

**The Department of the Treasury
2023 Progress report to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
In accordance with Section 3 of Executive Order 13287 - Preserving America**

The Department of the Treasury historic properties

The Department of the Treasury claims title to a small number of properties. 55% of Treasury's current property inventory has been identified and registered as either a National Historic Landmark or has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places (each property detailed below).

Department of the Treasury Historic Properties

The Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20220

- National Historic Landmark, 1972

The Freedman's Bank Building, 701 Madison Place NW, Washington, DC 20220

- National Historic Register of Historic Places via Lafayette Historic District, 1970

San Francisco Mint, 155 Hermann Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

- National Register of Historic Places, 1988

Denver Mint, 320 West Colfax Avenue, Denver, CO 80204

- National Historic Register of Historic Places, 1972

United States Bullion Depository, West Point - Address Restricted

- National Register of Historic Places, 1988

Over the past three years, the Department of the Treasury has not added historic properties to its inventory. Continued evaluation of existing building conditions and preservation of Treasury's already identified historic properties remains a priority.

Historic properties use and preservation

The Department of the Treasury continues to use its historic properties in ways the structures were originally intended, as office buildings and as production facilities. For example, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue continues to function as the headquarters of the Department of the Treasury, housing the Office of the Secretary and executive economic policy offices. Similarly, the San Francisco Mint and the Denver Mint continue to produce United States currency.

Although the historic buildings still serve the same functional needs as when they were first built, production machinery, life safety utilities, and security requirements (both physical and technological) have significantly changed over time. Guided by the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, Treasury makes every effort to mitigate adverse effects when incorporating modern requirements to preserve the historic character of our properties.

Due to the high level of security clearance needed to access Treasury properties and several properties operating as active production facilities, public access is restricted. Security restrictions coupled with many of the buildings being located outside of residential neighborhoods, limits community

engagement opportunities. However, 3 of Treasury's 5 historic buildings currently provide tours or public engagement programs.

Heritage Tourism and Public Engagement

The Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20220

- Docent led Saturday morning tours of the building's nineteenth century interiors (1 hour in length).
- Self-guided architectural history tour installed along Pennsylvania Avenue. Tourists can easily access the educational material via QR codes or graphics at any time.

Denver Mint, 320 West Colfax Avenue, Denver, CO 80204

- Guided tours of the currency production facility available Monday through Thursday.

United States Bullion Depository, West Point - Address Restricted

- Public engagement program provides presentations to local elementary schools and civic organizations on topics related to coin programs, the United States Mint, and the US Bullion Depository.

The Department of the Treasury internal preservation policies

To ensure compliance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation guidelines, Treasury Directive 75-01 (Updated April 2022), *Department of the Treasury Historic Preservation Program* was established.

As outlined in Treasury Directive 75-01, The Office of the Curator in the Office of Treasury Operations under the Assistant Secretary for Management, is identified as the Treasury-wide Historic Preservation Officer (HPO). The Office of the Curator directly oversees the stewardship of 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue and the Freedman's Bank building. In addition, the Office of the Curator as the HPO provides guidance, as needed, with Section 106 reviews initiated by Treasury bureaus.

The Office of the Curator provides a framework for the management and internal reporting of historic properties and collections for all of Treasury. For example, the Office of the Curator manages Treasury's collections of historic artifacts, i.e., fine arts, decorative arts, and architectural fragments through a museum collection management database. Within the overall reporting requirements, each Treasury bureau is encouraged to utilize the type of information documentation system that works best for their specific needs. With regards to historic architecture, the reporting structure is more formalized across the Department using the external Section 106 review process.

Since last reporting, the Office of the Curator has experienced several transitions. Two of Treasury's long-term curators retired. One retirement coincided with COVID-19 in-person office closures. Attrition and a departmental reorganization ultimately led to the loss of one full-time equivalent position in the Office of the Curator. The hiring of a new curator in 2021, signals Treasury's continued commitment to historic preservation and the reestablishment of internal and external preservation partnerships.

Partnerships

To support preservation initiatives the Department of the Treasury maintains several internal and external partnerships.

Internally, as mentioned above, the Office of the Curator partners with bureaus, sharing resources and guidance to evaluate, repair, restore and preserve historic properties.

Externally, Treasury regularly partners with historic preservation architects, engineers, and a variety of specialty preservation consultants through Federal contracting vehicles. Additionally, Treasury and our bureaus work to coordinate with local historic preservation stakeholders in consultation on building preservation initiatives.

The Department of Treasury maintains a strong partnership with the Treasury Historical Association (THA) which regularly assists with funding building preservation projects. Currently THA is conducting fundraising to conserve the bronze Alexander Hamilton and Albert Gallatin monuments located at the north and south entrances of 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Challenges and Accomplishments

Many of Treasury's historic buildings are high security facilities. Installing and maintaining security and life safety systems to mitigate emerging threats is an ongoing priority. Balancing modern security requirements while maintaining the historical integrity of the properties routinely increases the cost to complete projects.

Navigating these funding challenges, Treasury maintains a 20-year Capital Planning program. Capital Planning assists with major facility repairs and preventive maintenance work. More decorative preservation needs and historical restoration initiatives are often difficult to fund. These projects rely heavily on engagement with Treasury Historical Association for funding revenue.

Preventive Maintenance Achievements

The Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20220

- Preventive maintenance on the west, north, and south façades, improving the exterior envelope of the building. Maintenance included cleaning, repointing, and addressing any deficiencies discovered.
- Establishment and implementation of a multi-year Preventive Maintenance Plan to guide the conservation of the existing restored nineteenth century executive office interiors.

The Freedman's Bank Building, 701 Madison Place NW, Washington, DC 20220

- Preventive maintenance on the façade, improving the exterior envelope of the building. Maintenance included cleaning, repointing, and addressing any deficiencies discovered.

Denver Mint, 320 West Colfax Avenue, Denver, CO 80204

- Preventive maintenance on the façade of the building, improving the exterior envelope of the building. Maintenance included cleaning, repointing, and addressing any deficiencies discovered.
- Surveys completed on the 1904 Grand Hall ceiling in preparation for future conservation work.

San Francisco Mint, 155 Hermann Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

- Completed seismic retrofit projects, stabilizing historic interior materials as well as reinforcing structural building elements.

Climate Change and Sustainability Achievements

Since last reporting, Treasury has undertaken several initiatives to reach established sustainability and climate resiliency goals.

In 2022, Treasury created a Climate Change and Sustainability Specialist position, serving as the Department of the Treasury's key internal and external point of contact for Climate Action and Sustainability Programs. The Sustainability Specialist develops, recommends, and tracks Department-wide climate change, environmental, energy, and sustainability objectives.

Electric vehicle charging stations installed in all 5 of Treasury's historic properties.

Operating on a shared solar grid, the United States Bullion Depository transitioned to nearly 100% LED lighting and high efficiency systems, cutting utility costs by nearly 50%.

Conclusion

Treasury continues to evaluate the strengths and efficiency of our historic preservation program. One of Treasury's greatest strengths in doing so, is the pride of place employees have for their workplaces. Working daily in historic surroundings, employees understand the important role they play in identifying and preserving American history. Although often faced with funding and logistical challenges, Treasury has nurtured a strong team of employees with diverse specialties, capable of developing innovative solutions to preserve our shared American history.