



Call for Session Proposals



PRESERVING HISTORIC PLACES

Indiana's Statewide Preservation Conference

Franklin

Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2026

In 2026, Indiana's preservation conference visits Franklin for the first time! Explore the charm of its vibrant historic downtown and active preservation community. From adaptively reused buildings like the Garment Factory and Johnson County Museum of History to restored landmarks like the iconic Artcraft Theatre and Johnson County Courthouse, the city showcases a blend of innovation and tradition.

Franklin has not been without its challenges including flood and tornado damage in recent years. Explore the city's resilience and efforts to preserve the past in the face of natural disasters.

We invite proposals that highlight key topics including, but not limited to:

- Heritage tourism
- Main Street revitalization in historic districts
- Natural disaster response
- Historic theater renewal
- Impact of short-term rentals on historic districts

PRESENTER BENEFITS

Speakers and panelists receive complimentary conference registration and hotel accommodations. Speakers from outside Indiana may also be eligible for transportation reimbursement and an honorarium.

Do you have an idea for an education session, field session or hands-on workshop?

- **Education session** - 75 minutes with typically 2 speakers, maximum of 3 speakers
- **Field session** - 2-4 hours including presentations by 2-3 speakers, and a tour or site visit
- **Hands-on workshops** - 3-4 hours with 1 or more presenters offering demonstrations with audience participation

PROPOSALS DUE
FEBRUARY 6

Complete the proposal form and return by Friday, February 6, 2026. Decisions will be made in early March.

SUBMIT FORM TO:

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OR MAIL TO:

Preserving Historic Places
Conference Committee

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QUESTIONS?

Call 317-232-0582



Conference Session Proposal

Session title

Description *(no more than 150 words)*

List 4 learning objectives *(used to secure continuing education credits for the session)*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Session format

Education session

Field session

Hands-on workshop

Your name

Title/Organization

Address

Phone

Email

Presenter 1

Name

Title/Organization

Address

Phone

Email

Bio (no more than 150 words)

Presenter 2

Name

Title/Organization

Address

Phone

Email

Bio (no more than 150 words)

Presenter 3

Name

Title/Organization

Address

Phone

Email

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Submit by February 6, 2026

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