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Receive a status report on the STEPS Program.

STEPS is AASLH's self-study, self-paced assessment program designed specifically for small- to mid-sized history organizations. Through a workbook, online resources, and an online community, the 1,100+ organizations enrolled in STEPS review their policies and practices and benchmark themselves against national museum standards.

The program is divided into six sections:

Mission, Vision, and Governance

Audience and Community Engagement

Interpretation

Stewardship of Collections

Stewardship of Historic Structures and Landscapes

Management

In each section, organizations answer self-assessment questions by identifying their current policies and practices as Basic, Good, or Better. Each level has performance indicators. Performance indicators help your organization determine where it is meeting a national standard. Performance indicator boxes that your organization is unable to check off at the moment become goals and projects it may want to address. Once your organization is meeting all of the Basic, Good, or Better performance indicators in a section, it earns a Bronze, Silver, or Gold progress certificate.

Currently, the Historical Park has earned the following corticates:

Mission, Vision, and Governance = Silver and Gold

Audience and Community Engagement = Silver

Interpretation = Gold

Stewardship of Collections = no certificates have been applied for

Stewardship of Historic Structures and Landscapes = Silver

Management = Bronze