

## Nebraska State Historical Society Looks for New Deal Sites

The Nebraska State Historical Society is looking for examples of community buildings, structures, and sites that represent the New Deal in Nebraska. This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's programs developed in response to the Great Depression. "New Deal" initiatives including the Works Progress Administration, Public Works Administration, Civilian Conservation Corps, Civil Works Administration, and National Youth Administration were implemented to put citizens to work. The "alphabet soup" programs, known by their initials, resulted in construction of many places that still contribute to their communities. Parks, auditoriums, schools, recreational facilities, and public buildings in many Nebraska locales still bear the mark of the WPA, PWA, or CCC.

Examples of these community buildings, structures, and sites will be compiled into a guide to the New Deal in Nebraska. Existing New Deal properties that we are aware of are found below. **If you know of other New Deal sites in your community or region, please contact Jill Dolberg, Nebraska State Historical Society, PO Box 82554, Lincoln 68501 or (402) 471-4773 or email [jdolberg@nebraskahistory.org](mailto:jdolberg@nebraskahistory.org).**

### New Deal Resources by Region

<u>Southeast Region</u>	<u>Site Number</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Cass</b>		
*Young Cemetery Cabin	CC00-331	1941
*Nehawka Public Library	CC12-015	1934
<b>Gage</b>		
*Beatrice Auditorium	GA03-272	1940
<b>Johnson</b>		
<b>Lancaster</b>		
*Pioneers Park, Lincoln	LC00-045	
Bridge	LC00-108	1940
Bridge	LC00-107	1940
Ager Building, Lincoln	LC13:	1936
<b>Nemaha</b>		
*Auburn U.S. Post Office	NH01-056	1937
*Auburn Legion Memorial Park	NH01-069	1929
<b>Otoe</b>		
Burr School	OT01-004	1935
Nebraska City Viaduct	OT06:D-220	1936
Talmage School	OT11-001	1935
<b>Pawnee</b>		
Pawnee City U.S. Post Office	PW06-117	1941
Pawnee City Bath House	PW06-157	1936
Steinauer Public School?	PW07-019	1936
<b>Richardson</b>		
Falls City Auditorium	RH03-027	1938

Jug Brown Stadium High School	RH03-410	1940
Humboldt Auditorium	RH04-036	1942
Rulo Auditorium	RH06-005	1939
<b>Saunders</b>		
Cedar Bluffs Auditorium	SD02-005	1936
Yutan Auditorium	SD19-014	1939

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<b>Northeast Region</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**Burt**

Tekamah Auditorium	BT06-046	1936
*Tekamah City Bridge	BT06-049	1934

**Cedar**

**Colfax**

*Oak Ballroom, Schuyler	CX06-003	1937
*Schuyler U.S. Post Office	CX06-076	1940

**Cuming**

West Point Auditorium	CM05-121	ca. 1940
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**Dakota**

**Dixon**

Concord Public School Gymnasium	DX02-016	
Emerson Auditorium	DX04-016	1939
Ponca Fire Hall/City Hall	DX08-005	1934

**Dodge**

*Fremont Auditorium	DD05:A-077	1937
North Bend Auditorium	DD09-009	1935 or 38

**Douglas**

*Saddle Creek Underpass, Omaha	DO09:0322-014	1934
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**Pierce**

Gilman Park, Pierce	PC05-051	ca. 1930
*Plainview Band Shell	PC06-010	1942

**Sarpy**

Camp Brewster	SY00-238	ca. 1930
Gretna City Hall	SY05-022	1934
*Springfield Community Building	SY10-027	

**Stanton**

**Thurston**

**Washington**

**Wayne**

*Wayne U.S. Post Office	WY05-053	1935
*Wayne Auditorium	WY05-056	1935
Winside Auditorium	WY06-008	1939

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<b>Lower Niobrara Region</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**Antelope**

Nebraska's First Shelterbelt	AP00-083	1935
<b>Boyd</b>		
Spencer Auditorium	BD08-057	1936
<b>Brown</b>		
Ainsworth City Hall	BW01-173	1938
<b>Holt</b>		
Inman Public School	HT10-009	1936
*Holt County Courthouse	HT13-053	1936
*O'Neill U.S. Post Office	HT13-131	1936
Stuart Auditorium	HT19-034	
<b>Keya Paha</b>		
Springview Auditorium	KP09-003	1936
<b>Knox</b>		
Wausa Community Building	KX16-038	
<b>Rock</b>		
*Rock County Courthouse	RO01-003	1940
<b>Loess Hills Region</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Boone</b>		
*Albion U.S. Post Office	BO02-004	1937
<b>Buffalo</b>		
Kearney City Hall	BF05-008	1935
Kearney Utility Building	BF05-198	1935
Harmon Park, Kearney	BF05-418	1924, 1930s
Ravenna Auditorium	BF11-022	1934
<b>Custer</b>		
Broken Bow Public School	CU05-017	1938
Custer School, Broken Bow	CU05-087	1938
Sunshine Public Library, Mason City	CU11-018	1934
*Mason City School	CU11-029	
Oconto Public School	CU14-030	1938
<b>Dawson</b>		
Lexington U.S. Post Office	DS07-052	ca. 1935
<b>Greeley</b>		
Spalding Auditorium	GY06-033	ca. 1930
<b>Hall</b>		
G.I. Sr. High School Auditorium	HL06-601	
Wood River Amphitheater	HL08-050	1938
<b>Howard</b>		
<b>Madison</b>		
Ta-Ha-Zouka Park, Norfolk	MD06-123	1936
Norfolk Municipal Auditorium	MD06-223	1940
<b>Merrick</b>		
Silver Creek Township Library	MK07-042	1934
<b>Nance</b>		

Baseball Grandstand, Fullerton <b>Platte</b>	NC02-043	1938
*Columbus City Hall	PT01-140	1935
Monroe Auditorium <b>Sherman</b>	PT07-016	1940
Sherman County Fairgrounds <b>Valley</b>	SM00-071	1938
North Loup Auditorium	VY03-036	1940

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<b>Central Plains Region</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**Adams**

Crystal Lake Recreation Area	AD00-076	1936
Airport Admin Building, Hastings	AD00-133	1936
*Alexander Square, Hastings	AD04-325	
Kenesaw Auditorium	AD09-001	ca. 1935

**Butler**

*David City Park/Auditorium	BU05-047, 069	1941
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**Clay**

Edgar Park	CY03-077	1937
Glenvil Auditorium	CY06-021	1936
Harvard Park Pavilion	CY07-089	1935
Sutton Power Building	CY12-050	1938

**Fillmore**

*Geneva U.S. Post Office	FM05-126	1939
Ohiowa Auditorium	FM09-014	
Shickley Auditorium	FM10-018	

**Hamilton**

Hampton Auditorium	HM03-019	ca. 1930
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**Jefferson**

Camp Jefferson	JF00-085	1920s, 1945
Jansen Auditorium	JF07-013	

**Kearney**

*Minden U.S. Post Office	KN04-007	1936
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**Phelps**

Holdrege City Hall/Fire Station	PP04-012	1935
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**Polk**

**Saline**

Crete City Hall	SA01-146	1939
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**Seward**

*Seward U.S. Post Office	SW09-166	1936
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**York**

York Auditorium	YK11-004	
Harrison Park Bath House	YK11-058	1939

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<b>Republican Valley Region</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Franklin</b>		
Campbell Auditorium	FR02-014	
Franklin High Auditorium	FR03-058	
Naponee Auditorium	FR06-025	
Upland Auditorium	FR08-037	1936
<b>Frontier</b>		
Moorefield Auditorium	FT05-002	1936
<b>Furnas</b>		
Edison School	FN04-003	
<b>Gosper</b>		
*Gosper County Courthouse	GO01-001	1939
<b>Hayes</b>		
Hayes Center School	HY02-017	
<b>Harlan</b>		
Alma Community Building	HN01-102	
<b>Hitchcock</b>		
Trenton Park Gate	HK05-016	1938
<b>Nuckolls</b>		
Recreational Facility, Superior park	NU13-068	1935
<b>Red Willow</b>		
Lebanon School	RW04-026	
McCook Auditorium	RW05-070	ca. 1925?
Bath House, McCook	RW05-107	1935
True Hall, McCook	RW05-108	1935
Kelley Park, McCook	RW05-274, 275	1935
<b>Thayer</b>		
Chester Auditorium	TY00-022	1939
*Hebron U.S. Post Office	TY10-008	1938
<b>Webster</b>		
*Red Cloud U.S. Post Office	WT07-195	1939

<b>High Plains Region</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Chase</b>		
<b>Cheyenne</b>		
Sidney American Legion Park	CN09-039	1936, ca. 1943
<b>Deuel</b>		
Bath House, Chappell	DU02-016	1939
<b>Dundy</b>		
<b>Keith</b>		
*Ogallala U.S. Post Office	KH04-080	1938
<b>Kimball</b>		
<b>Lincoln</b>		
Platte Valley Public Power Plant	LN00-117	1935
North Platte Auditorium	LN06-067	1935

Cody Park, North Platte	LN06-564	1935
Lincoln County Jail	LN06-539	1933
North Platte Waterworks	LN06-631	1940
<b>Perkins</b>		
*Grant City Park	PR04-023	1936

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<b>Sandhills Region</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**Arthur**

**Blaine**

Dunning Auditorium	BL02-004	1938
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**Cherry**

Pony Lake Lookout Tower	CE00-244	1938
Hackberry Lake Lookout Tower	CE00-245	1938
Dad's Lake Resort (CCC)	CE00-251	1938
Cody Library	CE03-006	1934
*Valentine Post Office	CE14-090	1936
Valentine City Hall/Fire Hall	CE14-091	1935

**Garden**

Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge (CCC)	GD00-007	1935
Garden County Fairgrounds	GD01-028	

**Garfield**

**Grant**

**Hooker**

**Logan**

Stapleton City Park	LO03-021	1939
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**Loup**

**McPherson**

Town Hall	MP00-024	1941
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**Sheridan**

Gordon Park (w/ culvert)	SH05-028	ca. 1930
Gordon Community Building	SH05-034	1943
Rushville Library	SH08-017	1939-40

**Thomas**

Bessey National Forest	TM00-026	1935
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**Wheeler**

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<b>Pine Ridge Region</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**Box Butte**

Alliance Municipal Building	BX01-041	1936
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**Dawes**

*Dawes County Courthouse	DW03-081	1937
Wilson Park, Chadron	DW03-092	
*Crawford U.S. Post Office	DW04-007	1938

**Sioux**

<b>Scotts Bluff Region</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Banner</b>		
<b>Morrill</b>		
Bath House	MO04-075	1935
Broadwater Community Hall	MO05-014	1935
<b>Scotts Bluff</b>		
Lake Minatare Lighthouse	SF00-038	
Scottsbluff Carnegie Library Addn	SF11-010	1936
Scottsbluff Middle School	SF11-086	1939
School	SF11-183	1939

\* Indicates that the property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.