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National Park Service welcomes public input on preliminary findings of Pinehurst National Historic Landmark District Study

The public commenting period runs March 1 – April 15

ATLANTA — Next month, the National Park Service (NPS) will begin seeking public input on the initial findings from its study of North Carolina’s Pinehurst National Historic Landmark District (NHLD). The public comment period on the district’s [Integrity and Condition Assessment Study](#) will open from March 1 to April 15 and includes opportunities to submit written comments and participate in public meetings.

The [draft study and key findings](#) — completed under contract by Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. — identifies the district’s current condition, key threats and avenues for growth vital to the district’s long-term preservation. The study also recognizes local preservation success and further recommendations for future preservation efforts.

“The purpose of this project is to assess the district’s current integrity and condition as a national historic landmark and help guide future preservation efforts,” said **Ellen Rankin, a historian with the National Historic Landmarks Program**. “Public input will help ensure a full range of factors are considered as part of this process.”

Opportunities for Public Commenting

The NPS welcomes public comments on the draft Pinehurst NHL District Integrity and Condition Study prior to finalizing the report later this year. The NPS will host two public meetings with opportunities to provide feedback:

- March 1, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. (ET): Please join virtually with this [link](#)
- March 1, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. (ET): Please join virtually with this [link](#)

The public may submit written comments for consideration in the study:

Online (the preferred method)

Visit <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/pinehurst>

Select “Open for Comment” on the left menu bar, open the “March 2022 Public Meetings” and click on the green “Comment Now” button to access the online commenting form; or

By Postal Mail, send comments to:

Ellen Rankin
Attn: Pinehurst NHLD Study
National Park Service
100 Alabama Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30303

Written comments on the draft study must be submitted online or postmarked by April 15, 2022, to be considered.

The NPS will also host a series of listening sessions with community members directly involved in the management of the district, including stewards, policy makers, civic planners and preservation experts to gain a greater understanding of their efforts to preserve the district.

About the Pinehurst National Historic Landmark District

Designated by the Secretary of the Interior in 1996, the Pinehurst NHL District is significant for its extraordinary role in the development of the sport of golf and resort communities and for its association with golfer and golf course designer Donald Ross. Designed by the prominent landscape architecture firm Olmsted, Olmstead, and Eliot, the village encompasses “a designed network of curvilinear roads embracing the village green in a lush evergreen landscape...on which late-Victorian, Colonial Revival, and Bungalow-style hotels, cottages, stores and churches were built, golf courses were laid out,” and a multitude of other recreational venues ([Pinehurst Historic District National Historic Landmark Nomination, 1996](#)).

About the National Historic Landmarks Program

National Historic Landmarks are nationally significant historic places that have exceptional abilities to illustrate and interpret American cultural heritage. The National Historic Landmarks Program, established in 1935, is administered by the National Park Service on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior and is responsible for helping to preserve and protect the almost 2,600 NHLs in the United States. The agency works with preservation officials, private property owners, and other partners interested in nominating properties for National Historic Landmark designation. The program provides states and local communities technical assistance, recognition, and funding to help preserve our nation's shared history and create close-to-home recreation opportunities.

The NPS is the federal agency charged with monitoring the overall health of NHLs. As stated in the program’s regulations, the NPS is to maintain a continuing relationship with the owners of NHLs. Periodic visits, contacts with State Historic Preservation Officers, reports and other means are used to determine whether landmarks retain their integrity, to advise owners concerning accepted preservation standards and techniques, and to update administrative records on the properties (36 CFR 65.7).

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