



STEPS

Stewardship of Historic Structures and Landscapes Standards

HSL Standard 1 – The institution is a good steward of its resources held in the public trust.

HSL Standard 2 – The institution is committed to public accountability and is transparent in its mission and its operations.

HSL Standard 3 – The institution’s culture, policies, and procedures are inclusive and equitable.

HSL Standard 4 – The composition, qualifications, and diversity of the institution’s leadership, staff, and volunteers enable it to carry out the institution’s mission and goals.

HSL Standard 5 – The governing authority, staff, and volunteers legally, ethically, and effectively carry out their responsibilities.

HSL Standard 6 – The institution owns or has legal responsibility for historic structures and landscapes that are appropriate to its mission.

HSL Standard 7 – The institution ethically and effectively manages, documents, cares for, exhibits, and uses its historic structures and landscapes.

HSL Standard 8 – The institution’s research of its historic structures and landscapes is conducted according to appropriate scholarly standards.

HSL Standard 9 – The institution strategically plans for the maintenance, use, and development of its historic structures and landscapes.

HSL Standard 10 – The institution has identified and is implementing appropriate treatments of its historic structures and landscapes consistent with physical and documentary evidence, mission, and plans.

HSL Standard 11 – Guided by its mission, the institution provides public access to and interpretation of its historic structures and landscapes while ensuring their preservation.

HSL Standard 12 – The institution is aware of issues associated with environmental sustainability and takes steps to conserve resources and protect the environment at the level appropriate for its capacity.

HSL Standard 13 – The institution is aware that current and innovative technologies can help further its mission, and it employs technology at the level appropriate for its needs and responsibilities.