

THE PRESERVE AMERICA PROGRAM

NEWTON, NEW JERSEY—TASTE OF NEWTON EVENT

Preserve America is a federal program that encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy our priceless cultural and natural heritage. The program's goals include expanding knowledge about the nation's past, strengthening regional identities and local pride, increasing public participation in preservation, and supporting the economic vitality of our communities. Since 2003, the White House has been involved in supporting and promoting Preserve America. The First Lady designates Preserve America Communities and Stewards.

PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITIES

The Preserve America Communities designation recognizes communities that protect and celebrate their heritage, use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources and culture through tourism and education. Hundreds of communities have been designated in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. Municipalities, counties, urban neighborhoods, and tribal communities are all eligible.

Promotional tools, technical assistance, and grants (when funded by Congress) are among the benefits of designation. Preserve America Communities may also be featured in National Park Service Travel Itineraries and educational materials.

PRESERVE AMERICA STEWARDS

The Preserve America Stewards program honors exemplary volunteer efforts at historic resources around the country. Dozens of organizations have been recognized for programs successfully using volunteer time to help care for our cultural heritage. Government entities (federal, tribal, state, or local), non-profits, and businesses are eligible to apply.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 13287: "PRESERVE AMERICA"

The Preserve America Executive Order (2003) emphasizes federal policy for the protection, enhancement, and contemporary use of historic properties owned by the federal government. The order encourages agencies to seek partnerships with state, tribal, and local governments and the private sector to make more informed use of these resources for local economic development and other public benefits. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) reviews agency stewardship and partnership efforts and, since 2006, has provided a status report to the President every three years.

PRESERVE AMERICA GRANTS

From 2006 through 2010 more than \$21 million in matching grants was awarded to 280 projects throughout the country.

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"The Preserve America initiative is an inspiring and proactive approach to preserving our nation's history. It would be a privilege for any city in this nation to achieve the title 'Preserve America Community.'" —City of Santa Monica, California

NEW MEXICO SITEWATCH VOLUNTEERS



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
PRESERVING AMERICA'S HERITAGE





LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA—
JONES TENANT FARM HOUSE EXHIBIT

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, an independent federal agency, promotes the preservation, enhancement, and sustainable use of our diverse historic resources and advises the President and the Congress on national historic preservation policy.

EXPLORE AND ENJOY OUR HERITAGE

FOR MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT PRESERVE AMERICA:

www.preserveamerica.gov

[www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/
preserveamerica/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/preserveamerica/index.htm)

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The grants are designed to support community preservation and use of historic and cultural sites for heritage tourism and education. Grant amounts ranged from \$20,000 to \$250,000 and required a 1:1 match. Though the Preserve America Grants have been authorized by Congress, no funding has been allocated for the grants in the current budget.

PRESERVE AMERICA PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Four awards were given annually from 2004-2008 to organizations, businesses, or government entities for exemplary accomplishments in the sustainable preservation of cultural or natural heritage assets; demonstrated commitment to heritage interpretation; and innovative integration of these assets into contemporary community life. Awards went to national initiatives and projects in 19 states.

EDUCATIONAL RECOGNITION AND OUTREACH

Since 2004, outstanding history teachers at the K-12 level have been recognized in each state, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories, followed by selection of the National History Teacher of the Year. State winners receive \$1,000 and a core archive of history materials for their school libraries. The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History administers this program, in association with HISTORY™, and Preserve America, and hosts a national recognition event each fall. Preserve America partners have also worked on service learning projects and on Youth Summit programs.

PRESERVE AMERICA SUMMIT AND THE FUTURE OF PRESERVATION

In recognition of the 40th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, a Preserve America Summit was convened in 2006 to consider the future of the national preservation program. Key recommendations adopted by the ACHP improved resource identification, stewardship, community support, education, and program leadership. These are now being implemented by federal agencies in cooperation with non-federal partners.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

For more information about Preserve America and how to get involved, visit www.preserveamerica.gov. Preserve America is administered jointly by the ACHP and the Department of the Interior, in cooperation with the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and other federal agencies.



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