

Midwest Region SHPO and THPO Meetings Milwaukee, WI June 19-20, 2017



The **National Park Service**, the **National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers**, and the **National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers** invite the Midwest Region State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and their staffs to the 2017 Midwest SHPO/THPO Regional meetings in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The meetings will provide the opportunity to share knowledge, skills, and resources that advance the objectives, policies, and responsibilities of preserving historic resources. The programming will consist of multiple plenary and breakout sessions devoted to topic areas specifically identified by the Midwest Region SHPOs and THPOs including natural disasters, Section 106, the National Register, and Survey/Inventory. The event will kick-off with a session devoted to a joint meeting with SHPOs and THPOs from the region to discuss common challenges and opportunities.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Milwaukee is the largest city in the state of Wisconsin and the fifth-largest city in the Midwestern United States. The county seat of Milwaukee County is located on Lake Michigan's western shore. Milwaukee's estimated population in 2015 was 600,155. Milwaukee is the main cultural and economic center of the Milwaukee–Racine–Waukesha Metropolitan Area with an estimated population of 2,046,692 as of 2015. Ranked by estimated 2014 population, Milwaukee is the 31st largest city in the United States.



The first recorded inhabitants of the region are the Menominee, Sauk, Fox, Mascouten, Ojibwa, Ho-Chunk, and Potawatomi tribes. The first Europeans to pass through the area were French Catholic missionaries and fur traders. In 1818, the French Canadian explorer Solomon Juneau settled in the area, and in 1846 Juneau's town combined with two neighboring towns to incorporate as the city of Milwaukee. Large numbers of German immigrants helped increase the city's population during the 1840s, with Poles and other immigrants arriving in the following decades.

Known for its brewing traditions, Milwaukee is currently experiencing its largest construction boom since the 1960s. Major new additions to the city in the past two decades include the Milwaukee Riverwalk, the Wisconsin Center, Miller Park, an expansion to the Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, and Pier Wisconsin, as well as major renovations to the UW–Milwaukee Panther Arena, while the under-construction Wisconsin Entertainment and Sports Center is scheduled to open in 2018. In addition, many new skyscrapers, condos, lofts and apartments have been built in neighborhoods on and near the lakefront and riverbanks.



Accommodations

A room block is available at the Potawatomi Hotel & Casino, 1721 West Canal Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233. The room rate is \$119/night. Use the name **National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers** to reserve a room. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 729-7244. Online reservations can be made at the site:

http://reservations-paysbig.webhotel.microsdc.us/bp/search_rooms.jsp?groupCode=NAT04162017
Group Code: NAT04162017

The cutoff to reserve a room in the room block is Friday, May 19th

Stipend Information:

Up to three SHPO and THPO staff members can receive a \$250 stipend to attend this Regional Meeting. The stipend will be provided after the meeting has concluded. For the Midwest Region SHPO & THPO meeting there is no cost to registering.