



SAVING HISTORIC PLACES

# Most Endangered Places 2019

## Information for Applicants

Inclusion on Restore Oregon's Most Endangered Places (MEP) list launches a collaborative effort to save, restore, and/or repurpose an important historic resource. Our goal is to help preserve and pass forward these irreplaceable assets by focusing public attention and resources on them. Properties selected for the 2019 Most Endangered Places list will have the opportunity to apply for a seed grant, receive technical assistance to address immediate threats, and develop a preservation plan.

### BEFORE YOU APPLY!

All nominators are strongly encouraged to contact Restore Oregon prior to submitting a nomination to discuss the program requirements, nomination criteria, and over-arching goals for the threatened resource. Please contact Katelyn Weber, Preservation Programs Manager, at [Katelyn@RestoreOregon.org](mailto:Katelyn@RestoreOregon.org) or by phone at (503) 946-6379.

### ABOUT THE NOMINATION PROCESS

There is no set number of applications that will be accepted, although Restore Oregon's involvement will be highly dependent on our internal capacity and the level of local and volunteer commitment.

Applications will be reviewed by Restore Oregon staff and a volunteer committee that will evaluate the following criteria: historic significance, degree of endangerment, local and stakeholder support, and long-term viability.

Selected sites will be officially announced in November at Restore Oregon's Restoration Celebration in Portland. All selected sites will be invited and are encouraged to attend this event.

Prior to public announcement of the list, Restore Oregon will work closely with nominators to develop small documentaries and/or slide shows on selected sites for viewing at the Restoration Celebration and for future advocacy.

Example Lifecycle of a Most Endangered Place



### ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Restore Oregon

1. Will work to empower preservationists in their efforts to save, revitalize, and/or preserve their MEP through advocacy, seed grants, and technical assistance.
2. Will coach nominators through the process of developing a multi-step, collaborative plan of action.
3. Will advocate for the MEP through publicity, providing testimony, and writing letters of support.
4. Will make seed grants available to assist in the process of funding a preservation plan, stabilization, and/or business plan.
5. Will connect preservationists with resources and expertise including, but not limited to, legal matters, tax credits, nonprofit structuring, condition assessments, preservation plans, business plans, architectural design, engineering, and construction.

6. Please note that beyond offering a seed grant, Restore Oregon's support does not include fundraising. When a threatened site begins a capital campaign, fundraising plan, or equal effort, Restore Oregon's role will be to continue advocacy efforts and offer resources for technical assistance.\*

**Nominator(s) Agree to:**

1. Ensure active support for the endangered place from the owner and/or stakeholder group and establish a primary point of contact to spearhead preservation efforts.
2. Work actively with Restore Oregon to develop preservation and advocacy strategies.
3. Engage in timely communication with Restore Oregon and provide regular updates to staff and site representatives.
4. Submit brief articles for Restore Oregon's newsletter and e-news consideration.
5. Engage in efforts to fund a preservation plan for the resource, which may include grant writing and fundraising.
6. Acknowledge and credit Restore Oregon's support and maintain a membership.

\*Restore Oregon reserves the right to withdraw from partnerships with any person or entity engaged in unsafe, unlawful, or unethical actions.