

What Legal and Legislative Assistance Does It Offer?

The Midwest Regional Office works with the National Trust's Department of Law and Public Policy, statewide organizations and SHPOs to assess public policy needs in order to protect important local historic landmarks. It:

- Goes to court to advocate historic preservation.
- Develops and provides information on legislative programs and initiatives.
- Advocates both the passage of legislation and the adoption of regulations which will advance preservation interests.

What Financial Assistance Does It Offer?

The Midwest Regional Office provides financial assistance for numerous preservation projects throughout the Midwest through the National Trust's four grant and loan programs:

- The Preservation Services Fund, which provides matching grants to nonprofit organizations, universities and public agencies to support project planning, development of preservation education programs, or conferences and workshops.
- The National Preservation Loan Fund, which provides below-market rate loans to nonprofit organizations and public agencies to help preserve properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.
- The Inner-City Ventures Fund, which provides matching grants and low-interest loans to nonprofit community organizations to help them revitalize their historic neighborhoods as a benefit to low and moderate income residents.
- The Critical Issues Fund, which fosters innovative research and problem-solving to effect policy change at the local, state and national levels.

What National Trust Properties Are Located In The Midwest?

Two of the 18 museum properties owned by the National Trust are located in the Midwest Region:

- Brucemore, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a Queen Anne mansion built in 1884-86 with acres of lawns and formal gardens. It was the home of three prominent Midwest families. It is a co-stewardship property managed by Brucemore, Inc., as a community cultural center as well as a historic house.
- Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio, in Oak Park, Illinois, is a living laboratory for Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural theories. The house where Wright raised his family and developed the Prairie School style, has been restored to its 1909 appearance. It is a co-stewardship property managed by the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio Foundation.

What Midwest Properties Are On The Trust's "Eleven Most Endangered Historic Places" List?

The "Eleven Most Endangered Historic Places" list has been compiled by the National Trust for the purpose of identifying and protecting threatened historic sites. Two properties in the Midwest are currently on the list:

- Tiger Stadium, in Detroit, Michigan, a symbol of unity and stability where for nearly a century baseball fans have watched some of the game's finest players. It could be abandoned by its baseball team for a new ballpark.
- West Baden Springs Hotel, in West Baden Springs, Orange County, Indiana. This luxurious hotel, featuring a six-story steel and glass dome, now stands vacant and deteriorating. Funds are needed to restore it to its turn-of-the-century opulence.