

## HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEYS INFO BRIEF

# SurveyLA FAQs

### **What is a historic resources survey?**

A historic resources survey is a process of systematically identifying and documenting properties that reflect important themes in the city's growth and development. Historic resources include buildings, structures, objects, cultural landscapes, natural features, and historic districts.

### **How is a historic resources survey conducted?**

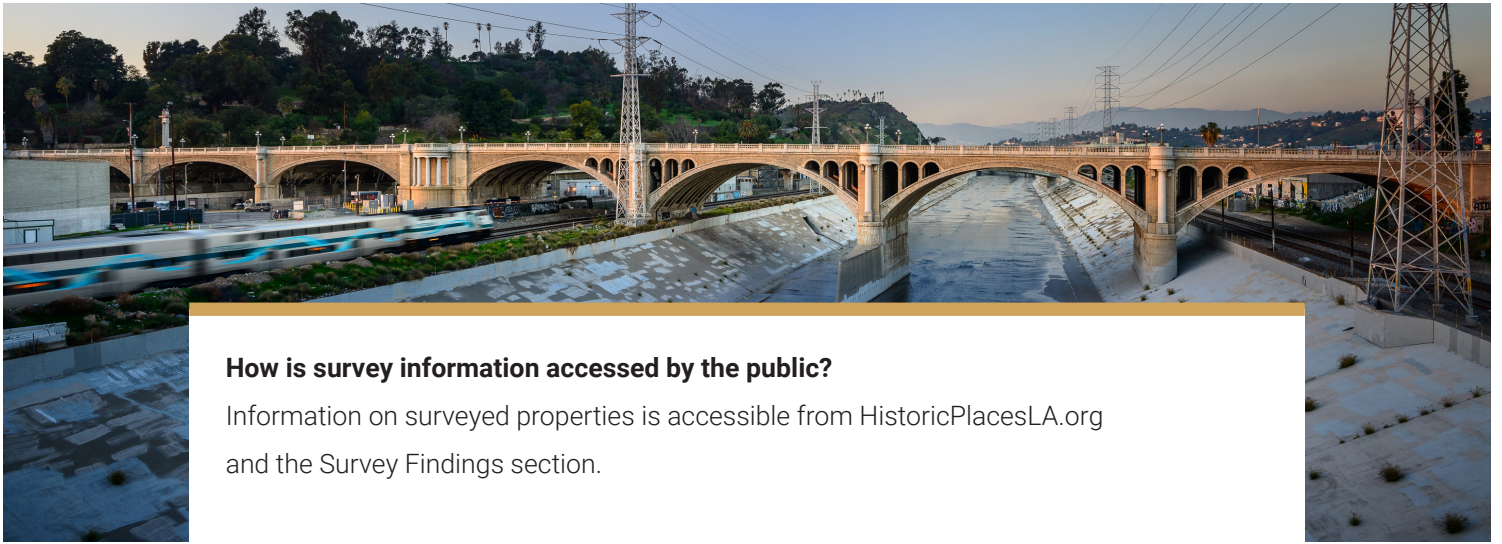
A survey typically begins with background research on a property or area to provide a basis to evaluate significance. Survey teams then conduct field inspections to identify the resource's architectural, physical, and visual qualities and characteristics; assess the impacts of changes or alterations; and document overall condition through photography. Field inspections are conducted from the public right of way; survey teams do not access private property.

### **How are resources evaluated?**

Individual resources and districts may be evaluated for significance in accordance with criteria established for listing in the [National Register of Historic Places](#) and [California Register of Historical Resources](#) as well as for local designation as City [Historic-Cultural Monuments](#) or [Historic Preservation Overlay Zones](#) (historic districts). Survey results identify resources eligible for designation.

### **Do surveyed resources automatically become designated?**

Although surveys identify resources that may be eligible for designation, no actual designation results directly from survey activity. Designation by the City and nominations to the California or National Registers are separate processes which include property owner notification and public hearings.

**How is survey information accessed by the public?**

Information on surveyed properties is accessible from [HistoricPlacesLA.org](http://HistoricPlacesLA.org) and the Survey Findings section.

**Who conducted the field surveys?**

The surveys and resource evaluations were completed by consultant teams meeting professional qualification standards in historic preservation under the supervision of the Office of Historic Resources.

**When were the field surveys conducted?**

The citywide surveys began in 2010 and were completed in 2017. The surveys were sequenced by Community Plan Area, the Land Use element of the City's General Plan.

**Were archaeological resources surveyed?**

Archaeological resources were not surveyed as part of the SurveyLA project, but may be included in a future survey phase.

