



Utah's Most Endangered Historic Places

Utah loses parts of its history every year because of neglect, development pressure, deferred maintenance, and policy gaps that leave historic places unprotected. Some losses happen gradually, while others occur suddenly.

Utah's Most Endangered Historic Places list identifies what is at risk, tracks their fate, and brings together people and resources to help save them.

About This List

This list is always changing. Preservation Utah adds new places each May and June and updates the status of every property every year. Properties stay on the list, whether they are saved, lost, or still in danger.

Instead of creating separate lists each year, all designations are kept together in one place. This helps advocates, community members, planners, and property owners see a full and up-to-date picture of Utah's most vulnerable historic places over time, including what is threatened, what is being watched, what has been saved, and what has been lost for good.

All of these properties together create a record for the whole state, showing what Utah has protected, what it has lost, and what still needs our help.

How to Use This List

You can filter by status to find properties that are in immediate danger, under active monitoring, or already saved or lost.

You can also filter by county to see what is at risk in your area.


Click on any property to read its full details, including its history, current threats, and ways you can help.


Filter by year to see which properties were added to the list in a specific designation cycle.


Status Definitions

Each property on the list has a status that shows its current condition and level of risk. We review and update these statuses every year. The list uses color coding so you can quickly see the threat level.

Status Color What It Means

Endangered  The site faces an active, documented threat, such as demolition, development pressure, structural failure, neglect, or policy vulnerability, and there is no solution in place.

Endangered: Imminent  A specific decision, permit, deadline, or vote is coming up soon. The threat is active and urgent, and a clear outcome is expected in the near future.

Still Endangered  The site is still on the list from a previous year, and its threat status has not changed. The original threat is still present.

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Still Endangered: Condition Deteriorating ● The site still faces threats, and its condition or vulnerability has gotten worse since it was first listed. The risk of losing it for good has gone up.

Endangered: Monitoring ● The immediate threat has lessened or stopped for now, but there is no permanent solution yet. The site could still face new or returning threats and needs ongoing attention.

Saved ● The threat has been fully and permanently resolved, either through legal protection, purchase, completed repairs, a policy change, or a binding agreement that takes the site off the endangered list.

Lost ● The site has been demolished, destroyed, changed beyond repair, or otherwise permanently removed from the historic landscape.

How Places Are Selected

Utah's Most Endangered Historic Places list is built through a deliberate, community-informed process that draws on both grassroots knowledge and professional expertise.

Places are identified in two ways. First, community members, property owners, local advocates, tribal nations, cities, and preservation partners can submit nominations. Second, Preservation Utah staff find places through research and field visits.

Preservation Utah's Advocacy Committee reviews all nominations. They evaluate each place using criteria such as:

- Severity and urgency of the threat
- Historic, cultural, architectural, or archaeological significance
- Geographic representation across the state
- Potential for a Most Endangered designation to make a meaningful difference

Each spring, the Advocacy Committee recommends a list of places to the Preservation Utah Board of Trustees for final approval. New designations and updated statuses for all listed properties are announced publicly in May or June.

A place does not have to be on the National Register of Historic Places or have a local landmark designation to qualify. In fact, some of Utah's most at-risk places have no formal protection, and these often need this list the most.

Nominate a Place

Is there a historic place in Utah you think might be at risk? Let us know.

Community nominations are one of the main ways we build this list. Local knowledge from residents, neighbors, tribal members, community historians, and property owners helps us find threats that might otherwise go unnoticed. You do not need to be a preservation professional to submit a nomination. You just need to know about a place that matters.

The more details you can share, the better. Complete nominations help our staff research the threat. Still, if you don't have all the information, that's okay. We'd rather hear from you early than not at all.

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When you submit a nomination, please include as much information as possible:

- Name and address of the place
- County and municipality
- Approximate age or date of construction, installation, or cultural use (if known)
- Architect, builder, or originating community (if known)
- Current owner or managing entity (if known)
- A description of why the place is important—historically, culturally, architecturally, archaeologically, or to the community. Why does it matter, and who cares about it?
- A description of the specific threat. What's happening, who is involved, what decisions have been made, and what is the timeline?
- Any relevant documents, permits, meeting notices, news coverage, or correspondence
- Photos of the place
- Your name and contact information. You can submit anonymously, but if you share your contact details, we can follow up with questions and keep you updated.

We accept nominations all year. If you submit after our spring review, your place will be considered for next year's list. Submitting a nomination doesn't guarantee it will be chosen. Our staff will contact you if we need more information.

[Submit a Nomination](#)

Photos help tell the story! Please send photos to info@preservationutah.org