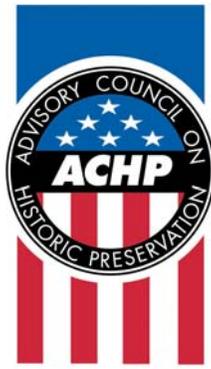


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Preserving America's Heritage

FCC, NEH Recognized for Exemplary Historic Preservation Accomplishments

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) were recognized today for their recent achievements in protecting heritage resources and promoting historic preservation.

The awards were presented by ACHP Chairman John L. Nau, III, at the agency's spring business meeting.

FCC Acting Chairman Michael J. Copps accepted the Chairman's Award for Federal Achievement in Historic Preservation on behalf of his agency. The award recognizes FCC's excellent efforts and success implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), which requires all federal agencies to consider the impacts of their undertakings upon the nation's historic resources. The ACHP honored the FCC for not only adhering to Section 106, but in finding innovative solutions allowing both creation of telecommunications facilities like cell towers and minimizing impacts on the national heritage fabric in doing so.

NEH Acting Chairwoman Carole M. Watson accepted the ACHP Award for Federal Preserve America Accomplishment on behalf of her agency. The award recognizes exemplary federal support for the Preserve America program. The NEH has provided tremendous material and expert support of the program, including participation in the steering committee that guides the effort across government and performed an essential role in conducting the 2006 Preserve America Summit that examined the functioning of the NHPA upon its 40th anniversary.

ABOUT THE ACHP: The ACHP, an independent federal agency, promotes the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of the nation's historic resources, and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. It also provides a forum for influencing federal activities, programs, and policies that impact historic properties. In addition, the ACHP has a key role in carrying out the Preserve America program. See www.achp.gov for more information.

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