

Call for Papers: How Can Historic Resources Survive Flooding Due to Climate Change?



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Email submissions to
historyabovewater@newportrestoration.org (see instructions below). Abstracts due **August 15, 2016**; full papers due **October 15, 2016**.

In April of 2016, the Newport Restoration Foundation (NRF) (Newport, Rhode Island, USA) organized the Keeping History Above Water Conference (KHAW), which attracted 350 attendees from historic communities whose built history and cultural landscapes are threatened by rising waters. NRF is now in the process of creating an edited book on the threats of rising sea level/riverine flooding to historic buildings, places, and landscapes and how changes to and potential erasure of these resources can be mitigated. This foundational text will be based on selected papers from the presenters at the KHAW conference, invited papers, and open submissions. The book will be published by a reputable, scholarly press with a practitioner and academic audience in mind for the United States market. (International submissions, however, are encouraged.)

Topic of the papers

We are seeking papers that address how to help historic places, buildings, and landscapes survive in the face of increased storm activity, rising sea level, and riverine flooding due to climate change. Topics should focus on what preservationists/conservationists, engineers, city planners, legislators, insurers, historic homeowners and other decision makers need to know and the physical and community adaptation strategies that will be necessary in the future. These papers should explore changes to planning processes, policies, and rules and the kinds of advocacy, education, and leadership needed to implement these changes.

Submitted papers should, wherever relevant and feasible, consider how problems and solutions affect people and communities, such as social justice/community empowerment, rethinking how authenticity/integrity can better respect the meanings/values people have for historic places, and respect for local knowledge.

Papers need to specifically consider the impact of ocean and/or riverine flooding due to sea level rise and/or increased storm activity. Impacts are assumed to affect individual buildings, groups of buildings, and/or landscapes. Possible topics include:

Physical adaptation strategies

- Structural changes
- Material changes
- Landscape/coastal changes
- Issues of resiliency when considering these adaptation strategies

Community adaptation strategies (how communities can adapt to physical changes)

- Ways experts can work effectively with community members to identify and address physical issues
- Grassroots techniques/models
- Community engagement techniques/lessons
- Crowdsourcing solutions
- Ways to promote inclusivity

Planning/policy/rules

- Political dimensions
- Policies to manage risk to historic resources
- Flood insurance issues
- Decision-making frameworks (municipal, state, federal)
- Intersection with other planning processes

Advocacy/education/leadership

- Seeding innovation
- Taking ownership

Instructions

Submit an abstract of about 200-500 words by **August 15, 2016** to historyabovewater@newportrestoration.org. Include the author(s) name, affiliation, and contact information. You will receive a response by August 31 with feedback on the relevance of your topic as well as possible suggestions for your paper.

Submit your full papers, which should be about 6,000 to 8,000 words, by **October 15, 2016** to historyabovewater@newportrestoration.org. Papers should be attached to your email as an MS Word, ODF/ODT, or PDF file and include the author(s) name, affiliation, and contact information and an abstract. Full resolution photos are not required with this initial paper submission, but the author(s) are responsible for obtaining copyright permission for all images and figures included in the paper.