

A context statement should follow an outline similar to the following:

1. **Title Page**
2. **Federal Language:** Projects funded by federal money, such as the Certified Local Government (CLG) grant monies are required to include language denoting this...
3. **Table of Contents**
4. **Front Matter:** This will include a discussion of project background and purpose, methodology, parties involved, existing surveys and documentation.
5. **Summary Statement:** Summarize the themes, time period(s), and geographic area that the context statement addresses.
6. **Historical Background:** Provide a broad narrative historical overview of the forces that have shaped land use patterns and development of the physical environment being addressed.
7. **Theme:** Provide a narrative section or sections containing an analytical discussion of historical patterns, significant events or activities, environmental, social, political, technological and cultural influences, and significant individuals or groups **relevant** to the context statement's topic.
8. **Property Types:** Identify important property types and their historical significance to the themes identified. Emphasis should be placed on existing property types, their general location and likely condition, and guidance for how to apply eligibility criteria. This discussion should also establish integrity thresholds for each property type.

Items 7 and 8 can typically be grouped and organized into multiple chronological chapters when developing a geographically-based context statement that concerns the entire history of an area.

9. **Preservation Goals and Priorities:** Outline and prioritize recommended preservation activities and methods for identifying, evaluating, and treating the property types identified as significant.
10. **Bibliography and footnotes:** Use the Chicago Style to cite sources.
11. **Maps, Photos, and Illustrations:** Provide graphic support for the narrative, especially where particular buildings are referenced. Be sure to caption and cite illustrations appropriately.