegacy.org>
- Preservation Directory: a national resource for historic preservation, building restoration, heritage travel, historic real estate and cultural resource management.
<http://www.preservationdirectory.com>
- Online Design Guidelines, compiled by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. <http://www.uga.edu/napc/programs/napc/guidelines.htm>

Energy Conservation:

- “Creating Windows of Energy Saving Opportunity”, an article in *Home Energy Magazine*, weighs window renovation vs. replacements.
<http://homeenergy.org/archive/hem.dis.anl.gov/eehem/97/970908.html>
- “Energy Efficiency and Historic Preservation: A Planning Guide for Buildings” is a downloadable booklet written by the Nebraska Energy Office that provides an overview of energy conservation strategies for historic buildings.
<http://www.neo.ne.gov/rebuildbook.pdf>

- “The Value of Original Window Repair and Retrofit: Studies and Research” is a webpage maintained by the California Office of Historic Preservation that contains downloadable studies from across the country demonstrating the viability of repairing original windows. http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25935
- “Life Cycle Analysis of Embodied Effects for Existing Historic Buildings” is a study by the Athena Institute that compares the effects of keeping historic buildings versus building new structures in the same locations. The report demonstrates the significant environmental impacts that can be avoided by preserving an existing building instead of demolishing it and building new. http://www.athenasmi.org/publications/docs/Athena_LCA_for_Existing_Historic_Buildings.pdf

Global Shop:

- The nation’s largest annual retail merchandising trade show formerly held in Chicago. Scheduled for March 10-12, 2010 in Las Vegas, Global Shop’s trade show is free, and registration can be done on-line. <http://www.globalshop.org>

Historic Preservation Advocacy Groups:

- Chicago Bauhaus and Beyond: a non-profit organization that celebrates and promotes 20th century modern architecture and design. <http://www.chicagobauhausbeyond.org>
- DoCoMoMo (Documentation and Conservation of the Modern Movement): a non-profit organization that promotes the study, interpretation and protection of the architecture, landscape and urban design of the Modern Movement. <http://www.docomomo-us.org>
- Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions: a non-profit organization which encourages local governments to carry out historic preservation activities and aids preservation commissions throughout the state. <http://www.iahpc.org>
- Illinois Association of Museums: an independent statewide network of art, history, and science museums, historical and genealogical societies, zoos, nature centers, arboreta, and other cultural agencies. <http://www.illinoismuseums.org>
- Landmarks Illinois: a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, protecting, and promoting architectural and historic resources in Illinois through advocacy and education. <http://www.landmarks.org>
- National Alliance of Preservation Commissions: a non-profit organization devoted solely to representing the nation’s preservation design review commissions. <http://www.uga.edu/napc>

- National Trust for Historic Preservation: a private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to saving historic places and revitalizing America's communities. <http://www.preservationnation.org>
- Preservation Action: a national non-profit organization created in 1974 to serve as the grassroots lobby for historic preservation. <http://www.preservationaction.org>
- Preserve America: a federal initiative that encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy our priceless cultural and natural heritage. <http://www.preserveamerica.gov>
- Recent Past Preservation Network: a valuable network for building public education and awareness of often misunderstood and underappreciated resources - those of the Recent Past. <http://www.recentpast.org>
- Society for Commercial Archeology: the oldest national organization devoted to the buildings, artifacts, structures, signs, and symbols of the 20th-century commercial and roadside landscape. <http://www.sca-roadside.org>

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency: a state agency that collects, preserves, interprets, and communicates the diverse heritage of Illinois and educates the public by providing access to historic resources in the state. <http://www.illinoishistory.gov>

- The Preservation Services Division is the State Historic Preservation Office for Illinois and identifies, evaluates, and protects Illinois' historic and prehistoric resources using a variety of state and federal programs. <http://www.illinoishistory.gov/ps/index.htm>

Some of Preservation Service's programs include:

- Financial incentives available for building renovation: <http://www.illinoishistory.gov/PS/financial.htm>
- Main Street Design issues: <http://www.illinoishistory.gov/ps/mainstreet.htm>
- Local preservation issues and the Certified Local Government program: <http://www.illinoishistory.gov/PS/community.htm>
- The National Register of Historic Places in Illinois: <http://www.illinoishistory.gov/PS/historicplaces.htm>

National Park Service: a bureau within the United States Department of the Interior that administers the national park system and various cultural resource programs, including:

- Heritage Preservation Programs: <http://www.nps.gov/history>
- National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: a component of the NPS that advances the application of science and technology to historic

preservation through training, education, research, technology transfer and partnerships. <http://www.ncptt.nps.gov>

- Preservation Briefs: 47 essays on preservation issues that include repointing of masonry, repair of historic wood windows, and the preservation of historic signs. <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/briefs/presbhom.htm>
- Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation: http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/standguide/rehab/rehab_index.htm
- Strategies for public participation in historic preservation planning: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/pad/PlanCompan/PublicPartic/index.html>

Main Street programmatic support:

- Illinois Main Street: the statewide program that administers the National Main Street Center's "4 Point Approach" to downtown revitalization within the State of Illinois. The Organization, Promotion, and Economic Restructuring components are administered here, with the Design component administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. <http://www.standingupforillinois.org/mainstreet/index.php>
- National Trust's National Main Street Center: a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation that advocates a comprehensive approach for rural and urban communities to revitalize their traditional commercial areas through historic preservation and grassroots-based economic development. <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street> See your local program director for access to the members' area.
- The University of Wisconsin Extension has done remarkable work developing procedures for volunteer-driven downtown and business district market analysis. Their website provides a step-by-step guide, which includes components like Building and Business Inventories, so local organizations can execute the work themselves. <http://www.uwex.edu/CES/cced/downtowns/dma/index.cfm>

Planning/New Urbanism/Sprawl:

- America In Bloom: an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting nationwide beautification programs and both personal and community involvement through the use of flowers, plants, trees and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements, and to providing educational programs and resources to that end. <http://www.americainbloom.org/>
- Congress for the New Urbanism: an organization that promotes walkable, neighborhood-based development as an alternative to sprawl. <http://www.cnu.org>

- Conservation Fund: a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing America's land and water legacy by conserving land, training leaders and investing in conservation at home. <http://www.conservationfund.org>
- International Dark Sky Association: an organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the nighttime environment through environmentally responsible outdoor lighting. The site has information on good exterior lighting fixtures, model lighting ordinances, and excellent links to related sites. <http://www.darksky.org>
- International Downtown Association: a non-profit organization that champions for vital and livable urban centers through a network of committed individuals, its rich body of knowledge, and its unique capacity to nurture community-building partnerships. <http://www.ida-downtown.org>
- Midwest Community Development Institute: an intensive, hands-on, and comprehensive five-day training program held each August in Moline, Illinois, that gives participants a core body of knowledge and skills in community and economic development. The complete curriculum consists of attending three five-day sessions, referred to as Year One, Year Two, and Year Three. Designed for development professionals, community leaders, and elected officials, the program is hosted by the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University. <http://www.midwestcdi.org/>
- National Charrette Institute: a nonprofit educational institution that advances the fields of community planning and public involvement through research, publications, and education. Its workshops and conferences educate professionals and community leaders using a design-based, accelerated, collaborative project management system (focusing on Sustainability Planning, Regional Planning, Community Planning, Transportation Planning, and Development Projects) that harnesses the talents and energies of all interested parties to create and support a feasible plan. <http://www.charretteinstitute.org/>
- National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse: an information service sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration and Rails-to-Trails Conservancy that works to provide professionals, policy makers, and citizens with timely and accurate information necessary to make well-informed decisions about Transportation Enhancements. <http://www.enhancements.org>
- Project for Public Spaces: a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people create and sustain public places that build communities. <http://www.pps.org>
- Reconnecting America: a national non-profit organization working to integrate transportation systems and the communities they serve with the goal of generating lasting public and private returns, improving economic and environmental

efficiency, and giving consumers more housing and mobility choices.

<http://www.reconnectingamerica.org>

- Scenic America: a national non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the visual character of America's communities and countryside through national advocacy efforts and technical assistance services, local and national projects, and the support of our state affiliates. <http://www.scenic.org>
- Smart Growth Initiative within the Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/>
- Sprawl Watch Clearinghouse: an organization that identifies, collects, compiles, and disseminates information on the best land use practices and makes the tools, techniques, and strategies developed to manage growth accessible to citizens, grassroots organizations, environmentalists, public officials, planners, architects, the media and business leaders. <http://www.sprawlwatch.org>
- Surface Transportation Policy Partnership: a non-profit nationwide organization working to ensure safer communities and smarter transportation choices that enhance the economy, improve public health, promote social equity, and protect the environment. <http://www.transact.org>

Schools, Rehabbing Historic:

- The National Trust's page on historic schools, with links <http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/historic-schools>
- "Preserving Historic School Buildings", an excellent primer on rehabbing historic schools by the Ohio SHPO: <http://www.ohiohistory.org/resource/histpres/toolbox/schools.html>

Sustainable (Green) Design and Materials:

- Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility: a non-profit organization that educates design professionals and the public about critical social and environmental issues. The Northern California chapter offers a CD-based Architectural Recourse Guide: <http://www.adpsr-norcal.org/menu/ResourceGuide/resourceguide.html>
- Athena Institute: a non-profit organization that assists architects, engineers and others to improve the sustainability of the built environment by providing groundbreaking tools and software and by working collaboratively with the international research community on issues such as assessing the environmental impacts of new and existing buildings through life cycle assessment. <http://www.athenasmi.org>

- BuildingGreen, LLC: an independent company committed to providing accurate, unbiased, and timely information designed to help building-industry professionals and policy makers improve the environmental performance, and reduce the adverse impacts, of buildings. Established by the publishers of *Environmental Building News*, *GreenSpec*, *EBN Archives*, and *Green Building Advisor*, it has an excellent website with articles, guides, and information about sustainable design and materials. <http://www.buildinggreen.com>
- California Office of Historic Preservation: California's State Historic Preservation Office promotes energy and resource conservation in historic buildings and believes this can be accomplished responsibly without compromising the qualities that define their intrinsic historic character. This web page provides examples of sustainability in preservation. http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24592
- Climate Change and Your [Historic] Home: English Heritage (England's governmental advisor on the historic environment) has developed this interactive web portal to help those who own or manage houses built of traditional construction understand more about the potential impacts of climate change and ways to save energy. <http://www.climatechangeandyourhome.org.uk>
- Green-building rating systems.
 - U.S. Green Building Council's L.E.E.D. (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) System: <http://www.usgbc.org>
 - Minnesota Sustainable Building Guidelines: a process that fully accounts for the actual human, community, environmental, and life-cycle economic costs and benefits of sustainable building design. Compatible with national guidelines such as LEED while maintaining regional values, priorities and requirements. <http://www.msbg.umn.edu>
- National Center for Appropriate Technology: an organization that champions small-scale, local, and sustainable solutions to reduce poverty, promote healthy communities, and protect natural resources. <http://www.ncat.org>
- National Trust for Historic Preservation's sustainability webpage: <http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/sustainability/>
- Sustainable Sources: a website founded in 1994 as a means to spread information about green building and related fields in an efficient, inexpensive way over the World Wide Web. <http://www.greenbuilder.com>
- Whole-Building Design Guide (WBDG): a federally sponsored web-based portal providing government and industry practitioners access to information on a wide range of building-related guidance, criteria and technology from a 'whole building' perspective. <http://www.wbdg.org>