

National Register of Historic Places [Polygons]
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1. INTRODUCTION

This dataset displays data from the National Register of Historic Places (polygons: historic districts or properties) for Maine, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island within 10km of the coastal shoreline. The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The NRHP database is a listing of sites (buildings, objects, etc.) and areas (large properties, districts, etc.) which have some sort of cultural or historical significance in American history and are noteworthy for preservation (<http://www.nps.gov/nr/about.htm>). This dataset is a compilation of NRHP from state databases. Please be advised that some NRHP in this dataset may be missing as the states are currently working on updating their databases and datasets. New Hampshire and Connecticut NRHP are not included in this product since spatial datasets are currently being developed. This regional dataset will be updated as states provide updates to datasets. Users must consult with appropriate State and/or Tribal Preservation Offices in the identification and evaluation of historic properties as stated under the National Preservation Act. This regional dataset compiled by Northeast Ocean Data serves as a baseline for identifying NRHP; users must confirm with appropriate State and/or Tribal Preservation Offices for official listings under the National Register of Historic Places. For more information and current listings of NRHP, please be directed to the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places site at <http://www.nps.gov/nr/about.htm>.

2. PURPOSE

The NRHP provides a listing of important places for the preservation of American history. This dataset is used to support coastal and ocean planning by displaying sites/areas within 10km of the coastal shoreline.

3. SOURCES AND AUTHORITIES

- Maine Historic Preservation Commission
- Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Planning Division
- MassGIS
- New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation: State Historic Preservation Office
- Rhode Island Historic Preservation Commission
- RIGIS

4. DATABASE DESIGN AND CONTENT

Native storage format: ArcGIS File Geodatabase – simple feature class

Data Dictionary:

Line	Name	Definition	Type	Size
1	OBJECTID*	Internal feature number	Object ID	*
2	Shape*	Geometric representation of the feature	Geometry	*
3	historicName	Name of historic site or area	String	250
4	address	Address of site or area	String	250
5	state	State of historic site or area	String	2
6	resourceType	Type of historic site	String	250
7	useType	MA: How the resource was used during the time it was recorded in inventory. ME: historic function of the property	String	250
8	significance	The category in which the building is significant based on National Register standards.	String	250
9	historicDesignation	Resources listed in National Register database	String	250
10	designationDates	Date of the corresponding designation	String	250
11	useStart	Beginning year of an area's designated useType	String	4
12	useEnd	End year of an area's designated useType	String	4
13	demolished	Denotes if the resource has been demolished	String	1
14	source	Where the dataset was supplied from	String	250
15	historicName2	RI: Secondary name for overlapping	String	250

		districts		
		MA: Alternate name of historic site or area		
16	townCity	MA, ME, RI: Town of historic site or area	String	100
		NY: City of historic site or area		
17	stateID	MA, NY, RI: ID assigned by state	String	100
		RI: Alternate ID assigned by state (second ID)		
18	Shape_Length	Length of feature in internal units	Double	*
19	Shape_Area	Area of feature in internal units squared	Double	*

Feature Class Name: NationalRegisterHistoricPlacesPolygons

Total Number of Unique Features: 2,681

Dataset Status: Updated as needed

5. SPATIAL REPRESENTATION

Geometry Type: vector polygon

Reference System: GCS North American 1983

Horizontal Datum: North American Datum 1983

Ellipsoid: Geodetic Reference System 1980

XY Resolution: XY Scale is 999999999.99999988

XY Tolerance: 8.9831528411952133e-009

Geographic extent: -74.129 to -66.983, 40.538 to 45.412

ISO 19115 Topic Category: boundaries, planningCadastre, society, structure

Place Names:

Belfast, Maine; Boston, Massachusetts; Brunswick, Maine; Cape Cod, Massachusetts; Falmouth, Massachusetts; Newport, Rhode Island; Portland, Maine; Providence, Rhode Island

Recommended Cartographic Properties:

(Using ArcGIS ArcMap nomenclature)

Simple Fill Symbol: Fill color: 128-103-64, outline width: 0.4, outline color: 115-76-0, color model: RGB

Scale range for optimal visualization: 1:100,000 to 1:400,000

6. DATA PROCESSING

A description of each state's datasets and the subsequent processing are described below.

Maine - Maine's National Register of historic place polygon dataset contained 262 polygon features depicting the geographic locations of historic districts and large properties for the state of Maine. The dataset was provided by Maine Historic Preservation Commission. To create the regional dataset we selected features within 10km of the coastal shoreline in order to show coastal locations. This subset includes 154 features. The following fields were preserved from the original shapefile: HISTNAME, NRS, FMSRCORG, TOWN, and HD_or_LgPr. County was not included in the regional layer.

- HISTNAME is found in the historicName field of the regional layer
- NRS is found in the useType field of the regional layer
- FMSRCORG is found in the source field of the regional layer
- TOWN is found in the townCity field of the regional layer
- HD_or_LgPr is found in the resourceType field of the regional layer

This dataset was last updated in October 2014. Please note that Maine is constantly updating their dataset as new sites/information are added or edited.

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Massachusetts – Massachusetts's National Register of historic place polygon dataset contained 4,830 polygon features depicting the geographic locations of historic districts and areas for the state of Massachusetts. The dataset was downloaded from MassGIS: <http://www.mass.gov/anf/research-and-tech/it-serv-and-support/application-serv/office-of-geographic-information-massgis/datalayers/srhp.html> was created by Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Planning Division (<http://maps.mhc-macris.net/>). To create the regional dataset we selected features within 10km of the coastal shoreline in order to show coastal locations. This subset includes 525 features. The following fields were preserved from the original shapefile: MHCN, DEMOLISHED, TYPE, DESIGNATIO, DESIGNAT1, HISTORIC_N, COMMON_NAME, ADDRESS, TOWN_NAME, START_YEAR, END_YEAR, USE_TYPE, and SIGNIFICAN.

- MHCN is found in the StateID field of the regional layer
- DEMOLISHED is found in the demolished field of the regional layer
- TYPE is found in the resourceType field of the regional layer
- DESIGNATIO is found in the historicDesignation field of the regional layer
- DESIGNAT1 is found in the designationDates field of the regional layer
- HISTORIC_N is found in the historicName field of the regional layer
- COMMON_NAME is found in the historicName2 field of the regional layer
- ADDRESS is found in the address field of the regional layer
- TOWN_NAME is found in the townCity field of the regional layer
- START_YEAR is found in the useStart field of the regional layer
- END_YEAR is found in the useEnd field of the regional layer
- USE_TYPE is found in the useType field of the regional layer
- SIGNIFICAN is found in the significance field of the regional layer

This dataset was last updated in September 2014. Please note that Massachusetts is constantly updating their dataset as new sites/information are added or edited.

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New York - New York's National Register of historic place polygon dataset contained 5,876 polygon features depicting the geographic locations of districts and areas for the state of New York. The dataset was provided by New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation: State Historic Preservation Office. To create the regional dataset we selected features within 10km of the coastal shoreline in order to show coastal locations. This subset includes 1,757 features. The following fields were preserved from the original shapefile: RESNAME, ADDRESS, SRDATE, CITY, SPHINX_NUM, REFNUM, COUNTY, CNTFIPS, CERTCD, MULTNAME, RESTRICT, THEME, TAX_PARCEL, and AREA were not included in the regional layer.

- RESNAME is found in the historicName field of the regional layer
- ADDRESS is found in the address field of the regional layer
- SRDATE is found in the designationDates field of the regional layer
- City is found in the townCity field of the regional layer
- SPHINX_NUM is found in the stateID field of the regional layer

This dataset was last updated in July 2014. Please note that New York is constantly updating their dataset as new sites/information are added or edited.

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Rhode Island - Rhode Island's National Register of historic place polygon dataset contained 307 polygon features depicting the geographic locations of districts and properties for the state of Rhode Island. The National Register Historic Districts dataset was downloaded from RIGIS (<http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/spfdata/society/histdist.zip>) and was created by the Rhode Island Historic Preservation Commission. To create the regional dataset we selected features within 10km of the coastal shoreline in order to show coastal locations. This subset includes 245 features. The following fields were preserved from the original shapefile: NAME, CODE, CODE2, NAME2, AND TOWN. AREA, PERIMETER, S44CHD99_, S44CHD99_I, HPOL_, and HPOL_Id were not included in the regional layer.

- NAME is found in the historicName field of the regional layer
- CODE is found in the stateID field of the regional layer
- CODE2 is found in the stateID field of the regional layer
- NAME2 is found in the historicName2 field of the regional layer
- TOWN is found in the townCity field of the regional layer

This dataset was last updated in 1995. Please note that Rhode Island is constantly updating their historic site database as new sites/information are added or edited, it is unknown when an updated spatial dataset will be created.

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Processing environment: Microsoft Windows 7 Version 6.1 (Build 7601) Service Pack 1; Esri ArcGIS 10.2.2.3552

	Process Steps Description
1	Shapefiles were MERGED
2	Attributes were edited in the editing environment to reflect information that was consistent among the datasets and to generalize existing information
3	State and source fields were added to attribute table
4	SELECT BY LOCATION was used to select polygons that intersected 10km buffered NOAA medium resolution shoreline to create final product

7. QUALITY PROCESS

Attribute Accuracy: Accuracy is based on original state datasets.

Logical Consistency: None

Completeness: Please be advised that some NRHP in this dataset may be missing as the states are currently working on updating their databases and datasets. New Hampshire and Connecticut NRHP are not included in this product since spatial datasets are currently being developed.

Positional Accuracy: May vary by state.

Timeliness: Based on the best available information as of October 2014.

- Maine: October 2014
- Massachusetts: September 2014
- Rhode Island: 1995
- New York: July 2014

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