

SOI STANDARDS

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1. A property shall be **used for its historic purpose** or be placed in a **new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics** of the building and its site and environment.
2. The **historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved**. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
3. Each property shall be **recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use**. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
4. Most properties change over time; those changes that have **acquired historic significance** in their own right shall be retained and preserved.
5. **Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship** that characterize a property shall be preserved.
6. Deteriorated historic **features shall be repaired rather than replaced**. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. **Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence**.
7. **Chemical or physical treatments**, such as sandblasting, **that cause damage** to historic materials **shall not be used**. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.
8. Significant **archeological resources** affected by a project **shall be protected** and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.
9. **New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property**. The new work **shall be differentiated** from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
10. **New additions** and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that **if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity** of the historic property and its environment **would be unimpaired**.

The Standards are to be applied to specific rehabilitation projects in a reasonable manner, taking into consideration economic and technical feasibility.