What Can We Learn From

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“The Living New Deal website is a clearinghouse for information...an online library of documents, studies, films, books, and other web resources about the New Deal, then and now....aims to inventory, map, and publicize the achievements of the New Deal and its public works across all fifty states.”
Project Creator

**Dr. Gary Brechin** – founder of the Living New Deal

[http://graybrechin.net](http://graybrechin.net)

- Historical Geographer and author
- Interests are the state of California
- Environmental impact of cities upon their hinterlands
- The invisible landscape of New Deal public works
Dr. Richard Walker – project director
http://geography.berkeley.edu/people/person_detail.php?person=20

- Professor emeritus of Geography at the U of C, Berkeley and public speaker in the San Francisco Bay area
- Research focused on economic geography, regional development, capitalism, and politics and urbanism, resources and environment, California, class and race.
Goals of the LND

“Given the scale and impact of the Roosevelt years across America, it seems inconceivable that no national register exists of what the New Deal built.”

- To build a national database of thousands of documents, photographs, and personal stories about public works made possible by the New Deal.

- The Living New Deal aims to help preserve New Deal art and architecture from destruction or privatization, to see that New Deal sites are properly marked, and to help communities and families across the nation rediscover their heritage.
Board & Partners

Living New Deal Advisory Board

“... Advisory Board members are high-profile figures who believe in the New Deal as both a great legacy in American life and a model for public spirited action today.”

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Living New Deal Research Board

“... Research Board consists of scholars and public intellectuals with expertise in New Deal history and preservation, who advise the Living New Deal team on research and policy questions.”
Project Team & Associates

14 members of the Berkeley / Bay Area Living New Deal Team

- Director
- Project Scholar
- Project Manager
- Project Advisor
- Communications & Development
- IT consultant
- Submissions Gatekeeper
- Research Assistant
- Project Manager(former)
- Public Art Specialist
- Cartography Advisor
- Cartographer
- Oral History Advisor
- Political Advisor
What Was the New Deal?

In the midst of Depression, the New Deal put millions to work, gave the nation hope, and left a vast legacy of public works still serving America today.

New Deal History »

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NEW DEAL ARCHIVE & MAP
Newsletters: March/2012 – Current

Press: News and information about the current state of New Deal projects, discoveries and progress made.

Events: Salon talks, speeches, lectures, documentaries
• Teaching resources:
  – Extensive bibliographies
  – Links to other New Deal web resources
  – Recommended books and articles on the New Deal
  – Films & Videos
  – New Deal timeline (downloadable PDF)
  – Complete list of New Deal Programs (downloadable PDF)
Making the New Deal visible by mapping public works locations across the nation and US territories.

Explore 7,122 project sites (as of 9/23/2014)
Interactive Map

- Interactive map
  - Browse or search public works projects by
    - New Deal Agencies
    - Project categories
    - City & State
Map view
Google map tools

Zoom: in and out
Located at page top-left

Select view type:
Map or Satellite
Interactive map of Kentucky
Satellite view
Interactive map of Kentucky
Map view
New Deal Projects

Browse by:
• State & City
• New Deal Agency
• Category
• Status
  • Marked
  • Unmarked
• Artist
• Contractor
• Designer
States and Cities: Louisville

**Brandeis School of Law – University of Louisville – Louisville KY**

The WPA completed this law school building in 1938-39 when it was known simply as the University of Louisville Law School. The project submitter reports that the building’s WPA heritage is locally known, and is also referenced in a letter...

- Project type: Educational, Schools
- New Deal Agencies: Works Progress Administration (WPA)

**Louisville Fire Department – Louisville KY**

“The rapid growth of the city of Louisville, population 307,745 in 1930, necessitated additional facilities for the fire department. A grant was secured from the PWA with which this central fire station was built, as well as a hospital annex,...

- Project type: Firehouses, Public buildings
- New Deal Agencies: Public Works Administration (PWA)
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Description

“The rapid growth of the city of Louisville, population 307,745 in 1930, necessitated additional facilities for the fire department. A grant was secured from the PWA with which this central fire station was built, as well as a hospital annex, an extension to the sewerage system, and some park recreational improvements. The total cost of all of these projects was $1,665,550.

The fire station is three stories and a basement in height, approximately 90 by 120 feet in plan, and has a volume of 564,322 cubic feet. In the basement is a swimming pool, 30 by 60 feet. The first floor houses the apparatus and in the rear it has a dining room and kitchen. Offices and dormitories occupy the second floor, and the third floor, which is set back and not visible from the street, houses the fire-alarm system.

The building was completed in June 1937 at an estimated construction cost of $171,198 and an estimated project cost of $190,220.”
Project Details

Federal Cost Local Cost Total Cost Project #s
190220

Source notes


Location Info

1135 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40203

Location notes:
Coordinates: 38.255184, -85.769201
How to Submit Site Information

We depend on a network of volunteers around the country to provide New Deal public works. If you know of a New Deal project in your community, photograph and document it, then send the information to us for a New Deal inventory and map.

To submit site data, fill in the form on the page below. Please take a look at our LND site submission criteria before starting. We need information on location, agency, dates, and details. If you upload photos, please tell us the name of the photographer, date taken, the source, and any copyright information. If you have questions, write to us at submissions@livingnewdeal.org.

Once the site is verified it will be added to the Living New Deal map (this may take a couple days). You will be credited for finding that New Deal site and for any photographs you take.

If you are new to the game of sleuthing sites, you can find some helpful pointers on where to look in our new How to Research New Deal sites 2.0. For further advice, read this report by our Mid-Atlantic Research Director Brent McKeen: Research Guide to Selected WPA Records at the National Archives.

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How to Submit Site Information

• Submit data using the form provided
  
  – Steps include
    1. Project info
    2. Location info
    3. Upload media and documents
    4. Personal information
Guides for Providing Information

• LND site submission criteria

• How to Research New Deal sites-2.0

• Research Guide to Selected WPA Records at the National Archives
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Researching for Kentucky

Living New Deal Associates Around the Country

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Angelia is working on a Masters of Library and Information Science at the University of Kentucky. She created a survey of WPA projects in Kentucky, available at http://uknowledge.uky.edu/wpa_visual_modules/, that demonstrates the rich store of materials on the Works Progress Administration in the University of Kentucky Library archives.
Where to start?

- University of Kentucky campus
  - WPA projects and construction

Plaque in fence build around Stoll Field by WPA at the University of Kentucky & Reconstruction of Stoll Field by WPA, Goodman-Paxton Photographic Collection, PA64M1, Special Collections, University of Kentucky.
Where to start?

• Kentucky counties
  – Coverage of various projects

Martin County Courthouse construction in Inez, KY, 1941, Goodman-Paxton Photographic Collection, PA64M1, Special Collections, University of Kentucky.
Contributions -- Sources

- Kentucky State Archives
- Kentucky Newspapers – microfilm
- UK Libraries WPA Collection
  - “ASERLWPA” for a comprehensive search in InfoKat
  - WPA research guide
- Special Collections Research Center
  - Explore UK
    - Goodman-Paxton Photographic Collection
    - Minutes of the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees
    - Inventory of the Records of the WPA in Kentucky
    - Kentucky Kernel
Demonstrate Public Value

• Exposure to University of Kentucky Libraries and resources

• Contribution to scholarship and greater accessibility
Future growth of the LND site

• Launch of a “State Page” for each state
  – Provide a focused map and search on each state with additional bibliographic, archival and other background information specific to each state

• Oral histories
Presentation slides

Access to this Power Point presentation

tinyurl.com/Ind-kla2014