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South Wheeling Historic District Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

WHEELING, W.Va. – March, 9 2020 – More than 200 South Wheeling properties are now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The historic district was approved by the National Park Service last week. The Designation comes after an extensive survey, nomination, and review period by state and federal authorities.

This listing on the National Register will provide recognition to historic properties and potential incentives to their owners. The district includes more than 200 historic properties, between 31st and 41st streets, from Chapline Street to Route 2.

Wheeling Heritage and the Wheeling Historic Landmarks Commission oversaw this project, with Centre Wheeling’s Heritage Architectural Associates preparing the nomination.

“South Wheeling as a historic district is important because it recognizes the industrial and vernacular architecture of Wheeling,” said Betsy Sweeny, Historic Preservation Program Manager at Wheeling Heritage. “For much of history these spaces have been overlooked, with more attention being given to high-style architecture, but human history is not limited to high-style. South Wheeling is home to many of the industries that built this city and the people that worked in those industries.”

Listing on the National Register does not put limitations on property owners in any way, although this is a common misconception, Sweeny explained. It simply gives properties recognition while also enabling its owners to use state and federal tax incentives and opportunities for state grants

Property owners included in National Register historic districts are eligible for the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit if their building is listed as contributing to the district. West Virginia’s tax credit is open to both residential and commercial property rehabilitation, while the federal credit can only be used for income-producing buildings. This incentive makes adaptive reuse of some of South Wheeling’s commercial buildings much more realistic, Sweeny said.

“There are some real gems in South Wheeling that, like most historic properties, require additional funding to help with revitalization. With this designation, many property owners in South Wheeling will be able to utilize the same incentives as other successful projects in Wheeling, like Boury Lofts or the Stone Center.”



Wheeling Heritage and the Historic Landmarks Commission received a grant from the WV State Historic Preservation Office for this project. The additional costs are funded by Wheeling Heritage.

About Wheeling Heritage:

[Wheeling Heritage](#) is a catalyst for the revitalization of Wheeling. Through historic preservation, community development, and the arts, we help to tell Wheeling's story and shape its future. We seek to improve the quality of life in Wheeling by preserving and investing in our city, collaborating with others, and engaging the citizens of Wheeling in our work.