

Nebraska Green Book Architectural Survey

The *Negro Motorist Green Book* (*Green Book*), published 1937-1967, identified safe places for Black tourists to stop during segregation. Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) has contracted Stantec to document surviving properties in Omaha, Lincoln, Ainsworth, Fremont, Grand Island, Scottsbluff, and Chadron.

Helpful Information for Property Owners & Occupants

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1	<p>Stantec historians have identified properties associated with the Green Book that still stand in Nebraska today and will take photographs of these places from public rights-of-way, wearing neon vests. During the architectural survey, they will use mobile devices to record building details such as age, style, materials, and alterations. If approached, they will share Stantec business cards and a copy of the NSHS letter mailed to property occupants and owners.</p>
2	<p>Stantec historians will not ask to come inside your building unless you express interest in having your property listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). To find out if a Green Book property is potentially eligible for NRHP listing and to schedule an appointment for interior photography during the March survey or at a later date, contact Stantec historian Anna Maas:</p> <p>826-212-0210 or Anna.Maas@stantec.com</p>
3	<p>Two Green Book properties, with owner permission, will be nominated to the NRHP. If listed, this designation places no restrictions on your property. Listing may qualify rehabilitation of a building for the Nebraska Historic Tax Credit Program. Since its inception in 2015, the program created 2,755 jobs in Nebraska and generated \$8.6 million in state and local taxes. Check out past project highlights at this link:</p> <p>https://history.nebraska.gov/historic-preservation/nebraska-historic-tax-credit-nhtc/</p>
4	<p>This architectural survey is not an assessment of your property value and will not affect its legal boundaries. You may request a copy of the NSHS survey form for your Green Book property once it is completed, and NSHS staff can explain the content. For questions, please contact NSHS Survey Coordinator Jade Mendoza:</p> <p>402-429-7465 or Jade.Mendoza@nebraska.gov</p>
5	<p>Throughout the project, we welcome public input on Green Book property histories, whether you own one or are familiar with one. Please feel free to engage with Stantec historians when they are documenting buildings, email the NSHS survey coordinator, or upload information, like historical photographs or stories, to:</p> <p>https://history.nebraska.gov/historic-preservation/nebraska-green-book/</p>