

Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs)

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Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) are places that are significant for their association with cultural heritage which is rooted in the history of a community and that are important to maintaining the community's traditional beliefs and practices. TCPs can be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

TCP designation is used to identify, document, and promote the traditions, beliefs, practices, arts, and social institutions of a community that are tied to a place. TCPs help preserve physical sites that are linked to the intangible elements of a community's cultural history. For example, the Low Country, coastal plain, and barrier islands are home to the Gullah people in the Carolinas and the Geechee people in Georgia and Florida. These regions are part of the Gullah Geechee National Cultural Heritage Corridor, which includes numerous sites essential for preserving the intangible aspects of Gullah Geechee culture.

Listing in the NRHP is one way that communities can indicate to others the important places associated with their cultural practices, beliefs and generational heritage. Listing a TCP on the NRHP does not ensure protection or prevent owners from developing or altering their property. TCP designation can foster an increased awareness of these culturally significant places. Additionally, listing in the NRHP requires a review process and stakeholder consultation for any federal undertakings that might adversely affect the property.



Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve. Photo Courtesy National Park Service (NPS)

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