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## **OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH**

The Office of Communications, Education, and Outreach (OCEO) works with the chairman and executive director to strengthen the brand of the agency and create a communications strategy, which conveys the vision and message of the ACHP. Outreach includes communicating to and engaging with various audiences, from the general public to government agencies, in a variety of venues.

Using agency graphic standards to ensure a recognizable, professional, and consistent brand and identity, this office develops and produces ACHP print, conference, and event materials, including special reports, brochures, literature, and exhibits. In addition, the office maintains the agency's online communications: websites and social media platforms, which include several Facebook pages, a Twitter feed, Instagram and LinkedIn accounts, and a YouTube channel. With more than 4 billion active social media users worldwide, social media is an essential channel of communications.

OCEO also administers the ACHP's major awards programs: the Chairman's Award for Achievement in Historic Preservation (recognizes exemplary efforts involving federal agencies); the joint National Trust for Historic Preservation/ACHP Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation (honors outstanding federal partnerships that advance the preservation of important historic resources); ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation (recognizes exceptional preservation in advancing the goals of preservation while providing affordable housing and/or expanded economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income families and individuals). The Preserve America Presidential Awards program, created in 2003, has been on hold since FY 2009.

OCEO leads two very active agency-wide initiatives: Building a More Inclusive Preservation Program and Engaging Youth in Historic Preservation, which originated as follow-ups to the Preserve America Summit in 2006.

OCEO assists the work of the agency in many ways. It plays a key role in producing and disseminating "Section 106 Success Stories" that illustrate the impact the Section 106 process has had on historic preservation during its 50-plus year history. OCEO supports public meetings in high-profile Section 106 cases by assisting with media and public outreach. It works with leaders in the U.S. House of Representatives' Congressional Historic Preservation Caucus to educate about preservation issues and offers specialty programming for staff and Members of Congress. In addition, OCEO supports other ACHP offices to provide editorial services, research, and support, as needed.

OCEO also responds to public inquiries about the agency, its programs and websites, as well as inquiries about the national historic preservation program. Coordinating ACHP conference participation and strategy falls under the OCEO purview, as does speech writing, all public relations, and events support and management. Media relations for the ACHP also are handled by OCEO. Such activities include placement of news items related to Section 106, historic preservation, and major topics like sustainability, infrastructure, work with Indian tribes, youth outreach, and breaking news.

Headed by a director, the office includes a public affairs specialist who implements all aspects of the ACHP's public information program, including press releases, media outreach, events, and coordination;

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a senior writer/editor who provides online management, editorial, and writing services for the ACHP; and a program assistant facilitates the ACHP's award programs and conference participation, and provides general administrative support to the office.



## ACHP WEBSITE

[www.achp.gov](http://www.achp.gov)

The ACHP website is the main source for information about the National Historic Preservation Program and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as well as the activities of the ACHP. The website features federal historic preservation policies and programs; provides links to other government agencies and historic preservation organizations; and lists contact information for all federal, state, and tribal officials responsible for historic preservation under the NHPA. The website covers a wide range of programs and responsibilities of the agency and the work of the ACHP.

Visitors to the website may sign up for the ACHP's Section 106 training courses; download ACHP publications; and learn more about new topics in historic preservation. In addition, there is information on partner initiatives, ACHP news, current high-profile Section 106 cases and success stories, as well as contact information for ACHP staff and member biographies.

After a major redesign, the new ACHP website was unveiled in summer 2018. It now encompasses several other sections that used to have their own sites:



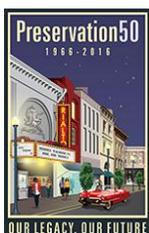
*Explore and Enjoy Our Heritage*

Preserve America is a federal initiative administered by the ACHP that encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy our priceless cultural heritage. In 2003, the ACHP created the Preserve America website with the White House and the U.S. Departments of the Interior and Commerce to feature the new Presidential initiative. As Preserve America evolved, the list of federal agency partners grew to include the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Education, Housing and Urban Development, and Transportation; the General Services Administration; the Institute for Museum and Library Services; the National Endowment for the Humanities; the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities; and the President's Council on Environmental Quality. The program currently is in a transition period as the change in Administration proceeds. In the interim, the ACHP continues to host the Preserve America website.

The Preserve America site offers visitors information on each component of the program, including the Preserve America Executive Order; Presidential Awards; community, neighborhood, tribal, and steward designation programs; grants; links to the e-newsletter; and more.

## ACHP Retrospective Project

[www.achp.preservation50.org](http://www.achp.preservation50.org)



As part of the ACHP's recognition of its 50th anniversary in 2016, the agency completed a historical review and summary of major preservation policies and practices championed by the ACHP since its genesis.

With assistance from the ACHP Foundation and the firm Cultural Heritage Partners, an online module was created titled, "The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's First 50 Years—Shaping National Preservation Policy." The module is focused on "how the

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ACHP has advanced federal support for historic preservation and developed useful strategies for addressing major preservation issues since its creation in 1966.”

The site invites members of the public to explore ACHP work over the last five decades through a historical timeline and essays, images, online interviews and comments, and resource documents on 11 topics: National Policy, Federal Stewardship, Community Revitalization, Heritage Tourism, Native American Heritage, Public Archaeology, Planning and Consultation, Sustainability, Energy Development, Disaster Response, Public Outreach, and Future Directions.



## ACHP SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

An important component of the ACHP's outreach strategy is social media. Reaching new audiences and staying connected to established audiences is ever changing, and the ACHP has worked to meet the needs of its constituency. It is not one tweet, Instagram post, or Facebook status update that will lead to raising awareness. It is the culmination of building a following, creating engaging content, and connecting over weeks and years.

The ACHP has an overarching goal of raising awareness about historic preservation. Another goal is engaging young people. Utilizing social media does both.

Other goals of the ACHP's social media channels are to do the following:

1. Connect directly with the public
2. Educate about the ACHP
3. Inform the public about ACHP activities, preservation issues, and items of interest
4. Grow the preservation ethic and appreciation for history and preservation
5. Provide a forum for discussion about historic preservation topics

The ACHP manages three Facebook pages: ACHP-Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Preservation-The Next Generation, and Preservation Indigenous-Native Youth; @usachp on Twitter and Instagram; LinkedIn; and YouTube.

Preservation–The Next Generation is about making history enjoyable to students. The agency needs to foster strong relationships with teachers and connect teachers with resources. It also needs to reach the broad audience of diverse young people and budding historic preservationists, as well as their mentors to make sure the preservation ethic in America is strong. The Native Youth Facebook page also has these similar goals of reaching young people to provide information on employment, advocacy, and educational opportunities.

Through Twitter, the ACHP has been able to get a lot of traction with people mentioning the agency and promoting its posts. Twitter is quick and headline-driven. Twitter is good for asking or answering questions and providing links to published content. A *New York Times* article recently pointed to how governments in emergency situations are using social media, like Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube, to disseminate information. This medium has become critical for governments to use, and not just an afterthought.

Instagram has more than a billion users worldwide in 2021. Of those users, 71 percent are under age 35. Instagram users spend an average of 53 minutes per day on the app, and it generates more than four times more interactions compared to Facebook.

YouTube is the second most popular website in the world, with more than 2 billion active monthly users. People watch more than a billion hours of YouTube video content each day.

LinkedIn has 722 million members, and half of all U.S. adults with college degrees are on LinkedIn. Of those members, 61 million users are senior level influencers and 40 million of them are in decision-making positions.

Since 2018, the ACHP has worked to build its followership on its social media platforms. Followers have increase significantly:

- Facebook 196%
- Twitter 50%
- Instagram 1,158%

Since 2019:

- YouTube 173%

Since 2020

- LinkedIn 220%

The Office of Communications, Education, and Outreach has taken an active role in the ACHP's overarching theme of Building a More Inclusive Preservation Program. The office has been considering outreach options to include many diverse groups into the preservation ethic and national movement. These social media channels will continue to help reach new audiences and engage a new generation of preservationists.



## **BUILDING A MORE INCLUSIVE PRESERVATION PROGRAM** **Office of Communications, Education, and Outreach**

Based on the vision laid out in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), preservation leaders have been navigating the changing landscape of preservation for more than 50 years. Historic preservation has seen many changes in priorities since 1966, but arguably none more far-reaching and significant than an awareness that demographics have changed greatly in the nation and will continue to shape the future. Changing demographics and their socioeconomic implications call for the national preservation program to adjust the thinking about the priorities and practice of modern historic preservation and to learn to better tell the full and true story of the history of the nation.

The ACHP has embraced the principles of inclusiveness in an initiative called Building a More Inclusive Preservation Program (BAMIPP), which complements the ongoing work of the National Park Service (NPS), the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), State Historic Preservation Offices, and other preservation leaders to ensure the history of all Americans is recognized, appreciated, and preserved.

A BAMIPP steering committee originally reported to the ACHP in November 2013 with recommendations. Since then, the ACHP has taken additional action to directly engage new and diverse constituencies in historic preservation and continues to support the work of other partners, policies, and programs likewise engaged.

For example, the ACHP has supported targeted grant funding in the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) to help ensure the federal historic preservation program is working to identify and preserve properties that reflect the full range of the American experience. Specifically, the ACHP has actively supported HPF grant funding to preserve sites associated with the African American Civil Rights Movement; the identification of historic properties associated with communities currently underrepresented in the National Register of Historic Places; and the repair of historic properties at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The President's FY 2022 Budget proposes: \$26.125 million for civil rights sites grants, \$1 million for underrepresented communities survey grants, and \$10 million for HBCU preservation grants.

The ACHP hosted a series of listening sessions aimed at promoting cultural diversity in the historic preservation field and broadening public views of the nation's heritage. These efforts began with a forum at Ellis Island in August 2012. The forum led to the adoption of recommendations for further action, which included the following:

*Identify various groups that represent diverse constituencies and begin a series of meetings with them, using occasions where the ACHP, its members, or staff are present in a locality or when a group is in Washington, D.C.*

In subsequent years, the ACHP focused on conducting such outreach, as well as participating in conferences, workshops, and events such as historic preservation briefings for the Congressional Black Caucus; the formative meeting for Latinos in Heritage Conservation, which formed a new organization in

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2015; and Multiple Voices Parts I and II, offered by NPS as a way to discuss desirable changes to the National Historic Landmark and National Register programs.

The ACHP hosted two listening sessions to engage the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, and two more to engage the Latino/Hispanic community. During these sessions, the ACHP sought the views of community advocates and experts on Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Latino and Hispanic cultural heritage. It involved activists, scholars, community leaders, and representatives of nongovernmental organizations in discussions and tours, which illustrated places as well as cultural practices and traditions that embody their respective heritage.

At the July 2016 ACHP business meeting, members adopted recommendations to integrate the goals of the initiative to build a more inclusive preservation program into the work of every office. Those recommendations are included in Volume 3 and the ACHP website [here](#).

Many projects and other activities are underway to implement those recommendations. The intent is to further the practice to include a full and true history of America, as well as a recognition of the country's diverse cultural traditions as an integral part of the national preservation program.

Since 2018, the ACHP's commitment has included potential projects that would engage young people in historic preservation and focus on reaching more diverse audiences. One such project (Preservation in Practice) is in conjunction with HBCUs (Morgan State University, Tuskegee University, and Hampton University), the HOPE Crew (Hands on Preservation Experience—part of the NTHP), and NPS. Generously funded by NPS, the program brings students of architecture into contact with historic preservation with hands on experience and in-classroom learning at Grand Teton National Park, and on their own campuses, with the HOPE Crew.

This project is directly related to the ACHP's partnership and commitment to the White House Initiative on HBCUs. In 2020, the White House Initiative honored the ACHP and Preservation in Practice with an award, and opened the award lunch with a video made to highlight the overall work of the agency and outline the partnership with NPS and the NTHP.

<https://www.achp.gov/news/achp-honored-white-house-initiative-historically-black-colleges-and-universities-during-hbcu>

The ACHP also has begun a fall internship program, which brought onboard a student from Howard University in 2020.

There are other programs and initiatives underway that support the agency's desire to Build a More Inclusive Preservation Program, including webinars directed to HBCUs and Minority Serving Institutions, and a reinvigorated partnership to support Latinos in Heritage Conservation.



## Preserve America Communities, Stewards, Grant Projects and Awards Celebrating Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage

The **Preserve America Communities** program recognizes municipalities, counties, neighborhoods in large cities, and tribal communities that protect and celebrate their heritage. Since the program began in 2003, 906 communities have been designated Preserve America Communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. To read more about Preserve America communities and for applications forms, please visit <http://www.preserveamerica.gov/PACommunities.html>.

Preserve America communities interpreting Asian American/Pacific Islander heritage include the following:

### American Samoa

### California

Chinatown (Los Angeles)  
Historic Filipinotown (Los Angeles)  
Japantown (San Francisco)  
Koreatown (Los Angeles)  
Little Tokyo (Los Angeles)  
Thai Town (Los Angeles)  
Weaverville

### Colorado

Prowers County

### Hawaii

Chinatown Special Historic District (Honolulu)  
Kaua`i County  
Maui County

### Oregon

Jacksonville



**Preserve America Stewards** is a designation program recognizing programs which demonstrate a successful use of volunteer time and commitment in order to help care for our historic heritage. Two such steward organizations are the Friends of 'Iolani Palace in Hawaii and the Amache Preservation Society in Colorado. For more information and application forms, please visit <http://www.preserveamerica.gov/stewards.html>.

Applications from prospective new Preserve America Communities and Stewards organizations are accepted quarterly. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation administers Preserve America with assistance from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The **Preserve America grant program** provided funding to designated Preserve America Communities as well as State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices to support preservation efforts through heritage tourism, education, and historic preservation planning. Though these grants remain authorized, they have not been funded by Congress since 2010. Administered by the National Park Service in partnership with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, funded activities included interpretation and education, planning, promotion, training, and research and documentation of cultural and historic resources. Successful projects involved public-private partnerships and serve as models to communities nationwide for heritage tourism, historic preservation planning, history education, and economic development.

Some related Preserve America grant projects:

### **Asian Pacific Islander Neighborhoods Cultural Heritage and Hospitality Education and Training**

*City of Los Angeles' Preserve America Neighborhoods: Chinatown, Historic Filipinotown, Koreatown, Little Tokyo and Thai Town*

This project aimed to build cultural identity and understanding within various Asian-Pacific Islander neighborhoods in Los Angeles and to reach out to the greater community through the provision of training materials and programs in historic preservation, cultural tourism, and hospitality services. The project included a critical assessment of historic and cultural resources, development of hospitality training materials, training materials for communities to become self-sustaining heritage centers, and provided historic preservation professional development opportunities for community residents.

### **Weaverville Marketing and Wayfinding Project**

*Weaverville, California*

This heritage marketing project promoted local heritage festivals, advertised local museum exhibits, and developed and implemented wayfinding and identity-building elements specified in the Weaverville Revitalization Plan.

### **Regional Wayfinding and Interpretation for Southeast Colorado**

*Otero County, CO*

This project linked and promoted a variety of historic assets found in the southeast region of Colorado. Materials developed included a guidebook to heritage sites, maps, a regional heritage website, all of which will increase awareness of the assets ranging from a Japanese Internment Camp, the Santa Fe Trail, local museums, and State and National historic sites.

### **Developing the Visitor Infrastructure for Chinatown**

*Honolulu, Hawaii*

The City and County of Honolulu will develop a visitor infrastructure to showcase the historic nature of Honolulu's Chinatown through various exhibits, tours, and promotion of the area's businesses.

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In November of 2013, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation **Chairman's Award for Achievement in Historic Preservation** was presented to The Asian Pacific American Heritage program, a joint effort by the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience in Seattle and the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. More information is available at [http://www.achp.gov/news\\_20131114\\_award-to-heritage-prog.html](http://www.achp.gov/news_20131114_award-to-heritage-prog.html). An interview with the Museum's Deputy Executive Director, Cassie Chinn, is available at <http://www.achp.gov/inclusiveness-cassie.html>.



*Explore and Enjoy Our Heritage*

## **Preserve America Communities, Stewards, Grant Projects and Awards Celebrating Latino and Hispanic Heritage**

*The **Preserve America Communities** program recognizes municipalities, counties, neighborhoods in large cities, and tribal communities that protect and celebrate their heritage. Since the program began in 2003, 906 communities have been designated in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. To read more about Preserve America Communities and for application forms, please visit <http://www.preserveamerica.gov/PACommunities.html>.*

### **Preserve America Communities protecting and interpreting Latino and Hispanic heritage include the following:**

Alabama:	Mobile
Arizona:	Nogales, Tucson, Yuma
California:	Monterey, Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura (Ventura), San Juan Bautista, Santa Paula, Sonoma
Colorado:	Baca County, Denver, Montezuma County, Otero County
District of Columbia:	Washington
Florida:	Leon County, Miami, St. Augustine, Tampa
Idaho:	Boise (Basque)
New Jersey:	Newark-Ironbound neighborhood (Portuguese)
New Mexico:	Las Vegas
Rhode Island:	Central Falls, Cumberland, Pawtucket
Texas:	Brownsville, El Paso, San Antonio, Seguin



*The **Preserve America Stewards** program recognizes organizations, businesses, and governmental programs which demonstrate a successful use of volunteer time and commitment in order to help care for our historic heritage. Since the program began in 2008, 58 Preserve America Stewards have been designated. For more information and application forms, please visit <http://www.preserveamerica.gov/stewards.html>.*

### **Preserve America Stewards caring for and interpreting Latino and Hispanic heritage include the following:**

Arizona:	Kaibab Vermilion Cliffs Heritage Alliance
California:	Monterey State Historic Park
Florida:	City of St. Augustine Archaeological Program
Nationwide:	HistoriCorps; Passport in Time (PIT) Program
Nevada:	Southern Nevada Agency Partnership & Public Lands Institute, UNLV
New Mexico:	Cornerstones Community Partnerships; New Mexico SiteWatch; Valles Caldera National Preserve
Texas:	Texas Archeological Society; Texas Historical Commission – Texas Archeological Stewardship Network

*Applications from prospective new Preserve America Communities and Stewards organizations are accepted quarterly. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation administers Preserve America with assistance from the U.S. Department of the Interior.*

The **Preserve America Grant program** provided funding to designated Preserve America Communities as well as State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices to support preservation efforts through heritage tourism, education, and historic preservation planning. Though these grants remain authorized, they have not been funded by Congress since 2010. Administered by the National Park Service in partnership with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, funded activities included interpretation and education, planning, promotion, training, and research and documentation of cultural and historic resources. Successful projects involved public-private partnerships and serve as models to communities nationwide for heritage tourism, historic preservation planning, history education, and economic development.

### **Some related Preserve America Grant projects:**

#### **Brownsville-21 Project**

*Brownsville, Texas*

The City of Brownsville, an international border community with a 93 percent Hispanic or Latino population, developed a GIS-based interactive web application, as well as brochures, signage, and informational kiosks, in an effort to provide greater accessibility and information for their historically significant resources. Walking tour materials, including CDs, have been produced in both English and Spanish as a result of this project, and have highlighted prominent Mexican-American and other American Latino citizens, families, and businesses.

#### **Broad Street Regeneration Initiative**

*Pawtucket, Cumberland, and Central Falls, Rhode Island*

This project helped three Preserve America Communities produce sustainable development principles in an effort to support heritage tourism and business development in the region. Central Falls, Rhode Island, is economically depressed, and its population is approximately 48 percent Hispanic or Latino. A number of partnerships have been formed with Latino-American business development and financial investment organizations. One of the Broad Street programs has focused on international culinary culture tours that include “behind the scenes” visits to share recipes and food history, and discover how Latino foods are made.

#### **Rediscover Nogales**

*Nogales, Arizona*

The City of Nogales produced effective interpretive materials about events, individuals, organizations, and cultural and historical sites that have shaped the heritage of Nogales and the Pimeria Alta region; produced school-based educational curricula and a program to train educators on how to teach local history; produced a docent-training program for the Pimeria Alta Historical Society; and conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of these programs.

#### **Interpreting Miami’s Vizcaya Museum and Gardens**

*Miami, Florida*

The City of Miami produced a multilingual audio tour of the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens. It featured 90 minutes of content in English, Spanish, and Portuguese using archival research and interviews with experts and community members on Miami’s premier historic site.

#### **State of Florida Historic Preservation Training Initiative**

*Tallahassee, Florida*

The State of Florida provided sub-grants and technical assistance to communities in Florida for training in the study, use, protection, and promotion of local historic and cultural resources in the state.

## El Camino Real Heritage Tourism Plan

*El Paso, Texas*

This project developed a heritage tourism plan to address the broad cultural and historic heritage of El Paso, including architecture, archaeology, folklore, and community celebrations. It also examines natural, scenic, and recreational resources as well as the infrastructure and transportation components of the area.

## Re-Encuentro: Seeing El Paso Through New Eyes

*El Paso, Texas*

The El Paso History Museum partnered with the City's Library, Historic Preservation Office, and local universities, colleges, and schools to involve middle and high school students in discovering and sharing the area's rich architectural history. The neighborhoods of Chihuahita and El Segundo Barrio, the city's oldest and just across the border from Mexico, were the initial focus. Students researched and documented properties with architectural significance, conducted oral history interviews, and produced brochures.



## Preserve America and Texas Main Street: Partners in Community Development

*Texas Historical Commission*

The State Historic Preservation Office of Texas used this grant to expand and enhance technical preservation assistance provided to communities across the state through the Texas Main Street Program. The initiative also involved preservation training and education for the public through a series of seminars. Grants targeted projects that enhanced local inventories of historic properties, promoted cultural diversity, measured the economic benefits of historic preservation to small cities and towns, and provided detailed technical assistance to local communities in the promotion of their historic resources and heritage tourism. Funds were targeted at Texas Main Street Communities that are also designated Preserve America Communities.



From 2004 through 2008, **Preserve America Presidential Awards** were given to organizations, businesses, and government entities for:

- *exemplary accomplishments in the sustainable use and preservation of cultural or natural heritage assets;*
- *demonstrated commitment to the protection and interpretation of America's cultural or natural heritage assets; and*
- *the integration of these assets into contemporary community life, and combination of innovative, creative, and responsible approaches to showcasing historic resources in communities.*

More information about these awards is available at <http://www.preserveamerica.gov/presidentialaward.html>.

### **Preserve America Presidential Awards associated with Latino and/or Hispanic Heritage:**

Texas Heritage Trails Program: Statewide (2005)

Mission San Luis: Tallahassee, Florida (2006)

Hampton Hotels "Explore the Highway with Hampton, Save-A-Landmark™" Program: Nationwide (2006)

Natchitoches-Cane River Region Heritage Tourism – Louisiana (2007)

The History Channel, Save Our History Initiatives – Nationwide (2007)

Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program – Statewide (2008)

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*The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's **Chairman's Award for Achievement in Historic Preservation** has been presented to several projects with Latino and/or Hispanic association:*

General Services Administration, for the U.S. Post Office & Courthouse restoration in San Juan, Puerto Rico (2002)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, for the discovery, documentation, and relocation of shipwrecks *Manuela* and *Cristóbal Colón* in San Juan Harbor, Puerto Rico (2006) and for innovative programs in the St. Louis District funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (2009)

Department of Agriculture/Department of the Interior, for the administration of National Historic Trails, including the El Camino Real de los Tejas, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, Juan Bautista de Anza, Old Spanish, and Santa Fe National Historic Trails (2008)





**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM**  
**Office of Communications, Education, and Outreach**

The ACHP has had an active awards program since 2002 with the introduction of the ACHP Chairman's Award for Federal Achievement in Historic Preservation. Since then, awards have been re-directed or discontinued, but at the peak of the awards program, the ACHP was managing or participating in five different awards on an annual or quarterly basis. All were intended to strengthen the preservation ethic by honoring outstanding groups and projects across the country that furthered the mission of historic preservation. Awards continue to be a primary part of the Office of Communications, Education, and Outreach portfolio.

**The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Chairman's Award for Achievement in Historic Preservation** acknowledges projects, programs, initiatives, or policies related to federal actions that make significant contributions to historic preservation. Eligible nominees include federal agencies; state, local, or tribal governments; nonprofit organizations; and businesses. Nominations are accepted year-round, with awards usually conferred at ACHP business meetings or other appropriate venues.

**List of Chairman's Awards for Federal Achievement in Historic Preservation  
2002-2010**

**November 2002**

- General Services Administration for the Roxbury Boys Club Renovation in Boston, Massachusetts, and the U.S. Post Office & Courthouse Restoration in San Juan, Puerto Rico
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for the Cathlapotle Archaeological Project at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge in Ridgefield, Washington

**February 2003**

- Federal Aviation Administration for:
  - The Journey Back Home in Sitka, Alaska
  - The Quieter Home Program in San Diego, California
  - Relocation & Renovation of Building One at Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, New Jersey

**May 2003**

Economic Development Administration for the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad Track Enhancement and Upgrade Grants in Conejos County, Colorado, and Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

**August 2003**

Federal Emergency Management Agency for Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Grants for the World Trade Center Area in New York, New York

**August 2004**

USDA Forest Service for the Passport in Time Project Following the Smoke on the Six Rivers National Forest in California

**November 2004**

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for Exemplary Demonstrated Commitment to Preserve America
- National Park Service for Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future

**February 2005**

U.S. Navy, Navy Region Southwest Naval Postgraduate School for the renovation of the historic Hotel Del Monte in Monterey, California

**May 2005**

Bureau of Land Management for the Undaunted Stewardship program in Montana

**August 2005**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the rehabilitation of Hilliard Homes in Chicago, Illinois

**November 2005**

Federal Highway Administration for Transportation Enhancement Program

**February 2006**

U.S. Army Environmental Center for its role in the Native American Historical Initiative in Louisiana

**August 2006**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for discovery, documentation, and relocation of shipwrecks *Manuela* and *Cristóbal Colón* in San Juan Harbor, Puerto Rico

**November 2006**

Internal Revenue Service for the protection of historic Redstone Castle in Redstone, Colorado

**February 2007**

National Capital Planning Commission for the protection and enhancement of nationally significant heritage assets in Washington, D.C.

**August 2007**

Federal Emergency Management Agency for creation of a GIS program to record Mississippi's rich heritage assets

**November 2007**

U.S. Department of the Army, Cultural Resources Program, Fort Drum, New York, for the In Theatre Heritage Training for Deploying Personnel cultural preservation program

**February 2008**

U.S. Department of the Treasury for the restoration, renovation, and enhancement of the Treasury Building in Washington, D.C.

**May 2008**

U. S. Department of Energy for preservation and interpretation of sites and objects associated with the Manhattan Project

**August 2008**

U.S. Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture for the administration of National Historic Trails

**February 2009**

Federal Transit Administration for Section 106 work related to the former World Trade Center site

**May 2009**

Federal Communications Commission for excellent efforts and success implementing Section 106

**August 2009**

Bureau of Land Management for its Cultural Resources Data Sharing project

**December 2009**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its St. Louis District for innovative programs funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

**April 2010**

U.S. Department of the Army for preservation of Ft. Monroe, Virginia

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**February 2011**

U.S. Department of Energy and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers for creating a Prototype Programmatic Agreement to expedite and improve application of Section 106 for billions of dollars in funding from ARRA

**May 2011**

U.S. Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia State Historic Preservation Office, John Milner Associates, Inc., National Public Lands Day of the National Environmental Education Foundation, and the Institute of Maritime History for efforts to preserve, survey, research, interpret, and list three Civil War-era winter camps on the National Register of Historic Places

**August 2011**

U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, B Reactor Museum Association, Hanford Communities, Tri-City Development Council, Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau for the B Reactor Preservation Project at DOE's Hanford Site in southeastern Washington

**November 2011**

Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), the Preservation Trust of Vermont, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for The Village Revitalization Initiative, which used targeted federal grants to leverage investments for rehabilitation of historic community buildings located in the heart of a community center or in a small downtown resulting in enhanced community use

**February 2012**

General Services Administration for restoration, rehabilitation, and reuse of the Martin Luther King Jr., Federal Building in Atlanta, Georgia

**August 2012**

National Park Service, New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, and states of New York and New Jersey for the Great Urban Parks Partnership created to make New York Harbor's iconic natural and cultural treasures more readily accessible to new generations of citizens and visitors

**November 2012**

U.S. Forest Service, Northern Region (Region 1), for its Heritage Stewardship Enhancement Program that works with numerous partners to identify and protect historic places under its stewardship

**July 2013**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the New Wings Community Partnership for its rehabilitation of the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant for Middle Way House, Inc., in Bloomington, Indiana

**November 2013**

U.S. Forest Service, Regions 6 and 4, and the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience for the Asian Pacific American Heritage Program

**March 2014**

C&O Canal National Historical Park and the nonprofit C&O Canal Trust for the Canal Quarters program that preserves and provides public use of historic lockkeepers' houses along the 184.5-mile Chesapeake & Ohio (C&O) Canal

**November 2014**

Tribal Consultation Committee, North Dakota Department of Transportation, and Federal Highway Administration, North Dakota Division for efforts to improve tribal consultation practices over two decades

**March 2015**

San Francisco Heritage, National Park Service's Pacific West Region, and local partners Galing Bata After-School Program and the Filipino American Development Foundation for Discover SF! Summer Youth Program

**July 2015**

Diving With A Purpose (DWP), the National Association of Black Scuba Divers (NABS), the National Park Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) National Marine Sanctuaries for the Diving With A Purpose program that creates trained volunteer marine advocates to assist in the stewardship of heritage assets in national parks and National Marine Sanctuaries

**March 2016**

Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC), American Veterans Heritage Center, and the Ohio State University Extension-Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteers for the restoration of the historic Grotto and Gardens at the VAMC in Dayton, Ohio

**July 2016**

U.S. Department of Energy, the East Tennessee Preservation Alliance of Knox Heritage, and Dover Development Corporation for rehabilitation of the Manhattan Project-associated Alexander Inn in Oak Ridge, Tennessee

**November 2016**

Tennessee Valley Authority, University of Tennessee, Stratum Unlimited LLC, University of Alabama, and the Southeastern Climbers Coalition, in consultation with the Alabama Historical Commission and 15 federally recognized Indian tribes, for protection of pictographs, petroglyphs, and historic signatures at the Painted Bluff site, located on TVA land in Marshall County, Alabama

**November 2017**

The Williams Companies, National Park Service, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the New York State Historic Preservation Office for the successful rehabilitation of Hangars 1 and 2 at Floyd Bennett Field in the Gateway National Recreation Area in Brooklyn, New York

**July 2019**

NASA's Johnson Space Center, Space Center Houston, the City of Webster, Texas, the Manned Spaceflight Operations Association, and the ACHP for the restoration of the Apollo Mission Control Center at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas

**March 2020**

U.S. Army Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri State Historic Preservation Office, the family of Staff Sergeant Samuel A. Countee, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation for the restoration and rehabilitation of a World War II-era black officers club

**The National Trust/ACHP Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation** is the ACHP's first joint award, also going back to 2002, with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to celebrate outstanding federal partnerships. It provides an opportunity to showcase an agency's commitment to a preservation ethic and gain public awareness of its accomplishments. A jury of preservation professionals from the National Trust and the ACHP review nominations and select a winner to be honored at the National Trust's annual preservation conference. Due to changes with the conference format, this annual award ended in 2015, but was re-established in 2020.

- 2002 – An unprecedented collaboration among numerous federal (Navy, Coast Guard, etc.) and state agencies, private-sector organizations, corporations and individuals for the discovery, raising, restoration, and interpretation of the Confederate submarine *H.L. Hunley* off Charleston, South Carolina

- 2003 – the Governors Island Partnership consisting of General Services Administration, Coast Guard, National Park Service, and more than 20 state and local agencies and organizations for providing long-term protection of more than 200 years and 172 acres of historic and natural properties south of Manhattan in New York
- 2004 – National Park Service and the Alliance of National Heritage Areas for a model collaboration between federal and nonprofit entities to connect national parks with other historic sites
- 2005 – Bureau of Land Management and the Arizona Site Steward Program for its Arizona-wide project of enlisting volunteers to monitor and protect archaeological sites
- 2006 – General Services Administration, Amy Biehl High School, and New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office for the innovative effort among private citizens and public agencies that brought new use to a landmark federal building and new vitality to historic downtown Albuquerque
- 2007 – Bureau of Land Management, Anasazi Heritage Center, and Canyons of the Ancients National Monument for a model that developed extensive partnerships to protect the Colorado Monument’s resources and improve the nearby Anasazi Heritage Center
- 2008 – Department of Energy, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and partners The Atomic Heritage Foundation, Crocker LTD/ Crocker & Associates, New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office for the V-Site Restoration Project, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, where the world’s first plutonium bombs were assembled during World War II
- 2009 – Federal Transit Administration, Lower Manhattan Recovery Office and its partners the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, and National September 11 Memorial and Museum for Section 106 work related to the former World Trade Center site that preserves in place a number of Ground Zero remnants and removal of the Vesey Street Staircase for permanent exhibit
- 2010 – National Park Service and its partners Hartrampf, Inc. (and contractors), Tuskegee University, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., City of Tuskegee for the ambitious public/private partnership to preserve Moton Field at the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site, Tuskegee, Alabama, where the famed Tuskegee Airmen learned to fly
- 2011 – U.S. Army Fort A.P. Hill and the U.S. Army Environmental Command, and partners the Conservation Fund, the Rappahannock Tribe of Virginia, and Virginia State Historic Preservation Office for the Fort A.P. Hill/Camden Innovative Preservation Project, an innovative model to purchase an easement preserving archaeological sites within an off-base buffer area and the Camden National Historic Landmark in Caroline County, Virginia
- 2012 – General Services Administration and its partners Alabama Historical Commission, the U.S. District Court, and members of the Greyhound Bus Station Advisory Committee for the preservation and interpretation of two adjacent buildings iconic to the Civil Rights movement, creating the Montgomery Greyhound Bus Station/Freedom Rides Museum, in Montgomery, Alabama
- 2013 – Presidio Trust and its partners (Forest City Residential, Perkins+Will, Architectural Lighting Design, Centric Construction, CMG, Donald F. Dickerson Associates, Huntsman Architectural Group, Nabih Youssef & Associates, Page & Turnbull, Plant Construction, and Sherwood Engineering, Inc.) for the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the historic Public Health Service District that created a sustainable mixed-use community within a unique national park in San Francisco, California
- 2014 – Department of Housing and Urban Development (Office of Native American Programs) and partners Ohkay Owingeh Tribe; Ohkay Owingeh Housing Authority, Atkin Olshin Schade Architects, Avanyu General Contracting, Concept Consulting Group, LDK Consulting LLC, and New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority for the Owe’neh Bupingeh Preservation Project to rehabilitate historic adobe homes incorporating traditional methods and modern amenities to

preserve and revitalize historic plazas within the Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo in Owe'neh Bupingeh, New Mexico

- 2020 – General Services Administration and its numerous partners for the Section 111 Outleasing Program, a 20-year-old innovative model for the re-use of vacant or unneeded federal historic buildings, in partnership with various segments of the private sector

**The ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation** is a recently created joint award with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This is an annual award which is presented in association with an ACHP business meeting to 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.

### **2017**

The first recipient of the award was TRF Development Partners' renovation of the East Baltimore Historic II community that transformed an entire neighborhood block within a stressed and disinvested housing market, spurring additional rehabilitation activity nearby. Partners included BUILD Baltimore; TD Bank; East Baltimore Development, Inc.; Baltimore Housing; the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development; and the Maryland Historical Trust.

Following the ACHP business meeting, a local community event took place in Baltimore. A videotaped message from HUD Secretary Ben Carson was shared with the audience of approximately 100 community members. In addition, elected officials, such as Senator Ben Cardin and members of the Baltimore City Council, participated with speaking roles; ACHP members acknowledged awardees with certificates; and tours were given of the project area.

### **2018**

The Rosenwald Courts Apartments project, once home to record producer Quincy Jones, boxer Joe Louis, and Olympian Jesse Owens, was the recipient for the rehabilitation of the 1920s-era housing complex in Chicago, Illinois. The project retained many historic features of the original development while modernizing the space to include 239 one- and two-bedroom apartments, 40,000-square-feet of office space, and 16,000-square-feet of retail stores. It is an activity center of Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood. The restoration was conducted by Rosenwald Apartments, LP, and included partners Iceberg Development, Evercore Companies, RCAP LP, Lightengale Group, and Roos Enterprises.

### **2019**

Bell Artspace in New Orleans, Louisiana, was a former middle school campus made up of five iconic Gothic Revival buildings, which sat abandoned and deteriorating for a decade after being devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Artspace Projects Inc., the Housing Authority of New Orleans, and the Louisiana Office of Community Development repurposed the complex into a place where artists can live, work, and perform. Approximately 115 people live in 79 affordable units, including more than 20 nonartist apartments for people transitioning out of homelessness. In addition, Bell Artspace has 2,000 square feet of space for community, nonprofit, and creative enterprise partners, as well as green space. Additional partners included Providence Community Housing, Louisiana Housing Corporation, and Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

### **2020**

Vacant since the 1970s, the Historic Ashe Hospital in Jefferson, North Carolina, was recently converted into affordable housing for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities. It is an excellent example of

how affordable housing is compatible with historic preservation, while meeting local needs and continuing to be a catalyst for investment in a historic community. The award was presented to Tise-Kiester Architects; Northwestern Housing Enterprises; ALH General Contractor; Northwestern Regional Housing Authority; RedStone Equity Partners, LLC; Bank of Tennessee; Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati; and North Carolina Housing Finance Agency. The award video can be viewed on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/UvGGK5od7BA>.

Details of all of the joint ACHP/HUD Secretary's awards can be viewed at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/about/HistoricPres-intro.html>

### **Past Award Programs**

**The Preserve America Presidential Award** was the highest federal award honoring historic preservation achievement. These honorific awards were presented to winners chosen through a national competition administered by the ACHP and the U.S. Department of the Interior, in cooperation with other federal agencies and the Executive Office of the President. Beginning in 2004, four awards were given annually to organizations, businesses, or government entities for outstanding heritage tourism efforts and preservation activities. Winners were awarded at a White House ceremony in May to coincide with National Preservation Month. The program was not continued after mid-way through the 2009 cycle. See Volume 10: "Preserve America" for more information.

**The National History Teacher of the Year Award** is co-sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and HISTORY™ (formerly the History Channel). The \$10,000 prize winner is selected from a group of finalists from each state, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories, who each receive \$1,000 and a core archive of history materials for his or her school library. The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History created (in 2004 along with the ACHP) and administers this program. The ACHP had been involved in many facets of the award under the Preserve America program, until 2016. Specifically, the Office of Communications, Education, and Outreach provided promotional support and guest lists, as well as handouts, talking points, and research for ACHP leaders speaking at the award ceremony.

*July 2021*



## CHAIRMAN'S AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION

### Introduction

The Chairman's Award for Achievement in Historic Preservation recognizes projects, programs, or policies that make significant contributions to historic preservation in conjunction with a federal entity or property. This award also acknowledges noteworthy accomplishments in the promotion and advancement of goals with respect to cultural and natural heritage resources and historic preservation, especially those which add benefit for the federal government and the public.

### Eligibility

Any federal agency; state, local, or tribal government; nonprofit organization; or business is eligible to receive a Chairman's Award. Nominations must be related to federal stewardship, actions, activities, or undertakings.

### Criteria

Nominations must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Exemplary project, program, or policy resulting in rehabilitation and active use of one or more historic resources;
- Outstanding organizational leadership in historic preservation public policy, or on issues of importance to historic preservation policy;
- Exemplary stewardship, treatment, or use of one or more historic resources;
- Significant contribution to economic development, community revitalization, heritage tourism, education, public involvement, sustainability, and livable communities, or other public benefit through preservation activities or programs; including those that focus on youth engagement or the involvement of underserved and diverse audiences;
- Exemplary advancement of cultural heritage programs
- Promotion of heritage tourism and historic preservation efforts that demonstrate involvement of local government and/or other partners or stakeholders, including the federal government.

Projects must be completed—and programs or relevant policies must be substantially implemented—before a nomination is submitted. Nominated projects must have been completed in the last three years.

### Nomination Requirements

All nomination materials must include the following:

- A brief description (no more than 800 words) of the project, program, or policy that is being nominated, including the following:
  - An explanation of the significance of any historic resources involved in the nomination.

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- If applicable, the status of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- If the nomination involves a project or program: an explanation of the challenges met; any unique strategies or approaches undertaken; the impact of the project or program; and how it could be a model for other agencies.
- If other agencies or organizations made significant contributions to the success of a project, program, or policy, provide a description of their contributions. List contact person, title, agency/organization address, telephone, and e-mail address.

Nominations may also include the following:

- Up to seven supporting documents (such as brochures, news/website articles, or similar explanatory information);
- Up to three letters of recommendation submitted with nomination
- A listing of awards already received, if any.

### **Nomination Filing**

Nominations may be submitted to the ACHP for consideration at any time. All nomination materials should be submitted together in a single package. All nomination material will be retained by the ACHP. Send completed nominations electronically ([pknoll@achp.gov](mailto:pknoll@achp.gov)) or by regular mail:

Ms. Patricia Knoll  
Attn: Chairman's Award Nomination  
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
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### **Selection Process**

After staff review for fulfillment of criteria, recommendations will be made to the ACHP chairman for final decision.

### **Timeframe**

The Chairman's Award can be conferred several times a year and is not tied to a specific award cycle. It usually is presented in conjunction with ACHP business meetings.

### **Contact Information**

Questions regarding the nomination process may be directed to Ms. Patricia Knoll at [pknoll@achp.gov](mailto:pknoll@achp.gov) or 202-517-1483.



# Federal Partnerships Award

## National Trust/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation

The National Trust/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) Award honors outstanding partnerships that advance the preservation of important historic resources and have an impact on the community. It celebrates a project or program in which a federal agency and one or more non-federal partners have achieved an exemplary preservation outcome. Award winners will be honored at [PastForward 2021](#).

For inspiration, [learn more about past years' awardees](#).

View a video of the 2020 Federal Partnerships Award recipient: [U.S. General Services Administration Outleasing Program](#)

**Deadline extended! We are now accepting nominations for the National Preservation Awards through February 26, 2021. Sign up for email reminders [here](#).**

### Eligibility

- Nominated projects must have been completed within three years of the submission deadline. Long-term projects or programs are eligible if substantial achievements have been made within the last three years.
- Nominations should specify the federal agency and non-federal partners contributing to the success of the project or program. List significant partners as co-nominees and provide contact information for each. Strong agency employee participation is necessary in addition to any contractor participation.
- Nominations submitted in previous years that were not selected to receive an award may be updated and resubmitted.
- Nominations may be made without the knowledge of the nominee, but nominees must be present, either in person or virtually as agreed upon with the National Trust, at the award ceremony to receive recognition.

- Self-nominations will be accepted.
- Properties owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation will not be considered, nor will individuals or groups of individuals for their work relative to National Trust properties.

### **Award Criteria**

The National Trust/ACHP award uses the same general evaluation criteria as the [Richard H. Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Awards](#). The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Award nominees are judged for the success they have achieved in the preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and interpretation of our architectural and cultural heritage.

The general evaluation criteria include the following:

- Impact of the nominee's project or effort on the community, including economic impact.
- Quality and degree of difficulty of the nominee's project or effort.
- Degree to which the nominee's project or effort is unusual or pioneering or serves as an example that influences others.

In addition, the following criteria apply to the National Trust/ACHP Award nominees:

- Extent to which the completed project or established program demonstrates an exemplary federal role and a sustained federal/non-federal partnership and can serve as a model for other partnerships.
- Preservation of a significant historic resource(s) through a creative team approach.
- Demonstrated commitment to furthering a federal preservation ethic.
- Long-term projects or programs are eligible if substantial achievements have been made within the last three years.
- Preference will be given to projects that have achieved preservation outcomes in part through Section 106 review.

### **Award Benefits**

The National Trust/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) Award recipient will receive:

- Complimentary registration to the PastForward conference, as well as complimentary guest tickets to the award ceremony at the PastForward conference.
- A physical award which will be presented at an awards ceremony during the PastForward conference

### **Expectations**

- At least one representative of the recipient project/program must appear at the awards ceremony during the PastForward conference
- Recipients are responsible for their own travel and lodging to PastForward
- Recipients will be available to provide quotes and background information for press releases and other media surrounding the award and the award presentation
- Recipients may be asked to give brief remarks during the awards ceremony
- Recipients may be asked to write a blog post for the [Preservation Leadership Forum blog](#) and/or may be asked to contribute to [Forum Journal](#)
- Recipients may be asked to serve as panel members for educational sessions at PastForward
- Recipients will be asked to publicize their award through their social media channels, if applicable

### **Key Dates**

- **January 4, 2021:** Nomination period opens

- **February 15, 2021:** Nomination forms due at 11:59 p.m. (your local time)
- **By July 1, 2021:** Nominators and award recipients notified. The nominator will be notified for those not selected.
- **November 1-5, 2021:** The award ceremony is currently scheduled to take place at [PastForward 2021](#) in Washington, D.C. the week of November 1-5, 2021. Award recipients are *required* to be present, either in person or virtually as agreed upon with the National Trust, at their award presentation.

## Nomination Process and Procedures

Nominators must complete one nomination form (requirements listed below) and submit it before the February 15, 2021 deadline in order for the nominee to be considered for the The National Trust/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) Award for Federal Partnerships. Self-nominations are accepted.

Nominations must conform to the procedures outlined on this page to be considered for an award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. A link to the nomination can be found at the bottom of this page. Please be sure to read all guidelines and eligibility information before starting your nomination.

## Nomination Requirements

In order to be considered for the Trustees' Award for Organizational Excellence, a nomination including the following must be submitted by February 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (your local time):

- A completed nomination form that includes:
  - A concise narrative (7,500 characters or less including spaces) that describes the individual's preservation achievements and addresses the award's specific criteria (listed above)
  - Up to 5 brochures or news clippings
  - Up to 3 letters of recommendation
  - Up to 10 photos. We strongly recommend including one historic exterior photo, one current exterior photo, and photos showing the site pre- and post-renovation.
  - Up to 2 video files related to the project/program. Examples: footage of preservation projects, community testimonials, news cuts, etc.

## Nomination Form

All nominations must be submitted online. Paper submissions will not be accepted.

**[Click here to access the National Preservation Awards submission form.](#)** To begin your nomination, you will need to sign up for a Submittable account or sign in to an existing Submittable account if applicable. Once you have signed into Submittable, the submission form will become available. Answer the first question according to which award category you are submitting a nomination for. If you wish to be considered for multiple categories, you will need to submit multiple nominations. Once you begin your nomination, you will be able to save your progress and return to the site to continue working on the form by clicking "Save Draft" at the bottom of the page.

If you have any questions, please contact Lizzy Barringer at [awards@savingplaces.org](mailto:awards@savingplaces.org).



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## 2021 NATIONAL PRESERVATION AWARD



## ACHP/HUD SECRETARY'S *Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation*

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) partners with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to recognize developers, organizations, and agencies for their success in advancing the goals of historic preservation while providing affordable housing and/or expanded economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income families and individuals. In addition, nominated projects or activities will be judged for the success they have achieved in preserving, rehabilitating, restoring, and interpreting our architectural and cultural heritage. Eligible projects must meet the following criteria:

- **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 and/or tribal community revitalization efforts**

*During the Depression, local residents provided labor and materials to help construct the Ashe Hospital in Jefferson, NC. It was vacated in the 1970s and sat empty until the community recently reinvented the landmark building as housing for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities. The project won the 2020 ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award.*

## NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations must answer all the following questions by number:

1. What makes the nominated project exemplary? Provide a one-page summary of the project including the historical significance of the site, the challenges faced, the outcome of the project and its benefits.
2. How does the nominated project or activity provide for the continued or adaptive use of historic structures and districts for affordable housing and/or economic development opportunities?
3. How does the project benefit low- or moderate-income families and individuals?
4. When was the project completed? Projects completed within three years of nomination are eligible. Long-term projects or programs are eligible if substantial achievements have been made within the last three years.
5. Is the project or activity in an area that is part of a locally developed, overall community revitalization effort, or part of a community revitalization plan?
6. What are the impacts of the nominee's project on the community? Community impacts may include (but are not limited to) social and economic benefits, resiliency strategies, cultural integrity, youth engagement, and sustainability.
7. What are the quality and degree of difficulty of the nominee's project or efforts?
8. How is the nominee's project unusual or pioneering?
9. Can the project serve as an example for others?
10. What sources of funding were used to complete the project (e.g. HUD assistance, Opportunity Zone fund, other public funds, private funds, tax credits, etc.)?
11. What role did HUD assistance play in the nominated project or activity?
12. How did the project comply with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*?
13. What finding of effect resulted from the Section 106 review of the project? Nominated projects must have undergone Section 106 review.

Each nomination must include the following attachments:

- Complete contact information for nominator and key partners (list no more than six). Include name, title, organization/business, mailing address, telephone number, and email address.
- A brief project budget that addresses the total cost of the project, the sources and amounts of funding for the project, and the specific HUD program(s) that provided assistance (e.g. CDBG, HOME, RAD, 221(d)(4), etc.).
- One to five supporting brochures or news clippings.
- One to three letters of recommendation.
- A list of past awards this project received.
- A copy of the Section 106 concurrence letter from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Part 2 Historic Tax Credit approval, or executed Section 106 Agreement Document.
- Five to 10 high-quality jpeg digital images totaling no more than 25 MB. Each image must be numbered and named with the project name and very brief description (e.g. #1 Stanley Hall, rear façade). Attach the images to the same email as your nomination document noted below. Horizontal photos are preferred. Photos should show some of the outstanding preservation work the nominee has accomplished; before and after images are helpful.

Nominations must be completed electronically as a Word document and submitted following the instructions provided at: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/about/ExcellenceHistPres-submit.html>.

**All nominations are due by 11:59 p.m. PDT on April 16, 2021.**

Complete submissions must be received by the deadline to be considered. Supplemental information received after the deadline will not be considered.

A jury of HUD and ACHP representatives will review the nominations for the ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation and recommend a winner. The finalist will be notified by early September. Award announcement and presentation will be made at a special ceremony related to the fall 2021 ACHP business meeting (location to be determined).

To review descriptions of previous award-winning projects, go to [www.huduser.gov](http://www.huduser.gov). Projects are listed under Secretary's Awards.

Contact 1-800-245-2691 or [helpdesk@huduser.gov](mailto:helpdesk@huduser.gov) with any questions.



## YOUTH OUTREACH

A major focus of the ACHP is to build a preservation ethic among young people across America, to engage them as students in an interest in historic preservation that hopefully will last their entire lives. Through a variety of avenues, the ACHP tries to reach young people to spread messages of history, historic preservation, community involvement, and educational opportunities.

<https://www.achp.gov/initiatives/youth-outreach>

**Strategic Plan:** ACHP members adopted a Youth Strategic Plan in 2016 to amplify the intentions to involve youth in historic preservation matters and make sure they are an identified audience for all ACHP work. <https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/youth-strategic-plan-2016.pdf>

**Social Media:** the ACHP knows youth are a major audience for social media messaging, and so much of the outreach is sent through the social media channels that the agency maintains.

**Preservation in Practice:** the ACHP partners with the National Park Service and National Trust for Historic Preservation on Preservation in Practice—a program meant to involve architecture students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities in preservation and experiential learning at National Parks and on their college campuses. It also opens channels for networking and career advice and placement. <https://www.achp.gov/preservationinpractice>

**Other Youth Outreach:** the ACHP also works with members on various projects they produce and promote involving young people in all levels of schooling. Former Chairman Milford Wayne Donaldson wrote an article in 2011 summarizing many of the ACHP's youth outreach programs at the time, a nice history of the agency's work: <https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/2018-12/Donaldson%20Article.pdf>

**Traditional Trades Training:** the ACHP's Traditional Trades Training Task Force's goals include involving schools that offer studies in skilled craftsmanship into ACHP promotion and outreach to students.

<https://www.achp.gov/initiatives/traditional-trades-training>



## NEWS ITEMS, CONFERENCES, AND SPECIAL EVENTS

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation participates in conferences and special events on a regular basis in order to expand outreach to a variety of audiences. Below are links to a sampling of these events over the past two years.

2020 HBCU Week Conference: <https://www.achp.gov/news/achp-honored-white-house-initiative-historically-black-colleges-and-universities-during-hbcu>

2020 Chairman's Award for Achievement in Historic Preservation Ceremony: <https://www.achp.gov/news/fort-leonard-wood-black-officers-club-restoration-project-honored-chairmans-award>

Chairman Jorjani participates in ceremony for joint award with the National Trust for Historic Preservation at PastForward 2020: <https://go.usa.gov/x7W84>

ACHP Chairman Travels to Montana to Establish Partnership with Salish Kootenai Tribal College: <https://www.achp.gov/news/achp-enters-partnership-salish-kootenai-college-educate-students-historic-preservation>

ACHP hosts Media Days for Preservation in Practice Program in Tuskegee, Alabama: <https://www.achp.gov/news/tuskegee-university-students-participate-hands-historic-preservation-training-projects>

Chairman Tours Upcoming World War I Memorial: <https://www.achp.gov/news/achp-chairman-tours-upcoming-national-world-war-i-memorial>

ACHP Chairman, Executive Director Attend Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for NASA's Apollo Mission Control Center Restoration: <https://www.achp.gov/news/achp-chairman-executive-director-attend-ribbon-cutting-and-grand-opening-nasas-apollo-mission>

### News Articles:

*Architectural Digest*: Will Historic Preservation Survive COVID-19: <https://www.architecturaldigest.com/story/will-historic-preservation-survive-covid-19>

Law 360: FCC Speeds Up 5G Permit Process For Historic, Tribal Sites: <https://www.law360.com/articles/1286932/fcc-speeds-up-5g-permit-process-for-historic-tribal-sites>

Urban Milwaukee: \$44 Million Soldiers Home Project Launched: <https://alexandercompany.com/44-million-soldiers-home-project-launched/>



## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

The ACHP has produced a large library of publications over its 50-plus year history. The new website offered some streamlining, and thus selected publications are available for downloading at this link: <https://www.achp.gov/about/publications>. The ACHP receives requests for publications frequently and provides them for free to citizens, either by sending hard copies in the mail or sending the links for download from the website.

***Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review*** [https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-01/CitizenGuide2021\\_011321.pdf](https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-01/CitizenGuide2021_011321.pdf)

***Citizen's Guide en español*** [https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-06/CitizenGuide2021Spanish\\_011321.pdf](https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-06/CitizenGuide2021Spanish_011321.pdf)

**2021 *In a Spirit of Stewardship* report on federal property management** <https://www.achp.gov/digital-library-section-106-landing/spirit-stewardship-report-federal-historic-property-0>

***Managing Change: Preservation and Rightsizing in America*** <https://www.achp.gov/digital-library-section-106-landing/managing-change-preservation-and-rightsizing-america-0>

***Preserving Historic Post Offices: A Report to Congress***  
[https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2018-06/04002014\\_Preserving%20Historic%20Post%20Officesreport.pdf](https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2018-06/04002014_Preserving%20Historic%20Post%20Officesreport.pdf)

***Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings*** [https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-04/LeveragingReport\\_040221-Final.pdf](https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-04/LeveragingReport_040221-Final.pdf)

**Section 106 Success Story project:** 108 stories about the way Section 106 has helped projects, large and small, all across the United States: <https://www.achp.gov/success-stories>. Additionally, some videos have been produced about the stories: <https://www.achp.gov/storiesstatelist>.

A few examples that might be of interest:

Connecticut: *Highways to History* <https://www.achp.gov/success-stories/highways-history>

Texas: DeLuxe Theater <https://www.achp.gov/success-stories/deluxe-theater> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pagi7Qz8Rw>

Monroe Shops <https://www.achp.gov/success-stories/monroe-shops>

Spindletop Oil Field <https://www.achp.gov/success-stories/spindletop-oil-field>

New York: African Burial Ground <https://www.achp.gov/success-stories/african-burial-ground>

Saratoga Battlefield <https://www.achp.gov/success-stories/saratoga-battlefield>

TWA Terminal <https://www.achp.gov/success-stories/twa-terminal>



## ACHP MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

One of the priorities of ACHP staff is ensuring that members are aware of ACHP activities, as well as all general developments in the historic preservation field. The ACHP staff undertakes a variety of steps to meet these member communication goals, both regularly scheduled and on occasion, as warranted basis.

The goal of these outreach efforts is to strike the right balance of information to members without overwhelming them with information. Currently there are nine regularly scheduled member communications between ACHP Business Meetings.

The regularly scheduled member communications calendar is as follows:

1. ACHP Business Meeting
2. Meeting Summary posted on ACHP website within three days of meeting
3. Business Meeting Highlights sent to members two weeks after meeting
4. Committee Reports sent to members two weeks after Business Meeting Highlights
5. Meeting Minutes sent to members two weeks after Committee Reports
6. Member E- Newsletter Member Report sent to members two or three weeks after Meeting Minutes
7. Committee Conference Calls take place mid-way between business meetings
8. Committee Call Reports sent to members within one week of Committee Conference Calls
9. Meeting announcement sent to members six weeks before business meeting
10. Meeting Book posted for members two weeks before business meeting
11. ACHP Business Meeting

Additionally, ACHP staff occasionally sends an informal “Members in the News” email which highlights member activity. Members may receive other announcements as a part of general mailings, for example; legislative alerts when they seem to be urgent or of particular member interest; copies of ACHP letters or testimony on major legislative or executive branch actions; and requests for member input. Members are also occasionally provided information or updates regarding tribal and Native Hawaiian issues of broad interest or concern.

Members are also notified periodically about high profile Section 106 cases or thematic issues via the agency’s social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, as well as the ACHP website, or email. The staff handles the bulk of the ACHP’s routine Section 106 reviews on behalf of the membership. (For context, as of December 31, 2020, the ACHP was actively participating in 261 Section 106 consultations and had 536 open technical assistance requests.) Only those cases that may require ACHP comment or other member action after consultation has been terminated and ones of high visibility are normally reported to the members.

Members also receive periodic information about major Section 106-related developments, including new nationwide Programmatic Agreements, Program Comments, new guidance, handbooks, information about Section 106 training, e-learning information, and announcements on new programs or tools, such as Guidance on Agreement Documents and the Applicant Toolkit.

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Members receive press releases or links to stories of interest about historic preservation, and have access to a password-protected member website, available at all times. As needed, the executive director sends a broadcast email to members regarding legal issues of relevance to the members and the overall work of the agency.

Other communications have to do with: members' required annual ethics training and reminders about members' need to file their financial disclosures.

*July 2021*



## **INTERNSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AT THE ACHP Office of Preservation Initiatives**

The Office of Preservation Initiatives has developed and managed a formal ACHP internship program since 2013 with support from the ACHP Foundation as well as direct involvement from the other ACHP program offices. Prior to the establishment of a formal program, the ACHP hosted interns on an ad hoc basis. Partnerships with American University's Washington Internships for Native Students and the SRI Foundation (a nonprofit historic preservation foundation) have supported some internship opportunities, and in 2018, a gift to the ACHP Foundation supported a Native American Fellow. In 2017 and 2018, a partnership with the Smithsonian Institution supported a joint Cultural Heritage Fellowship focused on research connecting museum collections and historic places. Additional outreach to Historically Black Colleges and Universities recently brought us an intern, and this summer, for the first time, a partnership with Salish Kootenai College will support an intern who is a student in their Tribal Historic Preservation program. Building a more inclusive preservation program is an important goal of the ACHP internship program.

The Office of Communications, Education, and Outreach connected with a Rutgers University "Externship" program in 2019 and has hosted students during January, March, and summer for a one-week intensive internship. The externs assist with social media research and planning, takeover the ACHP's Instagram for a day, produce Section 106 Success Stories videos, write topical articles for the website and social media, and meet with historic preservation professionals.

Each year, the ACHP hosts up to four summer interns, and sometimes a spring or fall intern; 37 have participated since 2013. Each has made significant contributions to agency work while gaining experience and insight into the national preservation program. Interns are provided with an orientation to the work of the agency and preservation partners, receive Section 106 training, network with other Washington, D.C.-area preservation interns, and attend meetings and conferences with staff. ACHP professionals propose projects, make final intern selections, and supervise interns. The ACHP Foundation provides stipends for most of the interns and assists them with networking and advice. The internship program coordinator maintains contacts and cultivates partnerships with educational institutions and other organizations to advance the purposes of the internship program, promotes the internships, manages recruitment and selection, coordinates administrative matters related to the interns, schedules or organizes professional development opportunities for ACHP interns, and oversees program evaluation and refinement.

Internships at the ACHP have become a sought after opportunity; nearly 100 applications are received annually. A transition to virtual internships for 2020 and 2021 has gone smoothly and has enabled some interns to participate who may not otherwise have been able to. Many former interns are completing graduate studies in historic preservation or related fields, while others have gone on to important positions in the preservation field, including three who have joined the ACHP staff. These positions have included a senior grants manager and the director of the Easement Program at the National Trust for Historic Preservation; an architectural historian/National Register coordinator at the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office; the senior program manager, Consulting Services, Partners for Sacred Places, Chicago, Illinois; the executive director, Historic Natchez Foundation; a planner, City of Hendersonville, North Carolina; a NEPA compliance specialist, General Services Administration (National Capital

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Region); the Historic Bridge Program manager, PennDOT; a docent at historic houses in the French Quarter, New Orleans, Louisiana; an assistant archaeologist, St. Mary's City, Maryland; and an associate in a national consulting firm providing services to developers, lenders, and investors involved in the rehabilitation of historic income-producing real estate.

The ACHP's internship program helps support implementation of the agency's Engaging Youth Strategic Plan, adopted in March 2016. Long-range goals emphasized in the plan include bringing more young people into active participation in the historic preservation movement, promoting understanding of the importance of historic preservation to all American youth, and encouraging young people to consider careers in the field of historic preservation.



## MAJOR ACTIVITIES UPDATE March—May 2020

### ***Digital Information Task Force Report and Implementation***

The ACHP [announced the findings of the Digital Information Task Force](#) on April 20 to a broad audience of federal agencies, preservation partners, and the general public. The Task Force was charged with formulating recommendations to improve the availability of digital and geospatial information about historic properties in an effort to inform federal project planning and presented its [final report](#) to the ACHP membership at the March business meeting. The report's recommendations about increasing the use of digital mapping and web-based review submission systems have taken on new significance as the advent of the recent pandemic highlights the importance of tools enabling remote work. Funding for these digital information systems has become a focal point of preservation organizations as proposals for addressing economic recovery advance.

Task Force Chairman Jordan Tannenbaum and Blythe Semmer recently taped an online interview about the Task Force's recommendations for National Historic Preservation Month. Implementation of specific action items in the report will continue through the next several months and involve collaboration with a wide range of partners.

### ***Program Alternatives Information and the OneDrive Link***

All members were sent a link on April 9 to the OneDrive file share site where the ACHP is posting current information about multiple program alternatives currently in different stages of development. A new folder has been created for the proposed amendment of the Federal Communications Commission's Broadband Program Comment to cover broadband expansion efforts supported by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. Additional information is also being uploaded for the U.S. Forest Service's Program Comment for Decommissioning Facilities and its proposed nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Project Phasing. Members will be notified by email when program alternative concept outlines or drafts are available for comment opportunities.

### ***Section 3 Report Preparation***

The ACHP issued [advisory guidelines to federal agencies](#) about preparation of 2020 agency progress reports on March 23. Changes in this cycle include requesting less quantitative reporting and a focus specifically on the themes of developing, using, and making available digital information on historic properties and outleasing of federally owned historic buildings. The shorter and more streamlined guidelines should assist agencies in reporting this cycle in the face of challenges occasioned by the pandemic. The September 30 submission deadline is a firm date established by executive order. The ACHP encourages agencies to focus their reporting effort on change and progress over the last three years. Section 3 progress reports will be discussed during a planned May Federal Preservation Officer teleconference, and the ACHP staff will share a new fact sheet on the history of Section 3 and how it has shaped ACHP accomplishments over the past 16 years.

### ***Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings Working Group***

Chairman Aimee Jorjani established the ACHP’s Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings Working Group to develop best practices and recommendations to assist agencies in leasing federal historic buildings to the private sector. It is also looking to identify areas where regulatory and/or legislative changes could assist in overcoming existing obstacles. The workgroup has convened several times to take an in-depth look at these issues, learn from the General Services Administration about its outleasing and historic preservation programs, and better understand successful examples of both small and large-scale outleasing projects associated with the National Park Service (NPS) and Department of Veterans Affairs from private sector perspectives. ACHP staff has also analyzed the results of a survey completed by the six federal agency members. The results demonstrate that agencies use existing authorities to varying degrees, and there is a lack of a standardized federal process for weighing key variables when agencies are making decisions on whether to retain a historic building. These are areas the working group intends to focus its efforts on in future meetings. The working group will convene virtually a fourth time May 18 for a session entitled “Capital and Credit–Financing a Federal Outleasing Project” to discuss how to structure adaptive reuse outleasing projects in order to successfully overcome financing challenges.

### ***Section 106 Training***

The extensive Stay-at-Home orders and uncertain travel prospects have led the ACHP to cancel its previously scheduled Section 106 onsite classroom courses for the foreseeable future. Staff is, however, working to make the *Section 106 Essentials* and *Section 106 Agreements Seminar* available, at a reduced fee, in a remote classroom format later this year. It is anticipated that an announcement and registration opportunities for these electronic courses will be available by June.

Similarly, the training program is focusing on distance learning opportunities during the COVID-19 emergency. Nearly 1,600 people have registered for 16 Section 106 live webinar sessions in May. These webinars will introduce beginners – those new to the Section 106 review process— to its requirements and teach them how to begin applying the concepts to their work. In addition to these webinars, [the ACHP’s eLearning portal](#) now has seven online courses available, free of charge. In April, staff also made a timely addition of the eLearning course, *What Now? Protecting Historic Properties during Disaster Response*.

### ***Preservation in Practice***

Due to concerns related to COVID-19 affecting travel and lodging, program managers decided that Preservation in Practice will not proceed this summer. The ACHP, NPS, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) are looking forward to restarting the program in the spring of 2021, with Morgan State University, Hampton University, and Tuskegee University. Since its inception in 2018, the program has been met with great enthusiasm. It is the only national program addressing the under-representation of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) architecture graduates in historic preservation. The program has had 18 participants, and at least four have taken jobs in historic preservation following program completion.

This year would have been a year of growth in the program. It would have been the first year to include three universities. Preservation in Practice managers received 25 applications; 20 students were accepted, and five were on the waitlist.

The partners are currently discussing an alternative for 2020. The NTHP developed suggestions for a related program to take place in the fall, connected to the annual PastForward conference. This would involve alumni from the two prior years and would expand the program to incorporate virtual sessions

related to career development and other historic preservation subjects. Also, NPS is contracting with a consultant to evaluate the overall program to make recommendations for improvements for future years. The goal of this assessment is to make the program even more worthwhile to HBCU students and their universities.

### ***Award Programs***

The Office of Communications, Education, and Outreach (OCEO) continues to move forward with its award programs for the rest of the year. Nominations closed for the ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award on April 20 with three eligible submissions. Department of Housing and Urban Development and ACHP staff will evaluate the material in preparation for jury review next month. The ceremony is scheduled to take place in conjunction with the fall ACHP business meeting in October. Later that month will be the presentation of the revived National Trust/ACHP Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation. Suspended in 2015 but renewed in 2020, this award honors outstanding partnerships that advance the preservation of important historic resources and have an impact on the community. Awardees will be recognized during the PastForward conference in Miami, Florida.

### ***Conference Participation***

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced the cancellation or postponement of many conferences. At this time, OCEO is still planning agency participation in several conferences in the fall. In September, Chairman Jorjani is an invited speaker at the American Cultural Resources Association conference in San Antonio, Texas, along with Senior Program Analyst Blythe Semmer hosting a listening session about e-106 systems. Also, OCEO has a partnership role at the HBCU Week Conference in Washington, D.C. The ACHP is part of an arts, humanities, libraries, and history cluster of the White House Initiative on HBCUs. The group will be leading a track on federal funding and other opportunities in the arts, humanities, history and culture fields, as well as exhibiting at the conference. October will focus on participation at the PastForward conference, with a sponsorship table and awarding the joint National Trust/ACHP Award.

### ***National Historic Preservation Month***

The last seven weeks have been a challenge in many ways, but they have also allowed the ACHP and other federal agencies and organizations to show commitment to their work using online media platforms, including social media. The ACHP has a full month of events planned for National Historic Preservation Month in May. Zoom is being utilized to record a variety of interviews, which will be posted on the agency's social media platforms, including the following:

- [Chairman Aimee Jorjani's interview with Nicholas Redding of Preservation Maryland](#) about preservation's contribution to recovery and how people can support historic places now, and when they reopen, online now via the ACHP's website and social media channels
- Interview with ACHP member Jordan Tannenbaum about the Digital Information Task Force findings
- Interview with Jon Beck of The Alexander Company about the Milwaukee VA Soldiers Home project

The ACHP plans to offer more interviews as the month progresses.

Other features this month include an article by Texas State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers President Mark Wolfe about how SHPOs are working through the COVID-19 challenges, as well as how people can support historic sites at this

time, and in the future. [Mr. Wolfe's interview](#) is live on the ACHP website and Facebook. Other social media posts will include opportunities for virtual tours of historic sites around the nation and invitations to our followers to share their photos of successes in historic preservation.

Be sure to follow the ACHP social media channels, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube to stay in touch with the ACHP's work. The ACHP's social media platform can be accessed from the home page at [www.achp.gov](http://www.achp.gov). Or one can go directly to these sites:

Facebook -- <https://www.facebook.com/usachp>

Twitter -- <https://twitter.com/usachp> and find Chairman Jorjani @ACHPChairman

Instagram -- <https://www.instagram.com/usachp/>

LinkedIn -- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/340224/admin/>

YouTube -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChReeJ63BktsEqSidL396Ng>

### ***Salish-Kootenai College Partnership***

In furtherance of the Memorandum of Understanding among the ACHP, Salish-Kootenai College (SKC), and the ACHP Foundation, the Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA) had been planning both in-person presentations to students in SKC's tribal historic preservation courses and a summit to bring together tribal, federal and state agency, and private industry preservation experts with SKC students. However, both have been postponed since both SKC and the offices of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) closed in mid-March. The summit may be rescheduled for September or such time as SKC and CSKT reopen and are willing to host it. In the interim, ONAA staff is working with SKC on the possibility of online presentations.

### ***Tribal Heritage Grants***

ONAA staff have been participating in the review of Fiscal Year 2020 Tribal Heritage Grants with NPS. These grants, authorized through the National Historic Preservation Act, are designed to assist federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian organizations (NHOs) in protecting and promoting their unique cultural heritage and traditions. Funding allotted through the Historic Preservation Fund for FY 2020 is approximately \$500,000, allowing recipients to focus on their preservation priorities such as traditional skills, oral history, plant and animal species important in tradition, sacred and historic places, and the establishment of Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs). ONAA staff participated in the review, comment, and ranking of 10-12 grant applications and an inter-agency panel comprised of subject matter experts to determine final recipients for grant funding.

### ***Tribal Training***

ONAA has begun developing an online, on-demand training course on the Section 106 process for Indian tribes and THPOs. The course would be similar to the Section 106 course for NHOs that ONAA launched in February but is tailored to Indian tribes and would provide them with strategies to employ prior to and during the Section 106 process as well as during project implementation.

Recognizing that it may be quite some time before face-to-face gatherings are possible, ONAA is also developing webinars and working with the Office of Federal Agency Programs (OFAP) to deliver training that meets tribal training needs. The first webinar will be offered in June for the Indian tribes in Virginia as a substitute for the in-person training ONAA was to deliver for them in April. ONAA is also working on a course called, *Diplomacy and Protocols: Working with Indian Tribes*, to promote and foster better and more effective relationships between federal agencies and Indian tribes. The course fulfills the multiple requests from tribal leaders for such training.

### ***America 250 Parks, Preservation, and Public Spaces Task Force***

In early April, Chairman Jorjani was invited by the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission (Commission) to represent the ACHP on the newly created America 250 Parks, Preservation, and Public Spaces Task Force. The group has been convened to promote preservation of parks and historic sites for the commemoration and explore programs to preserve and promote the legacy of our built and natural environment. In addition to the ACHP, the Task Force includes members of the Commission and representatives of the America 250 Foundation; American Battlefield Trust; NPS; National Park Foundation; National Parks of New York Harbor Conservancy; Daughters of the American Revolution; and NTHP.

The [first meeting of the group](#) took place April 28 and focused principally on updates and initial brainstorming. Notably, NPS announced it is developing a strategic plan for the agency's Semiquincentennial activities that is scheduled for completion this summer. Chairman Jorjani encouraged NPS to fully integrate its partnership programs (such as Teaching with Historic Places and Discover Our Shared Heritage Travel Itineraries) into its planning. Task Force members identified other national groups that might contribute to the Task Force's work and potentially could be asked to join the group. The next Task Force meeting will be in early June.

### ***Traditional Trades Training Task Force***

The Traditional Trades Task Force is being developed to consider key issues regarding the need for skilled preservation trades workers. Key issues include recognized trades training credentials, apprenticeships, and curriculum development. By exploring current opportunities and future possibilities, the group will develop recommendations for federal action that could be embodied in an ACHP policy statement. Chairman Jorjani is finalizing members of the Task Force. Be on the look-out for an upcoming press release announcing the members with an initial meeting to take place in June.

### ***Affordable Housing Policy Statement***

At the March ACHP business meeting, the Preservation Initiatives Committee recommended that the ACHP take a look at the ACHP 2006 policy statement on preservation and affordable housing. The goal is to see if the policy statement needs updating and/or further dissemination. The Office of Preservation Initiatives will be working in collaboration with OFAP to develop material for further consideration at the summer ACHP meeting.



## ACHP Members' Report

August 14, 2020

### *From the Chairman's Desk*

#### **Office Operating Status and Reopening**

Due to COVID-19 conditions in the Washington, D.C. region, the entire ACHP staff has been teleworking full time since March 16, 2020. The ACHP has a reopening plan in place that follows guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget. The plan calls for the ACHP to reopen in three phases, each one reached after certain "gating" criteria are met concurrently in the D.C. region jurisdictions. The more prominent gating criteria requires a downward trend, over 14 days, in daily new COVID-19 cases. Very generally speaking:

- Phase One: Allows employees to voluntarily return to the office if they self-certify as not being at higher risk for COVID-19 severe illness (higher risk), and their physical presence in the office is required to significantly enhance ACHP operations.
- Phase Two: Would have groups of employees rotate on alternate days in the office. However, this phase contains several exceptions (e.g., higher risk employees; those facing challenges due to lack of in-person school or camp for their children). A recent survey found that the overwhelming majority of employees qualified for an exception and voiced a desire to use it. So, it is likely that this phase will not look much different than Phase One to outsiders.
- Phase Three: Part one of Phase Three would be like Phase Two (rotating groups of employees through the office) but with fewer exceptions; part two of Phase Three would return the ACHP to normal, pre-COVID-19 operations.

On June 10, 2020, the ACHP moved into Phase One, where it has remained to this day (as of August 14, 2020). We do not expect to go back to normal, pre-COVID-19 operations until at least mid-September 2020.

ACHP managers have not noticed any deficiencies during this time of full-staff/full-time telework. The staff has adjusted well to working remotely using remote access to our servers and videoconferencing.

#### **ACHP October Meeting Plans**

The pandemic forced us to reschedule the summer ACHP in-person meeting from July to October 7-8, 2020. At this writing, we still plan to host the business meeting in person in Washington, D.C. on October 8. However, there are a number of changes that we are exploring. First, we intend to have the committee meetings that are usually on-site at the National Building Museum in a virtual format. They would be Zoom meetings and scheduled for the week preceding the business meeting (September 28-October 2). They would be staggered, so all members can participate in all committee meetings. Precise times and dates will be forthcoming shortly.

For the business meeting, we are exploring meeting spaces where proper health safety practices can be used. We are also looking at ways for those members who may not wish to travel to D.C. to join in remotely.

Needless to say, our final meeting plans will be determined by the state of the COVID-19 outbreak as we near the meeting and relevant local conditions and possible travel restrictions. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions of how we should proceed, particularly those of you from outside the D.C. area who would have to travel to attend. Ultimately, I would like

to keep the option open for those who would like to come in person (including myself) while offering full flexibility for others to participate virtually.

### **Membership Changes**

Since the March meeting there has been significant activity on the ACHP membership front. On April 29, I conducted a virtual swearing-in ceremony for Mayor Robert Simison of Meridian, Idaho. Mayor Simison assumes the statutory seat of a mayor on the ACHP, which has been vacant since January 2016. His term runs until 2024, as long as he is serving as mayor. On June 24, Rick Gonzalez, president of REG Architects in Palm Beach, Florida, took the oath of office as an expert member, succeeding Terry Guen. His term runs to June 2023. A month later, the President designated Rick as the ACHP's vice chairman. Rounding out this recent burst of activity on the appointments front was the swearing-in of John Frey, a real estate broker and state legislator from Ridgefield, Connecticut, on July 23. John serves as a general public member and succeeds Leonard Forsman. [Read the story and their biographies.](#)



*John Frey's ACHP swearing in*

With our new appointees on board, I have named Jay Vogt to succeed Jordan Tannenbaum as chairman of the Federal Agency Programs Committee and Vice Chairman Gonzalez as chairman of the Preservation Initiatives Committee, succeeding Brad White. Jordan and Brad have done a great job, providing outstanding leadership and guidance. I look forward to their continued contributions as chairmen emeriti.

### **Executive Order on Building and Rebuilding Monuments to American Heroes**

On July 3, President Trump signed the Executive Order on Building and Rebuilding Monuments to American Heroes. The EO established an interagency task force on which the ACHP sits with the purpose of proposing options for the creation of the National Garden and commissioning of new statutes and works of art. The report to the President on proposed site options is due to him on September 1. The Task Force has met three times. The ACHP has contributed Section 106 background, ACHP Controversial Commemorative Works Policy Statement, legal authorities, as well as information on criteria to inform on the selection of American heroes for the garden. I also made a visit to a potential proposed site. Native America Affairs Committee Chairman Reno Franklin assembled a meeting to discuss notable Native Americans to add to the list and highlighted the importance of seeking permission. The report from the meeting was shared with Interior Secretary David Bernhardt, who chairs the Task Force.

### **White House Council on Native American Affairs (WHCNAA)**

The WHCNAA was established by Executive Order in 2013 and was active during the Obama Administration. It has been formally reinitiated by the Department of the Interior, the chair of the WHCNAA, and had its first meeting on July 15. I sit on the WHCNAA, and Valerie Hauser serves as the ACHP's staff designee. Work will focus on several areas:

- COVID-19 Response
- Infrastructure
- Workforce Development and Education
- Energy
- Safe Communities

Each area is supported by a subcommittee of member agencies, and the ACHP serves on the Infrastructure subcommittee. While the COVID-19 response has been ongoing for several months, the other subcommittees began with national teleconferences with tribal leaders to report on agency initiatives and discuss tribal priorities. The Infrastructure subcommittee focuses on development on tribal lands, and its first call with tribal leaders took place on August 6. The discussion began with program updates from various federal agencies and then turned to issues of concern to tribal leaders including the need for more efficient environmental reviews.

### **Termination of Consultation for Pearl Hill Pumped Storage**

On July 8, 2020, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) notified the ACHP that it was terminating consultation for the Pearl Hill Pumped Storage Project, located in Douglas County, Washington, triggering a requirement that the ACHP provide its comments on the undertaking within 45 days of receipt. As currently proposed, the undertaking consists of the construction of a reservoir tank and associated facilities, a connecting transmission line, and five vertical turbine pump intakes. During the Section 106 review, FERC determined that the undertaking would result in an adverse

effect to the Pearl Hill Archaeological and Traditional Cultural Property District, a site eligible for the National Register for its significance to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR). The CTCR have indicated that the construction of the project will directly and indirectly affect a property of great religious and cultural significance to them. The CTCR is opposed to the undertaking and believes that the adverse effects cannot be mitigated, and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has said it cannot sign an agreement document over the objection of the CTCR.

I determined the ACHP's comments would be provided through a Chairman's Letter, which will be transmitted to the FERC chairman on August 24, 2020. The ACHP's public comment period recently closed, and the received comments will inform the Chairman's Letter. A teleconference with ACHP members to discuss the draft letter will take place August 17 from 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

### **Section 3 Report Preparation**

Federal agency progress reports on historic properties stewardship for the upcoming 2021 Section 3 Report to the President are due September 30. The 2021 report will again be published online, and the chapter structure will streamline information by including an executive summary and an introduction reframed on what the ACHP has accomplished in furthering recommendations from the previous report during the last three years. This cycle will highlight the themes of developing, using, and making available digital information on historic properties and outleasing of federally owned historic buildings. Chapters will focus on each of these themes as well as managing historic property inventories comprehensively. Given the preparation of the report during the pandemic, staff hopes to highlight how federal agencies have devised new solutions and adapted in meeting their stewardship responsibilities, such as through offering public engagement opportunities online or increasing use of digital information. Members will receive a report on plans for the development of findings and recommendations at the October meeting, once agency progress reports have been received.

### **Appropriations**

On July 24, the House passed the State, Foreign Operations, Agriculture, Rural Development, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2021. The bill would provide the ACHP with the \$7.4 million that was requested for FY2021. The accompanying committee report did not include any problematic provisions regarding the ACHP or the Section 106 process. The bill would provide an unprecedented level of funding for the Historic Preservation Fund at \$136.425 million, with increases for State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices to help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The Senate has not yet marked up any of its appropriations bills. Given this, it is anticipated that Congress will need to pass an interim Continuing Resolution to maintain government operations when FY2021 begins on October 1.

## ***Member Task Forces***

### **Traditional Trades Training Task Force**



*Traditional trades worker restoring historic artwork*

The Traditional Trades Training Task Force launched on May 28. Task Force members include Chairman Aimee Jorjani, Vice Chairman Gonzalez, and representatives of the Department of the Interior/National Park Service, Department of Education, and National Trust for Historic Preservation. The National Endowment for the Arts is a member, as are several experts in the traditional trades and traditional trades education. (For more information, see the [full list and biographies of the Task Force](#).) The group met in June and July. Discussions are underway regarding apprenticeships, curriculum development, and a draft ACHP policy statement on the role of the federal government in traditional trades training. Read more on the ACHP [web pages on traditional trades training](#).

In a [July 24 letter](#), Chairman Jorjani made the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands aware of the Task Force and the ACHP's interest in traditional trades. The Subcommittee had a virtual forum on July 7, "The Restoration Economy: Examining Environmental and Economic Opportunities." While that forum focused principally on natural resources conservation, the chairman's letter conveyed how investing in cultural resources preservation also offers a huge opportunity to bolster the economy, particularly through traditional trades training. The letter also noted a shortage of trained craftspeople could complicate implementation of the deferred maintenance provisions of the Great American Outdoors Act. Further outreach to Congress and the Administration on this issue is planned.

### **Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings Working Group**

The Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings Working Group is working to develop best practices and recommendations to assist agencies in leasing federal historic buildings to non-federal partners. The group is also looking at areas where regulatory and/or legislative changes could assist in overcoming existing obstacles. Over the course of several meetings, the Working Group has taken an in-depth look at these issues, learning from the General Services Administration (GSA) about its outleasing and historic preservation programs, from the developers of small- and large-scale outleasing projects associated with the National Park Service (NPS) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and from financial partners about how to avoid or overcome various financing challenges. ACHP staff has also analyzed the results of a



*Cavallo Point development at Fort Baker, California (NPS photo)*

survey about outleasing practices completed by the six federal agency members. The results demonstrate that agencies use existing authorities to varying degrees, and there is no standardized federal process for weighing key variables when agencies are making decisions on whether to retain a historic building. ACHP staff is working on drafting the final report and action plan, for member review. Additionally, ACHP staff will incorporate the Working Group's findings and the survey results into the next Section 3 Report.

### **Digital Information Task Force Action Plan Implementation**

Implementation of the Digital Information Task Force's recommendations and action plan continues as the ACHP works to collect examples of increased efficiency in the Section 106 process and other benefits following investments in geospatial technology and related digital tools for cultural resources information management. Staff is currently coordinating with the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers' (NCSHPO) Technology and Survey Strategies Committee to gather data in support of several action items. Federal Preservation Officers and other partners will be engaged over the next few months to seek best practices and examples. Information about the Task Force's recommendations will be shared at a listening session at the American Cultural Resources Association's virtual conference on September 24. The ACHP will discuss with cultural resources consultants the use of e106 systems. The session is an important component of furthering an action item calling for examination of potential improvements or means of increasing consistency among such systems.

## ***Policy and Legislation***

### **Affordable Housing Policy Statement**

At the March ACHP business meeting, the Preservation Initiatives Committee recommended that the ACHP review its 2006 policy statement on preservation and affordable housing. Simultaneously, the White House Council on Eliminating Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing—with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the lead—was working on its report to the President as mandated by Executive Order 13878. In late May, HUD gave the ACHP an opportunity to provide information for possible inclusion in that report. In response, Chairman Jorjani forwarded a description of how the ACHP is taking steps to build upon already existing tools and guidance to further enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Section 106 reviews of affordable housing projects. Review of the ACHP affordable housing policy statement is one such step, as is continuing to promote the development of Section 106 Programmatic Agreements (PAs) with HUD and local communities regarding a range of HUD funding programs. The White House Council's report is expected to be issued in the near future. Further review of the ACHP affordable housing policy statement will proceed after release of the report.

### **Great American Outdoors Act**

On August 4, President Donald Trump signed into law the Great American Outdoors Act (P.L. 116-152). This landmark piece of legislation will invest up to \$9.5 billion to address deferred maintenance, principally of properties managed by NPS, but also of properties controlled by the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Indian Education. The law also fully funds the Land and Water Conservation Fund at its authorized level of \$900 million annually. At the March ACHP business meeting, a motion of support for the legislation was passed, leading to a letter of support being sent to the Senate and House. Following Senate passage of the bill, another letter of support was sent to the House in June.

The funding for deferred maintenance is sorely needed but comes with implementation challenges, particularly since almost half of the NPS deferred maintenance backlog are historic properties. To help ensure that Section 106 review for the influx of projects goes smoothly, NPS is supporting a liaison position at the ACHP. Various ideas for Section 106 program alternatives, and how they may complement standing agency agreements and guidance, will be explored. NPS and the other agencies also face a need for both workers in the traditional trades to help restore the buildings and staff trained in maintaining those buildings long-term. Chairman Jorjani is reaching out to leadership in the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture to discuss the role traditional trades training, in regard to the expanded need for skilled workers, could play in meeting these implementation challenges.

### **Department of Veterans Affairs Prisoner of War Headstones**

The presence of Nazi swastikas engraved on three headstones belonging to German prisoners of war (POW) in two national cemeteries (Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas, and Fort Douglas Post Cemetery in Salt Lake City, Utah) has garnered widespread public and congressional interest. The House Committee on Appropriations requested VA remove and replace the headstones with ones that do not feature Nazi insignia. VA issued a press release on June 1, 2020, stating they will initiate Section 106 for the headstones' removal and replacement. On June 18, 2020, VA's National Cemetery Administration (NCA) invited the ACHP to participate in consultation for two separate undertakings, one for the removal of the two POW headstones in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery and one for the removal of the one POW headstone in Fort Douglas Post Cemetery. On July 2, 2020, the ACHP notified VA that it will formally participate in both consultations.

The House Committee on Appropriations' Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee has requested additional information from VA about the Section 106 process in its FY2021 Report. In the report, the Committee noted that "While the Committee understands that the Department has initiated a consultation process under the National Historic Preservation Act, the Committee makes clear that this process should not unnecessarily delay action on replacing these headstones. The Committee directs VA to provide its plan for the consultation process and the timeline for removal of these headstones to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 30 days after this report is filed, and further requires monthly reports on the status of the process." VA's report to Congress is forthcoming.

### **Historic Tax Credit Deadline Extension**

The economic slowdown associated with the COVID-19 pandemic has threatened the ability of many rehabilitation projects using the Historic Tax Credit from meeting a key deadline required under the tax code. In response, the preservation community advocated for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to exercise its ability to make certain modifications in the event of emergency declarations. In support of efforts by our preservation partners, Chairman Jorjani on June 3 sent a [letter to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin](#) asking for a one-year extension in the deadline, noting that many historic preservation projects would be unable to meet it due to curtailment or stoppage of work. Fortunately, the concerns of the preservation community were heard, and on July 30 the IRS extended the deadline by almost a year.

## ***Section 106***

### **Section 106 and COVID-19**

While the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the ACHP has maintained an active webpage with useful information and guidance, particularly regarding Section 106 (see [www.achp.gov/coronavirus](http://www.achp.gov/coronavirus)). As all states and a significant number of tribes have reopened, delays that occurred as a result of temporary pausing consultation are being addressed on a case-by-case basis and occurring less frequently. ACHP staff has assisted several federal agencies in concluding their Section 106 reviews when consulting parties were unable to respond to consultation requests as a result of COVID-19.

To assist federal agencies in carrying out emergency undertakings, the ACHP again extended the emergency provisions of the Section 106 regulations (36 CFR Section 800.12) to September 30, 2020. This extension allows agencies to conduct an expedited consultation process for those actions that respond to COVID-19. While the extension has assisted numerous agencies in meeting their Section 106 responsibilities, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requested its own emergency procedures in



*A FEMA logistics specialist stages a pallet of PPE at the Frederick, MD, distribution center. The warehouse is acting as a hub for FEMA-procured supplies like masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and respirators that are being sent to help states, territories, and tribes fight COVID-19. (photo by Raymond J. Piper)*

accordance with Section 800.12(a). These procedures include a number of detailed actions that do not require further review under Section 106, as well as an abbreviated review process for undertakings that do require review. ACHP staff has already had initial discussions with FEMA regarding the possibility of extending the duration of these procedures, given the ongoing response effort, and will keep members apprised if such an extension request comes in. To date, no adverse effects have been reported as a result of FEMA's undertakings.

## **Section 106 Program Alternatives**

### ***Army Program Comment for Interwar-era Historic Family Housing***

The Army formally submitted its proposed Program Comment (PC) on July 15; the ACHP must act on it by August 31. The ACHP staff hosted two consultation meetings with ACHP members, three with SHPOs, and two with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to discuss their comments on the proposed PC. The ACHP has also used social media (Facebook and Twitter) and a broadcast email to alert the public and invite them to comment on the Army's proposed PC.

ACHP staff is developing comments and recommendations on adjustments to the PC to convey to the Army so that the PC may be finalized for formal member consideration. A final copy of the PC was provided to the members August 13, and a teleconference will take place with the members from 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. on August 17 to discuss any final comments. Staff anticipates the measure being presented to the members via unasssembled meeting from August 21-28. A response to the Army is due by August 31.

### ***Amendment to Broadband Program Comment for Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation and Enforcement***

On July 31, 2020, the ACHP issued the second amendment to the "Program Comment to Avoid Duplicative Reviews for Wireless Communications Facilities Construction and Modification," first issued on October 23, 2009, and amended on September 24, 2015. The second amendment adds the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to the PC, allowing it to utilize the PC's provisions. The PC relieves the named agencies from conducting duplicate reviews under Section 106 when those agencies assist a telecommunications project subject to Section 106 review by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

### ***USDA Forest Service Program Comment for Decommissioning Facilities 1933-1980***

The Forest Service (FS) met with the ACHP, NCSHPO, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO), National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Coalition for American Heritage in early May 2020 to provide updates on the anticipated consultation process for this program alternative and the other two program alternatives. The FS will initiate consultation with Indian tribes, SHPOs, and interested parties in late summer 2020 prior to submitting a formal request later in the year. The FS anticipates finalizing the PC by winter 2020.



*In 2017, the FS completed a Section 111 lease with Northland College in Wisconsin for a complex of historic buildings to become a satellite campus. Many buildings needed to be restored, including the foundation of the Forest Lodge Boatbhouse as shown above.*

### ***USDA Forest Service Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Section 106 Phasing***

The FS has accepted and addressed comments from Indian tribes, SHPOs, and consulting parties on an outline shared from late 2019 to spring 2020. The FS met with signatories and consulting parties in early May 2020 to provide updates on the consultation process for this program alternative and the other two program alternatives. The FS is preparing to circulate a draft of the PA for tribal, SHPO, and public consultation by late summer 2020. The FS anticipates finalizing the PA in late 2020.

### ***USDA Forest Service: Routine Management Prototype PA***

The FS sent a formal letter to initiate consultation in early 2020. The PA will provide a list of exempted activities, as well as an expedited review process for other undertakings. FS and ACHP staff have set up monthly meetings to develop the prototype PA as the other two program alternatives are being

developed. The FS is still in very early discussions of what provisions should be standardized in the prototype and what provisions should be negotiated by local parties.

### ***Navy Shipyard Modernization Program Comment***

The ACHP has participated in three virtual conferences with the Navy and other consulting parties. The purpose of the meetings was to outline the consultation strategy and discuss the Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program to provide

a more in-depth understanding of the program to consulting parties. Virtual meetings are scheduled every month for the next year.

### ***Bureau of Reclamation Program Comment for Water Distribution Infrastructure***

The ACHP is working with Reclamation to clarify the types of undertakings that would be covered by the program alternative and other federal agencies that might benefit from inclusion. Reclamation is developing scenarios to illustrate the limited preservation value resulting from repetitive compliance for undertakings associated with the ongoing operation, maintenance, and upgrade of water systems in constant use.

### ***National Aeronautics and Space Administration Program Comment for Management and Identification of Highly Technical and Scientific Historic Properties***

NASA has had preliminary meetings with NCSHPO and the ACHP to discuss its historic properties, management challenges, and the potential for a program alternative. NASA has not formally started consultation or selected a type of alternative but is considering a nationwide agreement or PC.

### ***Twilight Towers***

The FCC recently approached the ACHP regarding its desire to submit, in the near future, a formal request for a PC about collocations on twilight towers. ACHP staff will be discussing with FCC staff the development and submission of that request, which will also involve further coordination with consulting parties.

As a reminder, twilight towers are those towers, built between March 16, 2001, and before March 7, 2005, for which it cannot be confirmed that a Section 106 review was completed. A formal request from the FCC would initiate a process similar to the one we are currently working on with the Army for the Interwar Housing Program Comment.

### **NEPA-Section 106 Handbook Revisions**

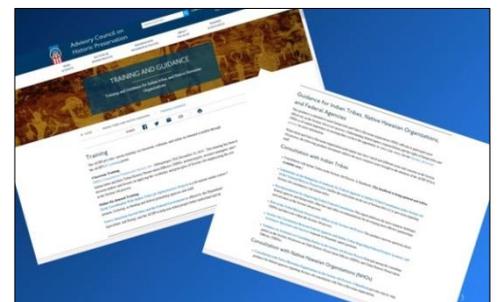
In July, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) published its final rule comprehensively revising the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This is the first time the NEPA regulations have been significantly updated in 40 years. According to CEQ, the revised rule incorporates elements of the One Federal Decision policy, codifies certain case law and CEQ guidance, and eliminates obsolete provisions. The revised regulations go into effect on September 14, 2020.

The Section 106 regulations direct federal agencies to coordinate their NEPA and Section 106 reviews. The revised NEPA regulations did not modify or change the Section 106 regulations, but how the two reviews will line up for coordination and substitution is still being assessed. Due to the changes in the NEPA regulations to the definition of major federal action, effects (no more cumulative or indirect effect analysis), timing, and overall time requirements, for example, the ACHP is currently working with CEQ to take a fresh look at our Handbook and update our advice to agencies on how best to coordinate these reviews. We anticipate making several revisions to the Handbook and will keep members apprised of staff progress and opportunities to review the draft version.

### **Section 106 Toolkit for Indian Tribes**

The Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA) is building a Section 106 toolkit for Indian tribes that will include the online, on-demand course, guidance documents, and reference materials such as template letters. The toolkit will be available in the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiians section of the ACHP's website and is being developed in partnership with NATHPO. While the ACHP will focus on the Section 106 components of the toolkit, NATHPO will develop products current and prospective Tribal Historic Preservation Officers can use in creating and running their programs.

Development of the ACHP's products will continue through FY2021 and will be updated as new topics for guidance and tribal priorities are identified.



*Sample pages of toolkit*

### **Section 106 Training for Indian Tribes**

On June 23, ONAA hosted a virtual Section 106 training for Indian tribes in Virginia via Zoom. These Indian tribes have participated in Section 106 reviews as state recognized tribes, so the training focused on their new role as federally recognized Indian tribes. Given the success of this first virtual training for Indian tribes and the need to continue training during the pandemic, ONAA will schedule two-day "Introduction to Section 106" virtual courses for Indian tribes. The first offering will take place in September, and additional courses will be offered several times during the next year.

ONAA also continues work on the online, on-demand Section 106 course for Indian tribes and expects to complete the course in the fall.

## ***Outreach***

### **Update on ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award**

On June 22, the joint jury for the fourth ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation met via Zoom to select a winner for the 2020 award cycle. By the April 20 deadline, only three projects were submitted, believed to be as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak in the U.S., but they were excellent candidates.

The nominations were reviewed for their success in advancing the goals of historic preservation while providing affordable housing and/or expanded economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income families and individuals. Jurors included ACHP Members Robert Stanton, Mr. Tannenbaum, and Vice Chairman Gonzalez; and HUD staff Nancy Boone, Lauren McNamara, and Will Rudy, bringing a number of different perspectives to the deliberations.

Each nomination offered a different preservation challenge and success. After deciding upon a winner and runner-up, an interesting discussion ensued among the jurors. As mentioned in previous jury meetings, the subject of having more than one awardee or runner-up/honorable mention was considered. In addition, the concept of an ACHP award that honors youth was suggested. It was a good introduction to the ACHP awards program for Vice Chairman Gonzalez.

The first and second choice nominations are proceeding through the review process at HUD. Office of Communications, Education, and Outreach staff will work with HUD staff on winner notification this month and prepare for an award ceremony in conjunction with the October ACHP business meeting.

### **2020 White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities Virtual Conference**

Every year, the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (WHI) in the Executive Office of the President and the Department of Education host the nation's premiere gathering of leaders, students, stakeholders, and stewards of America's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The 2020 conference will be virtual due to COVID-19 and will take place September 20-26.

As a member of the WHI, the ACHP will be participating in this year's conference. The WHI is working with federal and non-federal allies to develop online seminars, webinars, conference calls, and other offerings, to deliver value to the HBCU community during the conference.

Last year, the ACHP partnered with the National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Department of Education in the Arts, Humanities, and History Cluster. The group offered a two-day seminar on creating successful grant applications and career opportunities available to HBCUs and their students in the arts, humanities, history, and preservation space. Due to positive feedback, in 2020 the WHI requested that the Cluster develop a full conference track; however, due to the change to a virtual conference, most of the sessions have been scaled back. The Cluster will present a two-hour session on September 24. The ACHP will be involved in the session covering the creative economy and job opportunities. More information will follow.

### **Internship Program**

The ACHP hosted three interns this summer, each of whom made significant contributions and learned a great deal about the agency's work and the national preservation program. Despite the unique circumstances of COVID-19 that required working entirely remotely, the interns, the ACHP staff, and preservation partners stepped up to the challenge. Creative thinking, well-executed communication plans, remote orientations to the national preservation program partners and their work, and the use of online tools led to valuable experiences for the interns. The ACHP Foundation generously supported stipends for the interns and assisted them with networking and advice.



*Chairman Jorjani, Judy Rodenstein, and the interns*

Brianna Jordan produced a research paper that compares provisions addressing Indian tribes in the National Historic Preservation Act, the Archeological Resources Protection Act, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, and discusses the policy and compliance implications posed by their differences. Carolyn Hauk undertook research and developed new content for social media and the ACHP's website, including interviewing

practitioners for the “[Preservationists in Your Neighborhood](#)” series and contributing to the development of the new Traditional Trades Training web pages. Cassidy Bazley worked on the ACHP training program, including preparing a storyboard for the Section 106 eLearning course on traditional knowledge of tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

The success of these remote internships, which remained valuable despite the lack of in-person, in-office interaction, opens the opportunity to provide a broader pool of potential students with opportunities to intern with the ACHP. Our previous model excluded potential interns who could not afford to travel to or live in Washington, D.C., for 10 weeks, as well as interns who for other reasons could not spend the summer here.

### **Section 106 Success Story Video Project**



This summer, intern Carolyn Hauk also created a short video series for social media featuring Section 106 Success Stories. Each video highlights a historic site selected from the list of 106 Section 106 Success Stories and runs between 30-60 seconds. Through this series, Carolyn sought to emphasize the extensive work of the ACHP and the importance of preserving these locations, as the past is always connected to place. Each Section 106 Success Story featured in the series represents important groups and events which make the American historical narrative complex and unique.

Carolyn used the design program Canva to produce each animated episode of the series. This accessible platform provides for both flexibility and creativity. From scratch, she designed the layout, experimented with different color palettes and soundscapes, and wrote the accompanying text for each slide. Six episodes complete the initial series showcasing the results of the Section 106 review process. The videos are accessible here: <https://www.achp.gov/storiesstatelist>.

*Chicano Park mural painting*

### **National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA)**

In 1971, 12 African American architects from across the country met during the American Institute of Architects’ national convention in Detroit. These professionals recognized the desperate need for an organization dedicated to the development and advancement of minority architects. Fast forward 50 years, and that need still exists. NOMA is a new organization that hopes to address it.

NOMA members contribute time and resources to build a strong national organization for the purpose of minimizing the effect of racism in the field of architecture. In 2020, the ACHP began talks with NOMA about instituting a Memorandum of Agreement, to engage NOMA in Preservation in Practice. National Program Manager Tiffany Mayhew spoke at the March Communications, Education, and Outreach Committee meeting. This spring, the ACHP was asked to present at the annual conference (Spatial Shifts: Reclaiming our Cities) to take place virtually October 14-18.

Kwesi Daniels (Tuskegee University) and Mr. Stanton will present the Preservation in Practice program, discussing how we are introducing HBCU students to historic preservation, the importance of telling the full story of the history of America, and why we should work to preserve the historic structures at HBCUs. More details will be shared with members when they become available.



## ACHP Members' Report

September 23, 2020

### Office Operating Status and Reopening

Our status remains unchanged from when we reported to you in August. The entire ACHP staff and Chairman Aimee Jorjani have been teleworking full time since March 16, 2020. The ACHP has a reopening plan in place that follows guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget. The plan calls for the ACHP to reopen in three phases, each one reached after certain “gating” criteria are met concurrently in the D.C. region jurisdictions. The more prominent gating criteria requires a downward trend, over 14 days, in daily new COVID-19 cases. Very generally speaking:

- Phase One: Allows employees to voluntarily return to the office if they self-certify as not being at higher risk for COVID-19 severe illness (higher risk), and their physical presence in the office is required to significantly enhance ACHP operations.
- Phase Two: Would have groups of employees rotate on alternate days in the office. However, this phase contains several exceptions (e.g., higher risk employees; those facing challenges due to lack of in-person school or camp for their children). A recent survey found that the overwhelming majority of employees qualified for an exception and voiced a desire to use it. So, it is likely that this phase will not look much different than Phase One to outsiders.
- Phase Three: Part one of Phase Three would be like Phase Two (rotating groups of employees through the office) but with fewer exceptions; part two of Phase Three would return the ACHP to normal, pre-COVID-19 operations.

On June 10, 2020, the ACHP moved into Phase One, where it has remained to present. We do not expect to go back to normal, pre-COVID-19 operations until at least November 2020.

### *Policy and Legislation*

#### **Appropriations and Budget**

As the end of FY 2020 approaches, Congress is negotiating the terms of a continuing resolution to fund FY 2021 federal government operations starting October 1. The prospects for passage of a bill in time appear favorable, although the end date for the interim funding remains at question. The situation is complicated by the Presidential election and the upcoming end of the 116th Congress, which will be meeting in a lame-duck session in November and December.

Future discussions on an FY 2021 budget for the ACHP and Interior Department agencies will begin with the House having already passed its State, Foreign Operations, Agriculture, Rural Development, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2021. The bill would provide the ACHP with the \$7.4 million that was requested for FY 2021. It also would provide an unprecedented level of funding for the Historic Preservation Fund at \$136.425 million, with increases for State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs and THPOs) to help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The Senate has not yet marked up any of its appropriations bills.

Looking farther ahead, the ACHP submitted its budget estimate for FY 2022 to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on September 14. The estimate would maintain the current level of operations while responding to increased

demand for program alternatives to tailor the Section 106 procedures to specific agency programs and OMB guidance on enhancing Information Technology and cybersecurity capabilities.

Also of note regarding the FY 2022 budget, Chairman Jorjani sent [a letter](#) to Interior Secretary David Bernhardt recommending that digitization funding for SHPOs and THPOs be included in the Department of the Interior's FY 2022 budget request for the Historic Preservation Fund. The letter stresses how digitization of cultural resources data can improve project delivery and speed environmental reviews, including Section 106 review. The funding recommendation builds upon the findings of the ACHP's Digital Information Task Force.

## ***Section 106***

### **Section 106 Toolkit and Training for Indian Tribes**

Online, on-demand, and virtual courses are important components of the ACHP's Section 106 toolkit for Indian tribes. The Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA) will host a two-part training session on September 28 and 29 for Indian tribes. The response to the training announcement was so overwhelming that a waiting list has been created and will be used to fill the second training session in December or January. Work also continued on the online, on-demand Section 106 course for tribes, which is due to be released by the end of the year. It will be an in-depth and interactive exploration of the process itself and the role of Indian tribes at each step. The course will also include strategies for effective consultation.

### **Working with Indian Tribes to Protect Cultural Resources During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

In July, Chairman Jorjani, Indian Tribe Member Reno Franklin, and National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers President Shasta Gaughen issued [a joint statement](#) about working with Indian tribes during the pandemic. The statement encourages federal agencies to develop relationships with Indian tribes and explains that those federal agencies with pre-existing relationships with Indian tribes seemed to have had more success in continuing to carry out Section 106 reviews and project development during the current pandemic. The ACHP has been encouraging relationship building among federal agencies and Indian tribes since 2006 when then-Chairman John Nau issued a memorandum to Senior Policy Officials.

### **Digital Information Task Force Action Plan Implementation**

Implementation of the Digital Information Task Force's recommendations and action plan continues as the ACHP works to collect examples of increased efficiency in the Section 106 process and other benefits following investments in geospatial technology and related digital tools for cultural resources information management. The ACHP is seeking best practices and other feedback from stakeholders, including at a listening session on e-106 systems during the American Cultural Resources Association's virtual conference on September 24 introduced by Chairman Jorjani. The session is an important component of furthering an action item calling for examination of potential improvements or means of increasing consistency among such systems. ACHP staff will also participate in a session highlighting the importance of digital mapping and tools to preservation work during the National Trust for Historic Preservation's PastForward Conference in October.

### **Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings Working Group**

On September 24, the ACHP's Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings Working Group will meet to review the initial draft of the Final Report and Action Plan that has been developed over the past year. The Action Plan proposes specific actions under three broad recommendations:

- Foster Inter-Agency Coordination and Administrative Efficiencies;
- Expand Marketing and Education; and
- Incentivize Outleasing Policies.

The Action Plan is designed to assist federal agencies in leasing federal historic buildings to non-federal partners by identifying how to work with existing outleasing authorities, address financing challenges, and make informed decisions on whether to retain historic buildings.

In the coming months, the Working Group will finalize the Final Report and Action Plan and commence its implementation. The Action Plan will be shared with the members for comment once the Working Group has completed its review. ACHP staff will incorporate the Working Group's findings and recommendations into the next Section 3 Report for consideration by the ACHP members.

## *Outreach*

### **Update on ACHP Conferences and Events**

The Office of Communications, Educations, and Outreach (OCEO) is very involved with promoting historic preservation during the White House Initiative on HBCUs virtual conference, September 21-25, 2020. As part of the Arts, Humanities, and History Cluster, CEO Chairman Robert Stanton will moderate the panel session, “Discover Your Place in the Creative Economy” where CEO Director Susan Glimcher will speak about the Preservation in Practice (PIP) program. A virtual meeting with attendees will follow the session to offer more information about the program. Another feature of the week is the presentation of a video prepared by Communications and Public Affairs Specialist Lynne Richmond about the PIP program. Throughout the conference, the ACHP monitored its virtual exhibit booth.

The ACHP will have a significant presence at the American Cultural Resources Association virtual conference, September 24-25. The conference begins with a webinar by ACHP Senior Program Analyst Blythe Semmer titled, “Is E for Efficiency? An ACHP Listening Session on E-106 System.” Chairman Jorjani will make opening remarks for the session. The following day, Mr. Stanton will represent the ACHP in a round table discussion about “Systemic Bias in Historic Preservation and the CRM Industry: A Discussion of Integrity, Inclusivity, and Diversity in the 21st Century.”

The ACHP continues its federal sponsorship for the National Trust’s PastForward conference, taking place virtually October 27-30. Ms. Glimcher will take part in a panel discussion about PIP titled, “Preservation by Design: Future Architects Integrate Preservation into Their Path Forward.” In addition, the joint National Trust/ACHP award will be given at the National Preservation Awards Ceremony October 29.

### **Tribal Outreach**

ONAA staff has seen an increase in the number of invitations to speak or participate in expert panels and conferences. On September 10, Valerie Hauser and Ira Matt served on a panel on tribal engagement for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Sanctuaries Leadership Meeting. They shared the ACHP’s experience in developing and maintaining an effective tribal program.

On September 15, Mr. Matt participated in the Texas State Department of Transportation’s Texas-Tribal Nation Consultation Meeting with staff from the ACHP’s Office of Federal Agency Programs. He spoke about mitigation in the Section 106 process and provided examples and information as it pertains to mitigating adverse effects to sites of religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes.

On September 30, Ms. Hauser will speak with a historic preservation class at the University of Maine about the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and its relationship to historic preservation. Later that day, she and Mr. Matt will present during a virtual session of the California Tribal Historic Preservation Officers-State Historic Preservation Officer annual meeting. The presentation will update attendees on the development of the traditional knowledge information paper and solicit additional input.



## ACHP Members' Report

March 11, 2021

### **2021 Section 3 Report *In A Spirit of Stewardship***

Every three years, the ACHP reports to the President on federal agency progress in identifying, protecting, and using historic properties in federal ownership or management in fulfillment of the requirement in Section 3 of Executive Order (EO) 13287 "Preserve America." The ACHP delivered the [2021 report](#) to the White House on February 16. The 2021 report recognizes achievements that federal land and property managing agencies have made in the stewardship of historic properties, particularly through the constructive use of partnerships. It makes six findings about the state of federal historic property stewardship with associated recommendations for further advancing federal preservation practice. Recommendations focus on the benefits of increasing opportunities to lease historic buildings to nonfederal partners, the need for continued expansion and improvement in the use of digital tools to manage historic property information, the value of partnerships for community benefits and job training, the utility of programmatic approaches to Section 106 compliance, the importance of timely involvement of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the unique preservation challenges of late 20th century scientific and technical facilities. The report is being distributed widely to stakeholders and agency officials. Members will have the opportunity to discuss implementation of the recommendations at the April business meeting.

### **HUD Report on Affordable Housing**

On January 19, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued the report, [Eliminating Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing: Federal, State, Local, and Tribal Opportunities](#). HUD developed the report as part of the work of the White House Council on Eliminating Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing that was created in 2019 with the issuance of Executive Order 13878. "Historic preservation requirements" was included in the executive order's list of regulatory barriers. This prompted the ACHP and many others to seek to counter this perception in comments provided to HUD during development of the report. The final report's depiction of historic preservation reflects HUD's positive response to such comments. Ultimately, the only negative comment regarding preservation in the report is an allusion to local historic preservation programs making building new housing more difficult for property owners and developers.

Portions of the report draw heavily upon [formal comments](#) submitted by the ACHP and other ACHP-prepared material that former Chairman Aimee Jorjani shared with HUD policymakers. The report recognizes the importance of older and historic buildings as a potential source of affordable housing and acknowledges the role that adaptive use of historic properties can play. The work of the ACHP's Traditional Trades Training Task Force is acknowledged in a discussion of the need to support construction training programs. The potential of the federal Historic Tax Credit is highlighted, using examples that the ACHP had provided for consideration. Regarding Section 106 review of affordable

housing projects, the report notes the importance of Programmatic Agreements and other program alternatives, and the ACHP's continued commitment to encouraging their use. The report also discusses the ACHP's Policy Statement on Affordable Housing and Historic Preservation from 2006, and the ACHP's interest in exploring its revision.

Among the report's regulatory recommendations, two that already were in process and that would have affected historic properties have now been withdrawn. The recent proposed changes to the National Register of Historic Places regulations were not completed before the advent of the new Administration. Likewise, proposed revisions to HUD's environmental regulations (24 CFR Parts 50 and 58) have been withdrawn.

Members will have an opportunity to discuss the report and the ACHP's affordable housing policy statement in the March 17-18 committee calls.

### **Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation**

On January 26, 2021, President Joe Biden issued a Presidential memorandum requiring federal agencies to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) within 90 days of the date of the memorandum a detailed plan of actions federal agencies will take to implement Executive Order 13175. This plan must be developed after consultation with Indian tribes. The plan must also designate an agency official to coordinate implementation of the plan.

In 2000, President Bill Clinton issued EO 13175 "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments" which directed federal agencies to "have an accountable process to ensure meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications." The EO also directed federal agencies to designate an official with principal responsibility for the agency's implementation of the EO and submit to OMB a description of the agency's consultation process. Valerie Hauser was designated the official, and the ACHP's first consultation plan was submitted to OMB in 2001. The ACHP submitted an updated plan in 2010 in response to a memorandum issued by President Barack Obama requiring agencies to do so.

ACHP Native American Member Reno Franklin is working with Vice Chairman Rick Gonzalez, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) President Shasta Gaughen, ACHP Member Jordan Tannenbaum, and Ms. Hauser to revise the ACHP's 2010 consultation plan. Vice Chairman Gonzalez has designated Mr. Franklin to represent the ACHP in consultations with tribal leaders. Letters inviting tribal leaders to consult with the ACHP were sent out on February 18 with a copy of the draft plan. Tribal leaders will be able to participate in consultation calls on March 23 or March 25 at 2 p.m. or submit written comments. The ACHP's consultation plan must be submitted to OMB by April 26, 2021.

The Department of the Interior (DOI) has initiated its consultation under the Presidential memorandum and is hosting four regional calls with tribal leaders during the week of March 8. Other federal agencies are welcome to listen to the discussions, and an ACHP representative will sit in on all the calls. Information about DOI's consultation can be found at <https://www.bia.gov/news/interior-announces-series-tribal-consultations-recognition-importance-nation-nation>.

### **Preservation and the Climate Executive Order**

While never mentioning historic properties, [Executive Order \(EO\) 14008](#) "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad" offers some potential challenges and opportunities for the ACHP and the preservation community. The EO pauses new oil and natural gas leases on public lands or in offshore waters and directs DOI to review siting and permitting processes to determine steps needed to increase renewable energy production. The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and OMB also are tasked with

examining siting and permitting of clean energy projects and identifying steps to accelerate their deployment. The ACHP consistently has worked to ensure efficient and effective Section 106 reviews of renewable energy projects and programs. Outreach to DOI, CEQ, and OMB in the context of the EO can build upon this track record.

EO 14008 also calls for DOI and other agencies to develop reports and recommendations on a number of climate-related topics. ACHP staff is evaluating ways the ACHP could weigh in during development of these reports to promote consideration of historic properties. For example, a new interagency working group is tasked to report to the President by March 28 on prioritizing federal programs to support and revitalize the economies of coal and power plant communities. Vice Chairman Gonzalez sent [a letter](#) encouraging the group to address the economic benefits of historic preservation and heritage tourism in its report.

Other policy initiatives that agencies will be studying and reporting upon under the EO where preservation of historic properties may be germane include the following:

- recommending steps to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of American lands and waters by 2030 (“30x30”);
- creation of a Civilian Climate Corps to employ people in conservation, recreation, and resilience;
- developing a strategy to address current and historic environmental justice issues;
- making federal investments with the goal of having 40 percent of benefits go to disadvantaged communities (areas of investment to be addressed include clean energy, clean transit, affordable housing, workforce development, legacy pollution, and clean water infrastructure); and
- improving climate adaptation and resilience, including possible development of a consolidated federal geographic mapping service to assist in climate planning and resilience activities.

Members will have an opportunity to discuss these issues further in the March 17-18 committee calls.

### **Bears Ears National Monument**



In [Executive Order 13990](#) “Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis,” President Biden has directed the Secretary of the Interior to review three national monuments that had their boundaries reduced by President Donald Trump in 2017. The Secretary is tasked with making recommendations regarding whether the original boundaries should be restored. One of the national monuments under review is Bears Ears National Monument in Utah.

The Bears Ears area is extraordinarily dense with historic, archaeological, and cultural resources, many of which are of significance to five Indian tribes located in the area. Given this, the ACHP lent its voice in 2017 to a chorus of groups advocating against reduction in the boundaries of Bears Ears National Monument. By [correspondence](#) dated February 17, 2021, Vice Chairman Gonzalez forwarded the ACHP’s 2017 letter to the acting Secretary for his consideration during the current boundary review. The Secretary’s report and recommendations are due to the President on March 21.

### **Program Comment Review Panel**

The Program Comment Review Panel (ACHP Expert Member Jay Vogt; Mr. Franklin; Tony Costa, representing the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); and former Chairman Jorjani) met on January 27 to discuss additional information needed from the ACHP membership to define potential problems and solutions for improving the Program Comment development process. A list of questions for ACHP members was subsequently refined and sent to the membership on February 4. Mr. Costa and Doug Pulak of the VA hosted a meeting of Federal Preservation Officers (FPOs) on February 10 to gather similar feedback from FPOs about federal agency experiences in working with Program Comments. The panel reconvened today to review responses and consider recommendations. Its recommendations will be presented to the members at the April business meeting. Mr. Vogt has assumed the chairmanship of the panel following Ms. Jorjani's departure.

### **African American History Month 2021**

The ACHP's commemoration of African American History Month underscored the contributions of African Americans to our collective history. The ACHP highlighted historic places associated with African Americans and Section 106 successes throughout February.

The commemoration included several episodes of the ACHP podcast *Preservation Perspectives*. (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChReeJ63BktsEqSidL396Ng>) On February 1, an episode featured Kwesi Daniels, department head and assistant professor at Tuskegee University in Alabama. He spoke about the early African American architects and their now-historic buildings.

A second episode ran on February 5 with Mimi Miller, executive director emerita, Historic Natchez Foundation, Mississippi. She talked about the connection between African Americans and Natchez' history, including Natchez National Cemetery, the final resting place of many African Americans who fought in the Civil War.

A third episode aired on February 22 with former ACHP Expert Member Robert Stanton, who is vice president of the Campaign to Create the Julius Rosenwald and Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park. He talked about the campaign and the law that requires the National Park Service (NPS) to undertake a special resource study. There are more than 5,000 Rosenwald Schools in 15 southern states.



The month's activities also included a video highlighting the Section 106 Success Story on the DeLuxe Theater in Houston, Texas (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pagi7Qz8Rw&feature=youtu.be>); stories relating to African American people and places; and various events throughout the month.

Be sure to stay up to date on these and other ACHP news, by following the agency's news section: <https://www.achp.gov/news> as well as the social media channels:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/usachp>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/usachp>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/usachp/>

### **Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings Working Group Report**

The ACHP's Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings Working Group was established to develop best practices and recommendations to assist agencies in leasing federal historic buildings to nonfederal partners. The group identified obstacles to increased outleasing by analyzing results of a survey about

outleasing practices completed by the six federal agency working group members. The group further examined these issues by learning from the General Services Administration (GSA) about its outleasing and historic preservation programs; lessees for two NPS and VA outleasing projects; and financial partners about how to overcome financing challenges. The group also identified areas where regulatory/legislative changes could assist in overcoming obstacles.

In the final report, the Working Group recommends the ACHP foster greater interagency coordination and administrative efficiencies by working with GSA to establish a “Center of Outleasing Excellence” to promote outleasing; coordinating with HUD on encouraging use of historic federal buildings for



affordable housing; improving accessibility of information for federal agencies, prospective lessees, and partners; promoting combined use of tax credits; and exploring opportunities for avoiding duplicative reviews with State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs). It also recommends that the ACHP expand marketing and education in training and by participating in relevant conferences and panel discussions. Finally, it recommends the ACHP reach out to OMB to pursue revisions to the National Strategy for the Efficient Use of Real Property (formerly known as “Reduce the Footprint”) and federal budget scoring policies and pursue issuance of an EO to encourage outleasing. The report also includes a collection of outleasing success

stories from its federal agency members. ACHP staff is currently working on finalizing the report and will publish it on the Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings Working Group [webpage](#). Members will have an opportunity to discuss implementation of the recommendations at the April business meeting.

### **ACHP Internships**

With the support of the ACHP Foundation, the ACHP is currently recruiting two summer interns—a legal intern for the Office of General Counsel and an intern who will work with the Office of Communications, Education, and Outreach (OCEO). Each intern will become familiar with the agency’s work and assist in advancing priority projects. A call for applications, which detailed eligibility, projects, and how to apply, was circulated to all certificate, undergraduate, and graduate programs in historic preservation and related fields. It was also posted on relevant web listings of internship opportunities and shared with key individuals for promotion. More information is available at [www.achp.gov/internships](http://www.achp.gov/internships). These internships will be managed on a remote basis, and will last nine weeks. During that time, interns will be mentored by ACHP staff, members, and alumni and will participate in virtual training and meetings with others at related agencies.



As part of the ACHP’s Building a More Inclusive Preservation Program initiative, the ACHP collaborates with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and the White House Initiative on HBCUs to bring more African American architecture students into historic preservation. Glenn Vaulx, a December Howard University graduate, interned virtually with the ACHP on a part-time basis this past fall and winter. He did research for Section 3 Report Case Studies and contributed content for the ACHP’s social media channels while making connections with professionals working in historic preservation.

## **White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

OCEO works closely with the White House Initiative (WHI) on HBCUs to fulfill the agency's commitment to Building a More Inclusive Preservation Program and to engage youth in historic preservation. Part of this work is in conjunction with the National Endowment for the Arts, Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Department of Education. Together these agencies form the Arts, Humanities, and History Cluster. The group is currently working on a newsletter that will go out to all HBCUs about their respective agencies.

Additionally, two other programs are being explored under the umbrella of the WHI. The first will be a series of four webinars (one a month for four months) for architecture students at HBCUs. The goals of the webinar are to engage students in historic preservation and create a relationship between the ACHP and these HBCUs. Mr. Stanton will serve as the webinar moderator.

The second program is one that the ACHP is bringing together among several new partners, along with Tuskegee University. The State University of New York (SUNY)/New Paltz and Harambee, an organization that supports youth (<https://www.harambeekingstonny.org>), would like to diversify a summer field study, and the ACHP is serving as a catalyst for this new partnership. Students of history from Tuskegee will travel from Alabama to New York to work on a cemetery of enslaved individuals and their descendants, dating to the 1700s and possibly earlier. The cemetery was covered over in the last 300 years, and although local residents remain aware of it (many are descendants of those buried there), it did not receive proper care and maintenance. SUNY/New Paltz and Harambee are conducting archaeological excavations, performing DNA research, and interacting with the local community. Details of both programs will be shared with members as the programs roll out.

## **Awards**

OCEO is busy with the award cycles for two joint awards. Submissions are now closed for the **National Trust/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation**, which honors outstanding federal partnerships that advance the preservation of important



historic resources. The call for nominations for the **ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation** was sent out February 16 to a wide variety of audiences. This award recognizes exceptional preservation in advancing the goals of preservation while providing affordable housing and/or expanded economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income families and individuals. The deadline is **April 16, 2021**, via HUD's [online application](#) process.

## **Training for Indian Tribes**

The Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA) is nearing completion of the online, on-demand course called "Introduction to Section 106 for Indian Tribes." The course is part of a Section 106 toolkit under development by ONAA and will include training, guidance, and sample documents such as response letters. The course is currently going through final reviews and is scheduled to be launched in early spring. In the interim, ONAA has been offering a two-part, live stream introduction to Section 106 for tribal staff. The most recent took place on January 12-13, 2021.

## **Conferences**

### **PastForward**

The ACHP submitted two session proposals for the 2021 PastForward conference. PastForward is the annual meeting of the National Trust for Historic Preservation where preservationists gather to discuss

issues and policies that affect historic preservation locally and nationwide. The ACHP's proposals involve traditional trades training and the work of the Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings Working Group. The ACHP expects to hear in late spring if either is accepted.

PastForward 2021 is scheduled to take place November 2-5, 2021. At this time, no decision has been made about whether it will be in-person or virtual. If it takes place in person, it will be in Washington, D.C. Registration details will be forthcoming in the summer. To get an idea of the variety of topics offered at the conference, a selection of recordings from the virtual 2020 PastForward meetings are available on the National Trust's [YouTube channel](#). If you would like to attend, please contact Patricia Knoll ([pknoll@achp.gov](mailto:pknoll@achp.gov)).

### **Other National Conferences**

As for other conferences, meetings continue to be convened virtually, and OCEO is examining ways to participate. CEO Committee Chairman Luke Nichter suggested conferences related to subjects such as history education and social studies. OCEO is researching deadlines for several of them. If members plan to attend conferences or meetings that may relate to the work of the ACHP, please let OCEO know. The office may be able to provide information that may be helpful.

### ***Program Alternatives Updates***

**Bureau of Reclamation Program Comment on the Operations, Maintenance, and Upgrading of Water Distribution Infrastructure in the West:** In 2020, Reclamation notified the ACHP of its intent to formally request a Program Comment for management of its water distribution infrastructure in the West. The ACHP responded to Reclamation that, while the ACHP fully supports Reclamation's goal of developing efficiencies in its Section 106 review, the development of a Program Comment needs to be based on adequate and effective early consultation with a range of stakeholders, in coordination with the ACHP. The ACHP also noted that the broad scope and complexity of the federal actions that might be covered, the number of federal agencies that may be included, as well as concerns raised in responses thus far, suggests a Program Comment may not be the best fit for Reclamation's goals. The ACHP urged Reclamation to consider instead a Prototype Programmatic Agreement or nationwide Programmatic Agreement (nPA). Reclamation has not responded. Meanwhile, the ACHP has been working with regional Reclamation staff and other consulting parties to finalize a statewide Programmatic Agreement (PA) for undertakings related to irrigation infrastructure in Wyoming and a project-specific PA for a Reclamation project in Washington.

### **Forest Service Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Phasing Large-Scale and Multi-Year Undertakings:**



The Forest Service is developing an nPA to provide an alternative process requiring earlier consultation and providing for better sequencing of the Section 106 and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review processes for large-scale, multi-year undertakings. The nPA requires the Forest Service to consult parties earlier to provide more opportunities for them to provide input into the design of multi-year undertakings, and for the Forest Service to develop a plan in consultation with parties for completing the Section 106 review process in phases after the

NEPA decision. After incorporating comments on an outline from winter 2019 to spring 2020, the Forest Service shared a revised draft of the nPA for an additional consultation period from October to December 2020. The agency is currently addressing comments and expects to provide a response to comments this spring with a copy of the revised agreement. Execution of the nPA is anticipated shortly thereafter.

**Forest Service Nationwide Program Comment for Decommissioning Facilities (1933-1980):** A proposed Program Comment will assist the Forest Service in decommissioning excess facilities by improving the process for determining eligibility of properties and for resolving adverse effects for facilities built from 1933–1980, under the Forest Service Administration, Recreation, and Research and Design programs. Since meeting with ACHP staff and consulting parties in 2019, the Forest Service has developed an outline and supporting materials for consultation and briefed ACHP staff, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), NATHPO, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Coalition for American Heritage about their proposal. The agency has also expressed interest in hosting a webinar regarding this program alternative for ACHP members. The Forest Service plans to initiate a consultation period with Indian tribes, SHPOs, and interested parties in the near future and submit a formal request in late 2021.

**Forest Service Nationwide Routine Management Prototype PA:** The Forest Service intends to create a more effective Section 106 process for routine management activities through this program alternative, specifically by exempting activities with little to no effect from further Section 106 review and abbreviating consultation for other kinds of management activities routinely undertaken by the Forest Service. In early 2020, the agency formally requested to begin early coordination and consultation on the development of the PA. Since then, the Forest Service has paused this effort to focus on the Phasing PA and Program Comment.

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration proposed Program Alternative on Management of Highly Technical and Scientific Facilities:** NASA continues to coordinate with ACHP staff on an approach to a program alternative for the management of resources less than 50 years of age. NASA recently met with ACHP staff to obtain input on its current approach. Additionally, NASA has been working with NCSHPO on seeking preliminary input from SHPOs on strategies for the identification and management of NASA resources less than 50 years old.

**Navy Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program:**

The Navy’s Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program will support the placement of facilities and major equipment to improve shipyard performance at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Virginia; Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Maine; Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Washington; and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Hawaii, as well as other support facilities. The intent of the nPA is to provide a national strategy for mitigation while supporting a local consultation process. The ACHP recently provided comments to the Navy addressing a broad range of issues in the development of the nPA. The ACHP’s comments and recommendations focused on a revised draft agreement and a template document for the local consultation process. The ACHP and consulting parties are awaiting a formal response from the Navy and information on next steps.



**U.S. Postal Service Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Emergency and Common Undertakings:** The USPS has been coordinating with the ACHP on options for a program alternative that would help the agency address preservation impacts of new construction, repairs and alterations, disposals, unanticipated discoveries, and emergencies. The USPS decided, after coordination with ACHP staff, that an nPA would be the most appropriate program alternative to meet these needs. The ACHP is planning, in coordination with the USPS, to initiate a stakeholder task force to discuss the broad outlines of the effort. Participants will include state and tribal representatives and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Other members may join the task force as discussions progress.

***Photos:***

Sixshooter Peaks in Bears Ears National Monument (BLM)

DeLuxe Theater in its heyday (City of Houston Archives)

Launchpad 39A at Kennedy Space Center (NASA)

ACHP Intern Glenn Vaulx

Historic Ashe Hospital winner of 2020 ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation (Northwestern Housing Enterprises, Incorporated/Edward Fowler)

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest (FS)

Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (Navy/Gary Thomas Sutto)



## ACHP Members' Report

April 8, 2021

ACHP staff is pleased to provide the members with updates on key initiatives and ongoing work discussed in prior meetings. The ACHP continues to pursue these and other policy and program interests while it awaits the appointment of additional designees and representatives to the ACHP. Vice Chairman Rick Gonzalez will continue to perform the duties of the chairman while that position remains vacant, and Reid Nelson will continue to serve as the full-time acting executive director for the duration of his detail to the position. Questions about the status of these initiatives can be directed to Mr. Nelson or the respective office directors.

### *Policy and Legislation*

#### **Legislative Update**

Since the 117th Congress began on January 3, a number of bills have been introduced that are of interest to the preservation community. Some would make positive contributions to protecting historic properties. Others pose challenges, particularly regarding the Section 106 process. Several key bills are discussed below, although none are deemed by staff as ripe for possible ACHP action at this time. A bill regarding the Resolution Copper mining project—the Save Oak Flat Act—is discussed in detail earlier in this meeting book.

The Revitalizing Economies, Housing and Businesses (REHAB) Act (H.R. 1483) focuses on promoting the rehabilitation of older buildings in urban areas. It would create a 15 percent tax credit for rehabilitation of buildings that are more than 50 years old, including adjacent development on the same block, provided that the project is within a half-mile of an existing or planned public transportation center. The bill also would allow for a bonus credit of 25 percent for the provision of affordable housing and public infrastructure.

Regarding the existing Historic Tax Credit (HTC) for National Register-eligible buildings, the Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity (HTC-GO) Act (H.R. 2294) would enact a suite of temporary and permanent enhancements to the credit, some of which passed the House in the last Congress. The bill would temporarily increase the HTC from 20 percent to 30 percent through 2024, while establishing a permanent 30 percent credit for smaller projects of \$2.5 million and less. Other changes in the administrative provisions of the HTC would make it easier to pair it with the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, expand the number of projects financially eligible to take the credit, and make the credit easier to use by nonprofits.

On February 26, the House passed the Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act (H.R. 803), which incorporates the text of the National Heritage Area Act (H.R. 1316). This bill would create and codify a National Heritage Area System to replace the current ad hoc establishment and oversight of National Heritage Areas. Various versions of such a bill have been introduced since at least 2002.

As occurred in the last Congress, the Republican members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee have introduced a package of bills to promote broadband deployment, and 10 of the bills call for exempting various broadband-related activities from review under Section 106 and the National Environmental Protection Act. It will be important to convey the ACHP's longstanding opposition to legislative exemptions should they become part of any broadband legislation backed by the Administration. Fortunately, the Office of Federal Agency Programs (OFAP) will be participating in an interagency working group chaired by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that is focusing

on the regulatory aspects of enhancing broadband access. This should provide an opportunity to explain the options for streamlining Section 106 review, hopefully decreasing the chances of a legislative exemption gaining traction.

A Section 106 legislative exemption is also proposed in the Clearing Lines along Electrical At-Risk Zones Act (H.R. 940). On public lands and National Forest System lands, the bill would exempt development of vegetation management, facility inspection, and operation and maintenance plans for electric transmission or distribution facilities from Section 106 review.

Late November is when the ACHP usually receives its budget passback, wherein OMB responds to the agency's budget request for FY 2022. When there is a change in Administration, the incoming Administration generally revisits passbacks and agency budget proposals before submitting a final proposed budget to Congress. Information about request levels is not public prior to the Administration sending its budget to the Congress, customarily in early February.

### **Traditional Trades Training**

The Traditional Trades Training Task Force met on March 26, chaired by Vice Chairman Gonzalez. At his invitation, former ACHP Chairman Aimee Jorjani (who originally convened the task force) has joined the Task Force in her capacity as a private citizen with expertise in the subject. Also participating on the call was new Task Force Member Morris (Marty) Hylton III, Director of Historic Preservation and Associate Scholar at the University of Florida's College of Design, Construction and Planning. Updates were provided on the work of the [Campaign for Historic Trades](#), which is based on a partnership of Preservation Maryland and the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Training Center. Work is underway on development of a national survey of existing trades training programs and creation of a first-of-its-kind open-source historic trades training curriculum. Initial efforts also are underway to establish U.S. Department of Labor-registered apprenticeships for several historic trades specialties and historic structure maintenance.

Task Force members talked about options and opportunities for advancing traditional trades training in the Biden Administration. The group discussed how trades training is germane to several Administration priorities, including infrastructure, climate change and sustainability, and workforce development. With the return of community project funding—aka “earmarks”—in Congress, such funds might also be a source to tap for trades training programs or projects.

## ***Section 106***

### **Positive Train Control Program Comment Amendment**

As detailed on the OneDrive for Program Alternatives in Development ([https://achp-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/bsemmer\\_achp\\_gov/EtqHzsQvUa5Moi\\_A9DckA60B-bLJzgi495AzOuTVBSKBkA](https://achp-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/bsemmer_achp_gov/EtqHzsQvUa5Moi_A9DckA60B-bLJzgi495AzOuTVBSKBkA)), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the ACHP have recently determined it would be appropriate to amend the Program Comment to Tailor the Federal Communications Commission's Section 106 Review for Undertakings Involving the Construction of Positive Train Control Wayside Poles and Infrastructure (PTC PC). While the statutory deadline for implementing PTC systems has passed, with FRA successfully meeting that timeframe, FRA has identified future lines that may be subject to the PTC system requirements. Accordingly, it would be useful for the PTC PC to still be in effect so they may avail themselves of the PC's efficiencies. ACHP staff has recommended an extension of five years, so the PC would be in effect until May 16, 2026.

In accordance with the existing PC's amendment stipulation, the chairman may amend the PC after providing written notification to the FCC, FRA, Association of American Railroads, American Public Transportation Association, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, and National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers. Those parties have been notified of the proposed amendment and are currently being provided an opportunity to comment, with that period scheduled to close within a week of the business meeting.

ACHP members will be able to share their observations and comments during the business meeting. Following that, ACHP staff will finalize the amendment for the vice chairman's signature. In accordance with the PC's amendment stipulation, the amendment is not required to be published in the *Federal Register*, although staff will publish the amendment on the ACHP's website and work with FRA and FCC to notify their stakeholders.

## **Training for Indian Tribes**

The Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA) is nearing completion of the online, on-demand course called, *Introduction to Section 106 for Indian Tribes*. The course is part of a Section 106 toolkit under development by ONAA and will include training, guidance, and sample documents such as response letters. The course is currently going through final reviews and is scheduled to be launched later this month. In the interim, ONAA has been offering a two-part, live stream introduction to Section 106 for tribal staff. The most recent took place on January 12 and 13, 2021.

ONAA and OFAP offered a webinar on Section 106 agreement documents for Indian tribes on March 29 in conjunction with the annual To Bridge a Gap conference. This year's conference was co-hosted by Region 8 of the U.S. Forest Service and the Delaware Nation.

## **Program Alternatives Updates**

OFAP continues to work with several federal agencies at various stages in the process of developing program alternatives. A comprehensive status report was provided in March, and summaries and other current information are always accessible to members at the program alternatives OneDrive folder: [https://achp-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/bsemmer\\_achp\\_gov/EtqHzsQvUa5Moi\\_A9DckA60B-bLJzgi495AzOuTVBSKBkA](https://achp-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/bsemmer_achp_gov/EtqHzsQvUa5Moi_A9DckA60B-bLJzgi495AzOuTVBSKBkA).

In March, the Navy provided a revised draft and template for the local consultation process for its development of a **nationwide Programmatic Agreement (nPA) for the Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program**. These updates addressed comments provided by the ACHP and others in January. The Navy's Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program (SIOP) will support the placement of facilities and major equipment to improve shipyard performance at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Virginia; Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Maine; Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Washington; and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Hawaii, as well as other support facilities. The Navy proposes to expand the scope of the nPA to include any proposed undertaking at a public shipyard or support facility beyond SIOP-based projects. The ACHP is currently developing its comments and recommendations on this most recent draft.

Members should also be aware that the Forest Service is addressing comments on its draft **nPA for Phasing Large-Scale and Multi-Year Undertakings** and expects to provide a response to comments and a copy of the revised agreement this summer.

## ***Outreach***

### **Launch of Webinar Series**

The Office of Communications, Education, and Outreach (OCEO) launched a new webinar series on March 31, 2021, titled *Preserve the Past, Build for the Future*. There are four webinars in the series, designed to bring students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other students at Minority Serving Institutions into an awareness of historic preservation and the intersection of preservation to the careers of architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, history, and other related fields.

The moderator for the series is former ACHP Expert Member Robert Stanton. So far, more than 90 participants have registered for at least one webinar. The audience for the first webinar was 46 people from a wide range of schools. It was clear that the information had been broadly disseminated, as a number of faculty and leadership at HBCUs asked to register. OCEO will discuss the webinar series at the business meeting, as another new way to engage youth and continue to build a more inclusive national preservation program.