



StEPS-UT HISTORIC STRUCTURES & LANDSCAPES MODULE

Introduction to Stewardship of Historic Structures & Landscapes

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY #3 = 60 minutes

Walking Assessment of the Rio Grande Depot Building Evaluation

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this exercise is to enable you to understand various material components of historic buildings and to both evaluate the condition of those materials and to prioritize their importance. This exercise will help you understand your building and make better preservation and maintenance decisions.

For this exercise, we will be using “Historic Building Assessment Form” and will primarily focus on:

- Evaluating material composition and condition
- Understanding building assemblies and condition
- Basic building code compliance
- Typical maintenance issues

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Prior to touring the building, review the Historic Building Assessment Form (5 minutes).
- 2) As a group, walk through the building and evaluate an architectural component (15 minutes).
- 3) Divide into 3 groups. Each group will evaluate a specific set of components per the Historic Building Assessment Form (25 minutes).
- 4) Reconvene in the classroom where each group will discuss their overall observations and findings (15 minutes).

Name of Building / Site:

Address:

Date of Assessment:

Name of Assessor:

Architectural Description	<i>Element</i>	<i>Year Constructed and Description</i>	<i># Floors</i>	<i>Basement?</i>	<i>Overall Condition (good, fair, poor)</i>	<i>Priority</i>
	Primary Structure					
	Additions					
	Free-Standing Structures					
	Other					

Building Envelope	<i>Element</i>	<i>Type (materials)</i>	<i>Original Feature? Date of Construction (age)</i>	<i>Visible Deficiencies</i>	<i>Condition (good, fair, poor)</i>	<i>Priority (low, medium, high)</i>
	Foundation	(Stone, Masonry, Concrete, Wood, etc.)		(cracks, missing parts, damaged mortar, etc.)		
	Exterior Walls	(Brick, Masonry, Concrete, Stucco, Wood, etc.)		(cracks, damaged mortar, plumb, etc.)		
	Windows	# of windows: _____		(decayed wood, paint condition, glass, seals, hardware, etc.)		
	Doors	# of doors: _____		(decayed wood, paint condition, glass, seals, hardware, etc.)		
	Roofing	(Overall shape + materials: Cedar, asphalt, membrane, etc.)		(decayed wood, visible leaks, glass, seals, hardware, etc.)		
	Misc. (i.e., Chimneys, Porches, etc.)					
	Decorative Trim					
	Distinctive Architectural Features					
	Other					

		Room Description / #:				
Primary Interior Spaces	Component	Material / Finishes	Original Feature? Date of Construction (age)	Visible Deficiencies	Condition (good, fair, poor)	Priority (low, medium, high)
	Wall					
	Flooring					
	Ceiling					
	Lighting					
	Windows					
	Doors					
	Decorative Trim					
	Other					