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ARCHITECTURE SUSTAINABILITY PRESERVATION

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## SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT PRESERVATION PLANNING SERVICES

Bero Architecture offers a full range of Preservation Planning services including:

**Building Conservation** - Bero Architecture frequently provides assistance to building owners who want to know how to take care of their buildings. We are often asked to survey buildings and make recommendations regarding maintenance and repair. There are many different levels of studies available, depending on the needs of the building, the needs of the owners, and the funds available. For more information about these services, request a copy of "Some Thoughts About Building Surveys" or view it online at our website:

<http://www.beroarchitecture.com>.

**Historic Resource Evaluation for Environmental Impact Statements** - Municipal project approvals often require documentation and analysis of historic resources that will be affected by new construction. Bero Architecture is familiar with local, state and federal regulations addressing historic preservation. Our services include inventorying and evaluating existing historic resources; developing design criteria to mitigate adverse impacts; assessing the effects of proposed projects; suggesting potential mitigation measures; determining unavoidable impacts; and writing the Historic Resources section for environmental impact statements.

**SHPO Project Review** - In New York State, the Field Services Bureau of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation serves as the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). When state and/or federal monies are used to fund a project affecting resources listed in or eligible for the National and State Registers of Historic Places, the proposed project must be reviewed by the SHPO under Section 14.09 of the New York State Preservation Act of 1980 and/or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. SHPO's review is intended to ensure that the proposed work conforms to the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Historic Rehabilitation.

To review a project, the SHPO requires a description of the existing conditions and the scope of the proposed work. Project submittals should contain adequate and clear documentation of the property before a project begins, as well as a thorough presentation of the proposed work.

Bero Architecture assists project sponsors by preparing an information package to submit to SHPO's Technical Assistance Unit. The package includes a description of existing conditions, the proposed work, and the effect on the significant features of the resource. Because of our familiarity with the process, we are often asked to serve as a liaison between SHPO and the project owner.

**National/State Register Submissions** - Having a property listed in the State and National Registers provides certain benefits. It recognizes that the property is of significance to the nation, the state, and/or the community. Listing of an individual property or a district in the State and National Registers does not interfere with the owner's right to alter, manage, or dispose of

the property; but it often enhances the way communities perceive historic resources and is required for access to most historic preservation grants.

Bero Architecture, prepares National Register submissions in accordance with state and federal standards. The work includes research, writing, editing, and documenting historic resources. Nominations are prepared for a variety of resource types including individual buildings, multi-building districts, landscapes, structures and objects.

**Historic Resource Surveys** - Bero Architecture prepares historic resource surveys based on state and federal survey standards. Surveys are designed to meet the following objectives: 1) to identify, evaluate and document historic resources potentially eligible for local designation and/or the State and National Registers; 2) to serve as a planning tool for local and state governments; 3) to expedite OPRHP review of federal and state-assisted projects (through Section 106 and State law 14.09); 4) to raise community awareness and pride; 5) to serve as an incentive for revitalization of historic resources; 6) to serve as a database of information for academic purposes; and 7) to promote historic tourism.

**HABS Documentation** - The Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER) is a federal program that documents important architectural, engineering, and industrial sites throughout the United States. A complete set of HABS/HAER documentation, consists of measured drawings, large-format photographs, and a written history. The HABS/HAER Collections are archived at the Library of Congress and are available online. Under the provisions of Section 110b of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, federal agencies must produce documentation to HABS/HAER standards for buildings that are listed, or are eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places, to mitigate the adverse effects of federal actions such as demolition or substantial alteration. HABS/HAER documentation may also be required by SHPO to mitigate the loss of a historic structure during 14.09 project review.

Bero Architecture has experience in the preparation of HABS/HAER documents and is familiar with the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Architectural and Engineering Documentation.