

## **Web-Wise** Preservation Websites

Web-wise preservationists, in our struggle to maintain and protect the fabric of history, are often faced with demanding tasks and a limited budget of time. Therefore, we need to utilize each and every tool available to expedite our search for information and assistance. The Internet is one such tool a preservationist must add to his/her arsenal.

### **National Resources**

**<http://www.preservationnation.org/>** The website of the National Trust for Historic Preservation resources.

**[www.nps.gov/history](http://www.nps.gov/history)**

The National Park Service's web site. The Park Service administers the National Register of Historic Places and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

**[www.nps.gov/nr/about.htm](http://www.nps.gov/nr/about.htm)**

The direct link to the National Register of Historic Places site

**[www.ncptt.nps.gov](http://www.ncptt.nps.gov)**

The site for the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training. Thorough information about training as a preservationist and the material conservation of historic structures. Winner of a Webbie award!

**[www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/briefs/presbham.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/briefs/presbham.htm)**

The source for the preservation briefs that address a wide range of helpful topics.

**[www.preservationdirectory.com](http://www.preservationdirectory.com)**

A national clearinghouse for all kinds of preservation information.

### **State Resources**

**<http://www.presnc.org/>**

The site for Preservation North Carolina.

**<http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/>**

The site for the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office.

### **Local Resources**

**<http://www.historicwilmington.org/>**

The site of Historic Wilmington Foundation.

**<http://www.cfgba.org/>**

The site for the Cape Fear Green Building Alliance.

### **Web-Wise: For Your "Virtual Toolbox"**

Web-wise was introduced to assist historic preservation efforts to utilize every available means to protect our invaluable resources. The internet addresses listed are a mere introduction to those essential to our electronic repertoire.

These web addresses are those that may be helpful to the professional and weekend preservationists alike. If you are preserving, conserving, restoring, renovating or rehabilitating

a historic dwelling, the following sites are a recommended addition to your “virtual toolbox.” All addresses listed begin with <http://> unless otherwise noted.

### **Preservation**

#### **[www.fema.gov/hazard/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/hazard/index.shtm)**

Website for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s heritage preservation resources. This site may assist a historic homeowner in natural disaster mitigation.

### **Restoration/Renovation**

#### **[www.oldhousejournal.com](http://www.oldhousejournal.com)**

The Old House Journal was one of the first mainstream publications to address the historic preservation movement and historic home restoration in the 1970s. It continues to be a good guide for those trying to sensitively restore their homes.

#### **<http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/>**

The This Old House television series was another vehicle for bringing historic preservation to the public. Although their methodology focused on renovation, it also continues to be, with its companion periodical, a source for the possibilities historic houses can provide.

### **Rehabilitation**

#### **[www.nps.gov/hps/tps/e-rehab/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hps/tps/e-rehab/index.htm)**

(The E-Rehab site sponsored by the National Park Service is a fun way to explore the options allowed by the Secretary of the Interior Standards. These are the standards that must be followed when rehabilitating a home on the National Register of Historic Places or listed as historic by a state or local municipality.)

### **Rehabilitation Tax Credits**

#### **[www.nps.gov/hps/tps/online\\_ed.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hps/tps/online_ed.htm)**

*National Park Service’s Technical Preservation Services*  
Caring for your Historic Building

#### **[www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax/irs.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax/irs.htm)**

#### **[www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax](http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax)**

*Internal Revenue Service and National Park Service information on Rehabilitation Tax Credit*

### **Financing and Funding Sources**

#### **[www.nps.gov/hps/tps/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hps/tps/index.htm)**

*National Park Service’s Technical Preservation for Historical Buildings*

Home page for the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Site offers detailed information on the guidelines used by most commissions in their review of projects affecting historic buildings and sites. PDF version of guidelines is available.

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