

Adaptive Reuse of Historic Buildings

Quick Factsheet

Overview:

- Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation state: "A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces, and spatial relationships."
 - Adaptive reuse projects should refrain from damaging historically significant features of a building's site and setting.
 - New additions should only be considered after alternatives for modifying secondary spaces have been investigated.
 - Adaptive reuse planning should begin with a preliminary assessment of the building:
 - *Structural Assessment.* Determine the condition of structural elements.
 - *Historic Feature Assessment.* Contact the Cultural Resources Section to determine what are character-defining features.
 - Exterior alterations for new uses:
 - If possible, locate alterations on secondary elevations (e.g. new openings and entrances).
 - New exterior features should be simple in design to prevent new features from detracting from historic features.
 - Interior alterations for new uses should:
 - Avoid damaging or covering up floor, wall, and ceiling finishes.
- ❖ **Most importantly, consulting with Cultural Resource staff, Elizabeth Cook, 361- 3002 or Casey Woster, 361-9685, can assist with timely project completion.**



Office space in Building 2079



Office space in Building 2104



Partitioned space in Building 1533