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### Strategic Planning

Following each Presidential election, federal agencies are required to update their strategic plans to reflect how they will fulfill their missions in the context of the anticipated priorities of the re-elected or newly elected President. A final draft of the ACHP's strategic plan for FY 2026-2030 must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by December and must be finalized by February 2026.

Key required components of an agency strategic plan include a mission statement, strategic goals, and (under each strategic goal) strategic objectives. The [current ACHP strategic plan](#) includes five strategic goals, each with a number of strategic objectives. Optional elements of a strategic plan that the ACHP included in its current plan are a vision statement and cross cutting objective. All of these components will be reviewed by ACHP members and staff to determine what revisions are needed to ensure alignment with the current Administration's priorities.

### ACHP Action on President Trump's Energy Emergency Executive Order

On January 20, 2025, President Donald Trump issued an [Executive Order Declaring a National Energy Emergency](#), in which he declared an energy emergency in regard to the availability of domestic energy resources and domestic energy production, transportation, refining, and generation. In section 2(a) of the Executive Order, the President directed all executive departments and agencies, including the ACHP, to identify and exercise any lawful emergency authorities available to them, as well as all other lawful authorities they may possess, to facilitate the identification, leasing, siting, production, transportation, refining, and generation of domestic energy resources, including, but not limited to, on federal lands.

In accordance with this executive order, the ACHP has analyzed its regulations to identify lawful emergency authorities for agencies to use when proposing actions that respond to the President's emergency declaration. The ACHP's advice, which includes questions and answers, can be found [here](#). The ACHP will update this advice as needed.

### Task Force 250 Planning

The ACHP has submitted a report, as required by President Trump's Celebrating America's 250th Birthday executive order, on the agency's planning for 2026. In addition to celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary, the historic preservation community will be marking the 60th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, which created the ACHP. The report indicates the ACHP's desire to be designated to Task Force 250 and to develop an advisory committee to determine activities and implement them.

### National Garden of American Heroes

In 2020, President Trump signed an executive [order](#), Building and Rebuilding Monuments to American Heroes, which was rescinded but recently reinstated, which created the National Garden of American Heroes. This will be a statuary park including statues to 250 historically significant Americans who made

substantive contributions to America's public life or otherwise had a substantive effect on America's history.

The ACHP is a member of an interagency task force that will be advising the Department of the Interior, which is responsible for constructing the garden. The task force also has been directed to explore opportunities to assist communities in erecting monuments celebrating historically significant Americans, events of historical significance, or the ideals upon which the nation was founded.

### **Section 106 E-News**

The Office of Federal Agency Programs distributes a Section 106 e-newsletter following each ACHP business meeting, equating to three times a year. These newsletters relay helpful articles about current issues in working with Section 106 and news about federal agency programmatic activities, new guidance and training resources, and staff changes.