CRGIS Tutorial 5: Finding National Register Nominations in the CRGIS

NOTE: To learn how to login to CRGIS, refer to the Sign In, Register, and Begin Tutorial.

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Finding a National Register Nomination Using a CRGIS Map

NOTE: To learn how to map resources, refer to the Map Tools Tutorial.

Historic properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places are denoted on a CRGIS map by the color blue. Individual resources – such as buildings and objects – may be symbolized by a blue triangle, while a larger resource – such as a historic district – will be symbolized by a blue-bordered polygon.

Clicking on a blue triangle or polygon on a map will open a CRGIS Report window for the relevant National Register listed historic resource. CRGIS Reports windows, such as the one seen below, are used to display information that identifies and describes historic resources.

National Register nomination forms are scanned and uploaded to the CRGIS, and will appear in the “Links” section of the report window. Click on the appropriate link to see the nomination form, photographs of the resource, a site plan/district map, a USGS Topographic Map showing the resource’s location, or an inventory (for districts and large complexes). National Register forms are in .pdf format, and photographs are in .jpg format. Both can be downloaded from the CRGIS.
Finding a National Register Nomination using *AskReGIS*

**NOTE:** For information on how to use the *AskReGIS* search tool, refer to the *AskReGIS Tutorial.*

For the purposes of this tutorial, search for the National Register listed resource Austin Dam, in Potter County. Open the "AskReGIS" Text-Based Search tool by navigating to the main CRGIS search page and clicking on the button near the bottom left-hand corner of the screen that reads "*AskReGIS.*"
Once the AskReGIS search tool has been opened, you will have the opportunity to narrow your search from “Statewide,” which is the default, to counties and municipalities. This is accomplished by selecting “Counties/Municipalities” from the “Where” section of the search tool.

After selecting the “Counties/Municipalities” button, a “Counties” box will appear to the right. Scroll down until you see “Potter,” and then click on it. After clicking on the county name, a box containing Potter County’s municipalities will appear. Find “Austin Borough” in the list, and click on it. Selections will be highlighted in gray. If you do not know which municipality the resource that you are looking for is in, simply leave the default “All Municipalities” highlighted, since selecting “All Municipalities” from the rightmost selection window will search the entire county.
Next, in the section entitled "Additional Criteria (Basic)," you will have the option to select "National Register Status" from the drop down menu on the left side of the screen.

Next, select "Listed" from the drop down list to the right. You must then click the "Add to Query" button on the right-hand side of the screen for your selections to be added to the search parameters.

Notice that as search criteria are added to the query, they will populate the "Search Description" section at the bottom of the AskReGIS window. When done, click the "Search" button that is located on the bottom right-hand side of the page. The screen will soon refresh with the results of your custom search.
Understanding Your *AskReGIS* Search Results

Our example search for National Register listed historic resources in Austin Borough, Potter County, has returned one search result – the Austin Dam.

If your search returns more than one result, you are able to further identify which resource is the one you desire by examining the information provided in the list of search results. Click and drag the scroll bar on the bottom of the list to expose more information – like the “Primary Historic Name” – to confirm your selection.
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Once you have confirmed that your search has returned a result in which you are interested, click on the purple information button on the far left side of the search results list to open a CRGIS Report window.

![Search Results Example]

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This concludes CRGIS Tutorial #5: Finding National Register Nominations in the CRGIS.