The National Register of Historic Places is the official federal list of properties that are significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, and engineering. This is primarily an honorific designation intended to recognize important buildings, structures, objects, sites and districts to encourage their preservation. The National Register program is a federal program administered at the state level by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The regulation of National Register-listed properties in Oregon takes place at the local level. The following benefits and restrictions apply to National Register-listed properties.

**Benefits:**
- Recognition
- Federal tax credit eligibility
- State tax benefit
- Grant eligibility
- Building code leniency
- Consideration in planning for federal projects

**Jennie Bramhall House, Multnomah County**
BENEFITS

Recognition
Owners may purchase a plaque that can be placed on the building. Please contact Joy Sears at (503) 986-0688 for a list of plaque manufacturers.

Federal tax credit eligibility
The SHPO administers a federal tax credit program that can save building owners twenty percent of qualifying costs of rehabilitating their National Register-listed, income-producing building. Requirements include submitting an application form with accompanying photos and plans and performing only work that meets the rehabilitation standards. Because tax requirements are complex, individuals should consult legal counsel, an accountant, or the appropriate local Internal Revenue Service office for assistance in determining the tax consequences of the above provisions.

State tax benefit
This program allows owners of properties listed in the national Register of Historic Places to apply for a special assessment of the assessed value of the property for a 10 year period. The program is designed as an incentive to assist property owners in the preservation of historic resources. As a condition of the property tax benefit the owner must provide a preservation plan for the building that meets SHPO standards.

Grant eligibility
When funds are available, Preserving Oregon grant applications are invited. Contact the SHPO for the grant schedule. Grants are awarded competitively since demand invariably exceeds availability of funds.

Building code leniency
Under Section 3409.1 of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code, National Register properties and other certified historic buildings are eligible for consideration of waivers of certain code requirements in the interest of preserving the integrity of the property.

Consideration in planning for federal projects
Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires that federal agencies take into consideration the effects of their projects on properties eligible for or listed in the National Register. This program is administered by the SHPO.
RESTRICTIONS

Owners of properties listed in the National Register choosing to take advantage of federal and state tax benefits and grant programs must comply with federal standards. Oregon State law requires local governments to review proposals to demolish or relocate properties listed in the National Register. Local governments have the authority to form local historic districts and landmarks, and may also create additional protections for properties listed in the National Register through a separate local process.

To find out more about how your local government may regulate National Register listed properties, contact your local planning office.

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Historic district listing
Private property owners holding fee-simple absolute title to real property within the historic district may object to listing a district in the National Register by submitting a notarized statement to the SHPO certifying that the individual is the sole or partial owner of the property and that they object to the listing. The proposed district will not be listed if a majority of the property owners object.

Public property listing
Public property owners may support or object to the listing of a publicly owned property, but owner consent is not required for nominations of public properties to move forward.

If you wish to comment on the nomination of a property to the National Register, please send your comments to the SHPO before the next scheduled meeting of the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation. A copy of the nomination and information on the National Register is available from the SHPO upon request.
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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
725 Summer Street, N.E., Suite C  
Salem, OR 97301

Oregon Heritage website: [www.oregonheritage.org](http://www.oregonheritage.org)  
National Register website: [www.nps.gov/nr](http://www.nps.gov/nr)

For **general information** about the National Register of Historic Places, contact Tracy Collis by calling (503) 986-0690 or by emailing tracy.collis@oregon.gov.

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