2018 Watch Sites

The 2018 World Monuments Watch includes 25 sites representing a wide variety of challenges ranging from human conflict and urbanization to natural disaster and climate change. From antiquity to modernity, from rural settings to bustling urban centers, the 2018 Watch sites present timely opportunities for conservation, community engagement, and sustainable development. Here is a glance at the 25 sites.

Grand Theater, Prince Kung’s Mansion
BEIJING, CHINA
In Beijing’s most celebrated princely residence, the theater building is in need of repairs and restoration, drawing on the best local and international expertise.

Sirius Building
MILLERS POINT, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
A storied public housing building in Sydney is for sale, and faces the risk of demolition if heritage protection is not granted.

Eliyahu Hanavi Synagogue
ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT
The Eliyahu Hanavi Synagogue is one of the last remaining witnesses of the once-flourishing Jewish community of Alexandria.

Takiyyat Ibrahim al-Gulshani
CAIRO, EGYPT
A Sufi religious foundation in Cairo, currently in a state of abandonment, is in need of a new vision for its future use.

Post-Independence Architecture of Delhi
DELHI, INDIA
A diverse group of buildings from the Post-Independence period in Delhi deserve greater appreciation and legal protection against demolition.

Lifta
JERUSALEM, ISRAEL
The ruins of a Palestinian village in Jerusalem are threatened by a redevelopment plan that has faced popular opposition.

Government House
ST. JOHN’S, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
The historic Government House in Antigua, once restored, will serve as a beacon for community and educational activities.

Ramal Talca-Constitución
TALCA PROVINCE, CHILE
Strong community attachment surrounds the last rural railway branch in Chile, which was recently damaged by forest fires.

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Potager du Roi
VERSAILLES, FRANCE
Stakeholders are poised to reimagine the stewardship of the historic kitchen garden of the Palace of Versailles, a place of instruction and experimentation.

Al-Hadba’ Minaret
MOSUL, IRAQ
Once a landmark of Mosul, the al-Hadba’ Minaret was ignominiously destroyed, leaving the future of the site uncertain.

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Jewish Quarter of Essaouira
ESSAOUIRA, MOROCCO
The crumbling Jewish Quarter of Essaouira remains a symbol of the pluralism of Moroccan culture.

Old City of Ta'izz
T A’IZZ, YEMEN
Yemen's medieval capital has become a battlefield, galvanizing local efforts to survey the damage and plan for future conservation efforts.

Cerro de Oro
CAÑETE VALLEY, PERU
A monumental archaeological site seeks sustainable development solutions as it contends with looting and encroachment.

Historic Karachi
KARACHI, PAKISTAN
The built heritage of Karachi is imperiled by massive population growth, and new solutions will be needed for its protection and revitalization.

Souk of Aleppo
ALEPPO, SYRIA
Rehabilitation of the historic and symbolic souk will pave the way for Aleppo's recovery, after the city’s social fabric has been torn apart by years of conflict.

Alabama Civil Rights Sites
ALABAMA, UNITED STATES
Renewed stakeholder engagement will bring care and attention to a group of sites associated with key events in the Civil Rights movement.

Chao Phraya River
BANGKOK, THAILAND
The proposed construction of an elevated promenade threatens to irreversibly transform the city of Bangkok's historic relation to the Chao Phraya River.

Matobo Hills Cultural Landscape
MATOBO, MATABELELAND SOUTH, ZIMBABWE
One of the world's great rock art collections is threatened by deforestation and the risk of fires.

Disaster Sites of the Caribbean, the Gulf, and Mexico
Following a string of natural disasters in September 2017, response is needed to identify damaged heritage sites and rebuild communities.