



New Jersey Historical Commission

New Jersey Black Heritage Trail Marker Application

Thank you for your interest in the New Jersey Black Heritage Trail. Please be sure to review the guidelines prior to submitting.

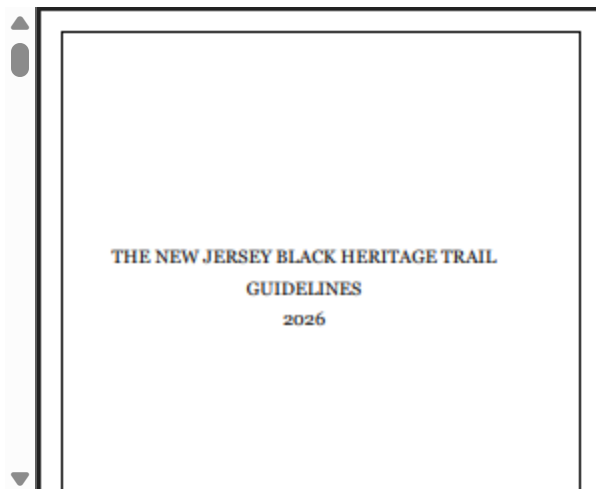
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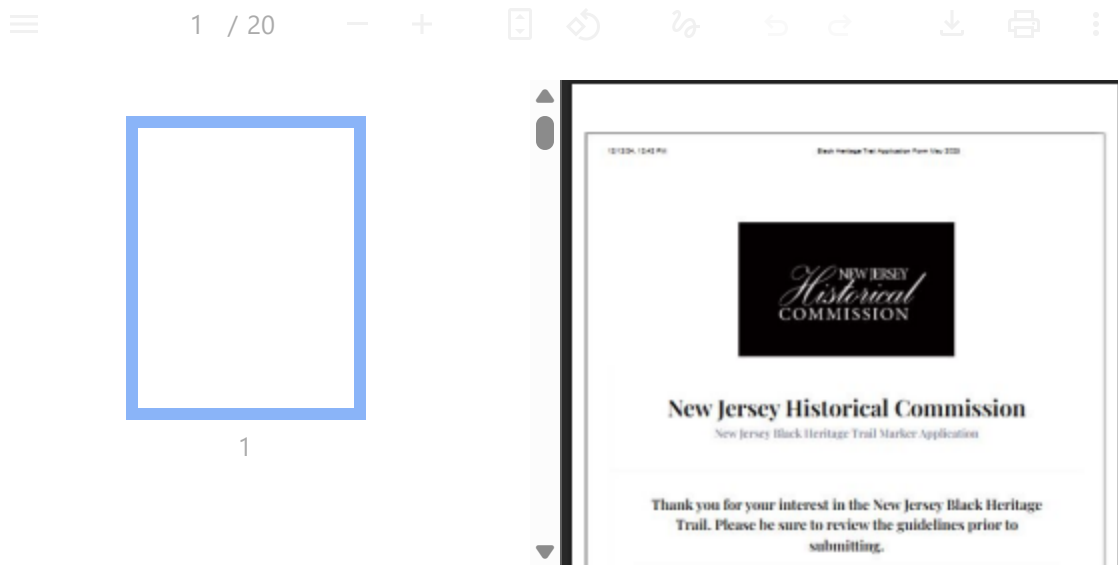


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THE NEW JERSEY BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL
GUIDELINES
2026



Downloadable copy of the online application. Please note only online submissions will be accepted.



A. Nominator Information

Please enter the Application ID Number from your Pre-Application Worksheet here.

1a. Contact Name *

Prefix

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

1b. Address *

Address

City / Town

County

State

Zip Code

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Email

*

Phone Number

2a. If nominating on behalf of an organization, please identify the organization below

2b. Address

Address

City / Town

County

State

Zip Code

Main Phone Number

General Email

Website

Affiliation with the nominating organization (e.g.
Board Member, Executive Director, Volunteer)

B. References

1. Please cite the PRIMARY SOURCES you used for this nomination. If you do not have a direct link to the primary source, please insert a link to the archive website instead. At least three primary sources are required. *

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2. Please cite the SECONDARY SOURCES you used for this nomination. If you are citing a published book, please insert a link to the book's publisher or an online retailer. At least three secondary sources are required. *

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C. Historical Narrative

Below are 5 questions related to the historical significance of the nominated site. Please make sure any sources you cite have been listed in the References section above.

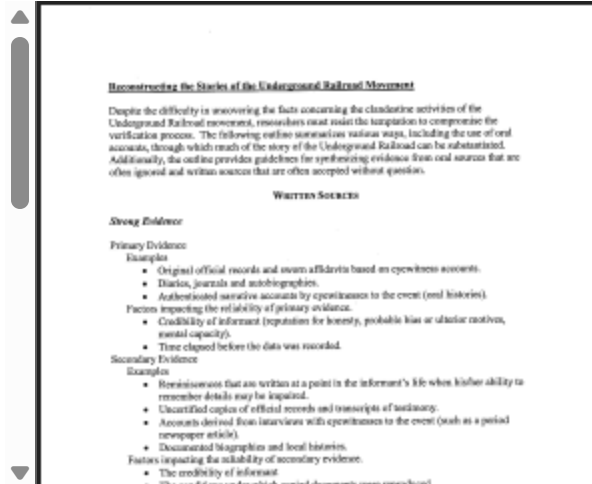
Here we have provided a downloadable resource for providing evidence using primary and secondary sources. Source: National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.



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1. Provide an overview that specifies the historical significance of the subject and indicates how/why the subject will be meaningful and educational for the public. You must include at least three historical facts, and you may add as many additional rows as needed *

Historical Fact*

State the historical fact in 1-2 sentences.

Reference(s)*

author YYYY, page; author YYYY page; author YYYY page.

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2. Describe how the subject had a significant impact on its time and has statewide and/or national significance. You must include at least three historical facts, and you may add as many additional rows as needed *

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State the historical fact in 1-2 sentences.

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3. Explain why the subject has had a significant impact on the history of New Jersey populations and communities and their cultural development. You must include at least three historical facts, and you may add as many additional rows as needed *

Historical Fact*

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Reference(s)*

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4. Describe how the subject can be thematically connected to other Black heritage sites in close geographic proximity to the site. How do these sites serve as stewards of Black history and culture? How might they serve as potential collaborators in future events highlighting the trail? If there are no nearby sites, describe the significance of this site in relation to its surrounding environment? *

5. Describe any existing walking/bus tours that your site participates in collaboratively with other organizations. *

D. Proposed Marker Title and Text

Proposed text that provides a concise summary of the marker subject, specifying the historical significance as it relates to Black resilience and liberation.

1. Proposed title for marker: *

Up to 50 characters

2a. Provide a concise summary of the subject's historical significance as it relates to Black resilience and liberation. *

Overall Statement*

State the historical fact in 1-2 sentences.

Source(s) *

author YYYY, page; author YYYY, page; author YYYY, page.

**2b. Specify why the subject will be meaningful and educational for the public. *****Historical Detail Statement***

State the historical fact in 1-2 sentences.

Source(s) *

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**2c. Describe how the marker subject continues to have statewide/national significance. *****Closing Statement***

State the historical fact in 1-2 sentences.

Source(s) *

author YYYY, page; author YYYY, page; author YYYY, page.



3. Combine the statements in Questions 2a-2c above to draft your proposed marker text (615 characters maximum). Please note this text will be edited by the Black

Heritage Trail team upon approval of the nomination. *

(1) Overall statement, (2) historical significance and context as it relates to Black resilience and liberation, (3) additional detail, (4) closing statement describing how the subject had a significant impact on its time and has statewide and/or national significance.

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E. Attachments

1. Please upload a letter of support from the entity that owns the site.

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2. OPTIONAL: Please attach copies of any critical sources cited in the application, extant historic documents, and/or up to five letters of support.

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3. OPTIONAL: Please submit the link for any optional lengthy documents here.

Website: <http://blackheritagetrail.nj.gov/> | **Email:**
njblackheritagetrail@sos.nj.gov

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