

RASCL Survey Form Guide

This quick reference guide is designed to assist surveyors as they complete the RASCL (Remote Assessment and Survey of Cultural Landscapes) survey form. The information provided herein is also embedded as tooltips in the PDF of the survey form. For additional information, refer to the RASCL Instructions.

Property ID: Enter the ID that was assigned to this property on the master list.

Date: Enter the date when this form was completed.

Section I: Property Data

Property Name(s): Enter both the historical and contemporary names of this property, if they are different.

Date: Enter the date when this property was built (or period of significance being used as the basis for the assessment). If the date is unknown, enter "unknown". If date is estimated, include "ca." before the year. Use a consistent format approved by the surveying agency.

Designer: Enter the name of the landscape architect, artist, cultural group, etc. who designed or created this property.

Type: Enter the landscape type (e.g. park, cemetery, campus, farm). Use terms that have been approved by the agency directing this survey. Landscape typology is usually determined by use. Refer to Appendix B of the RASCL Instructions for examples.

Setting: Enter a description of the setting of this property (e.g. urban, suburban, rural, or other description as appropriate). Use terms that have been approved by the surveying agency.

Property Location or Address: If this property has a known address, enter it here. If an address is not known, describe the location of this property.

Boundaries: Enter the names of streets and/or topographical features that bound this property.

Geospatial coordinates: Enter geospatial coordinates of this property using decimal degrees. Use Google Earth Pro to obtain this information. Refer to Appendix C of the RASCL Instructions for detailed information on how to complete this section.

Location of point: Describe where on this property the geospatial point is located.

Source: Cite the source of the geospatial coordinates (e.g. Google Earth Pro). This information should match the caption of the contemporary aerial image inserted in Section III of the survey form.

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Section II: Property Assessment

Extant: Select the appropriate box to indicate whether this property is or is not extant.

Yes: If this property still exists, check this box. Select condition below and provide a description of the property.

No: If this property no longer exists in any state or condition, check this box. Include a description of this property below (i.e. area is now entirely paved over with asphalt)

If this property is extant, select the most accurate description of its condition:

Good: Most historic features extant; none or very few changes and/or additions

Fair: Some historic features extant; some changes and/or additions

Poor: Few historic features extant; many changes and/or additions

Description: Write a brief assessment of the current physical condition of this property.

Section III: Image Log

At a minimum, insert the two digital images that were used to complete the assessment: an historical plan and a contemporary aerial photo. Also complete this section for properties that are no longer extant. Refer to Appendices D, E, and F of the RASCL Instructions for detailed information on how to complete this section.

a) Enter historical image caption, date, and source here.

(Source example: Image from the archives of Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site on flickr.com. Courtesy of U.S. DOI, NPS.)

b) Enter aerial image caption, date, and source here.

(Source example: Image 2016 from Google Earth Pro)

c) Enter caption, date, and source for optional auxiliary image here.

Section IV: Optional Additional Property Data

Listing status and information: If this property has been designated as historic or listed on any local, state, or national register, record that information here.

Listed: If this property has been designated as historically significant or listed on any local, state, or national level, check this box and enter details below.

Not listed: If this property has definitely NOT been designated as historically significant or listed on any local, state, or national level, check this box and proceed to "Ownership".

Designation: Enter designation type and/or level of historic significance of this property.

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Designated name: Enter the property name as it appears on documents that designate property as being historically significant. This name may or may not be different from name used in Section I.

Designation date: Enter the year when this property was designated as being historically significant.

Designating authority: Enter the name of the agency that determined that this property is historically significant

Ownership: Select the appropriate box to indicate whether this property is owned by a public or private entity, and then enter information about the owner or administrator of this property.

Publicly owned: If this property is owned by any public entity, check this box and enter details below.

Privately owned: If this property is owned by any private party, check this box and enter details below.

Other notable information: Enter any information that is worth noting, but that does not fit in other sections.

Section V: Surveyor

Enter information about the person who is completing this form.