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### Preserve America Designation Celebrated in Memphis

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Hundreds of advocates, community leaders, schoolchildren, and other members of the public gathered at Mount Pisgah Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in southeast Memphis, Tenn., on Dec. 16 to celebrate the designation of the Orange Mound neighborhood as the 905th Preserve America Community.



Orange Mound was the first subdivision in the U.S. designed specifically for African Americans. Ceremony attendees were treated to a reenactment of the story of Orange Mound's origins, as well as music and dance performances by local ensembles from the Blues City Cultural Center and Melrose High School. U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen and ACHP Member Jordan Tannenbaum addressed the audience and acknowledged the community's 2015 celebration of its 125th anniversary.

The ceremony closed with Tannenbaum reading the official Preserve America designation letter from First Lady Michelle Obama, and the presentation of a replica of the official designation sign for the community. [Read more about Orange Mound.](#)

### Pompano Beach Designated a Preserve America Community

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Pompano Beach, Fla., has been recognized as the 906th Preserve America Community. [Read more](#) about how the community is preserving its heritage.

### Apply Now for a New Joint Award for Preservation Excellence

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The ACHP announces a new joint award with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The [ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation](#) will honor historic

preservation efforts with affordable housing and community revitalization successes. Agencies, developers, and organizations are encouraged to nominate projects or activities that advance the goals of historic preservation while providing affordable housing and/or expanded economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income families and individuals.



Preference will be given to projects and activities that do the following:

- Promote the use of historic buildings for affordable housing, community development, and/or expanded economic opportunities
- Include HUD funds or financing
- Meet preservation guidelines
- Contribute to local community revitalization efforts

Nominations are due by 11:59 p.m. PDT on **March 27, 2017**.

[View nomination and application details here.](#)

### **Apply by March 15 for Summer ACHP Internships**

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Are you, or do you know of, a student interested in the preservation, enhancement, and sustainable use of our nation's historic resources? The ACHP in Washington, D.C., has internship opportunities available for undergraduate or graduate students, as well as individuals at an early stage



of their career. An independent federal agency, the ACHP oversees the historic preservation review process for federal projects and conducts a variety of preservation programs dealing with community preservation, economic development, sustainability, promoting public appreciation of cultural heritage, national preservation policy and legislation, Native American interests, diversity, and youth engagement.

[Read full details on these internships and how to apply.](#) If you have any questions, please contact [Judy Rodenstein](#).

### **Main Street Now Conference**

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Registration is now open for the 2017 Main Street Now Conference, May 1-3 in Pittsburgh, Penn. This is the largest nationwide gathering of professionals and volunteers involved in preservation-based economic development and community revitalization. It includes education sessions, mobile tours, special events, and opportunities for networking. [Learn more here.](#)



## **NPS Announces More Than \$7.5 Million in Grants to Preserve African American Civil Rights Movement Sites**

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The National Park Service (NPS) announced funding for 39 projects in more than 20 states that will preserve and highlight the sites and stories associated with the Civil Rights Movement and the African American experience. “Through the African American Civil Rights Grant Program, we’re helping our public and private partners tell unique and powerful stories of the African American struggle for equality in the 20th Century,” National Park Service Acting Director Michael Reynolds said. [Read the press release here.](#)

## **Read the Latest Forum Journal Publication on the NHPA 50th Anniversary**

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Preservation Leadership Forum invites you to read the latest *Forum Journal*, [Fifty Years of Heritage So Rich: The National Historic Preservation Act \(NHPA\)](#). In this issue, authors present the breadth of the NHPA and the programs it initiated, examining its many accomplishments as well as its unfulfilled potential. The *Forum Journal* is a benefit for Forum members but is available for full access for a limited time. The ACHP is pleased to point out an article written by Director of Preservation Initiatives Ron Anzalone in the *Forum Journal*.



## **ACHP Announces Community Revitalization Policy Statement**

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After years of research and study into the needs of communities across the U.S. who are struggling to revive their economies and historic assets, the ACHP issued a policy statement in November 2016. It is aimed at helping to provide ideas and principles for successful community revitalization. In order to



incorporate historic preservation into revitalization efforts, and in light of current discussions about tax reform and infrastructure needs throughout the country, stakeholders should remember:

- Tax credits and tax incentives can be used to promote historic preservation projects that preserve local assets.
- Historic preservation should be incorporated in local planning efforts that focus on sustainability and smart growth.
- Effective citizen engagement that reflects the diversity of the community can assist in identifying historic properties and cultural resources that should be considered for preservation and reuse.

•Flexibility in the treatment of some historic buildings in Section 106 reviews can help achieve broader neighborhood preservation goals.

[Read more](#) about the policy statement and how to help your community when it is going through significant neighborhood and commercial redevelopment.

## **Cultural Resources Climate Change Strategy Released**

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On Jan. 6, the NPS released its [Cultural Resources and Climate Change Strategy](#).

The publication sets out a framework to help cultural resource managers address the growing threat of climate impacts to national parks. While developed for NPS units, the report offers important guidance for any



government or organization facing climate threats to cultural resources that they manage. Additional information on climate challenges and the need for communities to explore climate adaptation and resilience strategies is available from the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#). Further information on the topic can be accessed through the [ACHP's Sustainability and Historic Preservation Links Page](#).

The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse moves down the beach to its new home. (photo courtesy NPS)

## **Contact Information Needed From Preserve America Communities**

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Has it been a while since your community was designated a Preserve America Community? Have you elected a new mayor? Has your contact person moved on to a new job? Have e-mail addresses changed? In order to stay in the loop about funding opportunities, model programs, and other resources for Preserve America Communities, please update the following information and send to [Judy Rodenstein](#):

Community name

Congressional district

Name of chief elected official, e-mail address, and phone number

Name of best contact person, e-mail address, and phone number

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