SURVEYING HISTORIC RESOURCES

WHAT?
Identifying and documenting a community’s historic resources with descriptive information, history, drawings, and photographs.

Buildings, Sites, Structures, Objects, Districts

WHO?
Local communities
- Hired preservation consultants
- Trained volunteers (training with SHPO staff)
- General public - anyone conducting informal surveys of individual resources

WHY?
- Identify a community’s historic resources
- Better understand a community’s history
- Integrate into general planning process: disaster planning, preservation planning
- Tourism aid: basis for tour brochure, interpretive signage
- First step in determining eligibility for historic district

HOW?
Plan: What are the goals of the survey? What does the community want?
Who will conduct survey?
Contact consultants for estimates
Funding – apply for HPF grant?
What area will be surveyed?
Public involvement – keeps the community involved and informed

Archival Research: What is the history of survey area? When was the area developed? When were buildings constructed?

Field Survey: Record basic architectural information & property information
Take multiple digital images
Draw site plan

Submittal: Survey Report – summarizes methodology, history, findings
Submit surveys & digital images/site plans online at the Kansas Historic Resources Inventory Database: khs.org/khri

Follow-up: Publicize survey results to the community – public meeting
Use the survey results – tourism efforts, local planning, get creative!

Questions?
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