

## *Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*

### *Introduction to the Guidelines*

**The** Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings were initially developed in 1977 to help property owners, developers, and Federal managers apply the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation" during the project planning stage by providing general design and technical recommendations. Unlike the standards, the Guidelines are *not* codified as program

cannot tell owners or developers which features of their own historic building are important in defining the historic character and must be preserved—although examples are provided in each section— or which features could be altered, if necessary, for the new use. This kind of careful case-by-case decision-making is best accomplished by seeking assistance from qualified historic preservation professionals in the planning stage of the project. Such professionals include architects, architectural historians, historians, archaeologists, and others who are skilled in the preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of the historic properties.



Dr. Iwmg: 'aiola S.:irre-rlc

requirements. Together with the "Standards for Rehabilitation," they provide a model process for owners, developers, and Federal agency managers to follow.

The Guidelines are intended to assist in applying the Standards to projects generally; consequently, they are not meant to give case-specific advice or address exceptions or rare instances. For example, they

The Guidelines pertain to historic buildings of all sizes, material, occupancy, and construction types; and apply to interior and exterior work as well as new exterior additions. Those approaches, treatments, and techniques that are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation" are listed in the "**Recommended**" column on the left; those approaches, treatments, and techniques which could adversely affect a building's historic character are listed in the "**Not Recommended**" column on the right.