



Heritage Conservation Section

The conservation of heritage constitutes one of the three sections of Neuchâtel's Heritage and Archaeology Office (OPAN). This is based on a long tradition of treasuring and protecting our built heritage, the first laws for which date as far back as 1902.

Identify, Protect and Value

These three concepts underlie the collective missions, which make up the Heritage Conservation Section, especially:

- Providing prior notice and follow-up of dossiers submitted by the Territory Development Service and the Towns
- Management of Cantonal and Federal subsidies for conservation/restoration work
- Maintaining a database of Historic Monuments and Neuchâtel's Cantonal Architectural Rankings (RACN), as well as a historic and iconographic register
- Providing advice and follow-up of sites in development
- Providing and maintaining technical documentation,
- Management of Section records
- Building archaeology
- Scientific studies and publications
- Valuing Built, Movable and Immaterial Heritage of Neuchâtel area
- "Watchmaking Town Planning" inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list

Team: functions (publications, refer to the French page)

- Jacques Bujard, head of OPAN and Cantonal Conservator (100%)
- Nicole Froidevaux, heritage historian (responsible for building rankings) (90%)
- Antoine Gauthiez, architecte (70%)
- Florence Hippenmeyer, architect (60%)
- Carmela Hoffmann, secretary (80%)
- Anne-Laure Juillerat, art historian (40%)
- Claire Piguet, heritage historian (historical research) (70%)
- Christian de Reynier, building archaeologist (80%)

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Pre-booking meetings is advised.