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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, Instagram and LinkedIn accounts, a YouTube channel, and an X feed. With more than 4 billion active social media users worldwide, social media is an essential channel of communications.

OCEO coordinates the ACHP Internship Program, providing spring, summer, and fall internship opportunities to college and graduate students to provide them with practical experience in historic Preservation. Internships are funded by outside entities, including the ACHP Foundation and the Richard Hampton Jenrette Foundation.

OCEO leads the very active agency-wide initiative: Engaging Youth in Historic Preservation, which includes producing educational content, such as webinars, programming, and activity books, as well as information on entering a career in historic preservation, such as webinars, resources, and interviews with preservation professionals.

OCEO also administers the ACHP's major awards programs: 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). In addition, the Chairman's Award for Achievement in Historic Preservation (recognizes exemplary efforts involving federal agencies), can be utilized by Chairmen, but an award has not been presented since 2020.

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 them 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 media support, as needed.

OCEO 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 Indigenous Peoples, 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, digital media, and coordination; 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

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 ACHP 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, trending topics, current high-profile Section 106 cases and success stories, as well as contact information for ACHP staff and member biographies.

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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 LinkedIn, Instagram, or Facebook post 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, plus, @usachp on X/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.

LinkedIn has 244 million North American users and is the ACHP's largest social media network with more than 13,000 followers. YouTube is the second most popular social media platform and has more than 2.70 billion monthly active users as of February 2025. Instagram has more than two billion monthly active users.

In the last year alone, the ACHP has significantly increased followership on its social media platforms.

- YouTube subscribers +112%
- LinkedIn +46%
- Instagram +29%
- Facebook +10%
- X/Twitter +6%

These social media channels will continue to help reach new audiences and engage a new generation of preservationists.

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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 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

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- 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
- 2021 – Department of Veterans Affairs (Milwaukee, Wisconsin), Department of Housing and Urban Development, The Alexander Company, Milwaukee Preservation Alliance, and nearly 20 other partners for the 10-year preservation effort to restore and renovate six historic buildings in the Milwaukee Soldiers Home National Historic Landmark District to provide housing for veterans experiencing homelessness
- 2022 – National Park Service and partners Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives, and the National Park Foundation for the restoration of the Administration Clock Tower Building and factory grounds to re-open as the Pullman National Monument and State Historic Site
- 2023 – U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Parks and Recreation, Oregon Historical Society, Southern Oregon University, and numerous local heritage organizations and museums for the Oregon Chinese Diaspora Project, a grassroots partnership initiated in underserved rural communities in southern and eastern Oregon using public archaeology projects to update and recenter the history of the Chinese diaspora in Oregon

- 2024 – National Park Service and partners Emmett Till & Mamie Till-Mobley Institute and Emmett Till Interpretive Center for creating a coalition campaign in support of the 2023 designation of the Emmett Till & Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument to preserve the historic sites of Roberts Temple (Chicago, Illinois), Tallahatchie County Courthouse (Sumner, Mississippi), and Graball Landing (Glendora, Mississippi)

The ACHP/HUD Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation is a joint award with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), currently paused due to personnel changes. This annual award honors 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 for low- and moderate-income families and individuals and expanded economic and community development.

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.

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 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: [ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation 2020 Award Ceremony](#)

2021

The Milwaukee Soldiers Home project included the rehabilitation of six vacant historic buildings into 101 housing units for veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Established in 1867, it is one of the earliest branches of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, created by Congress and President Abraham Lincoln to care for volunteer Union soldiers disabled during the Civil War. Under the leadership of The Alexander Company, many partners contributed to save the Soldiers Home, including Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee, National Equity Fund, and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority. [2021 ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation - Milwaukee Soldiers Home](#)

2022

The Appleton at Spring Flats was constructed as the Hebrew Home for the Aged in Washington, D.C., in 1925. After being abandoned in 2009, the development team of Victory Housing, Brinshore Development LLC, and Banc of America CDC in 2020 acquired the site to restore the building's exterior and a full interior rehabilitation to 88 affordable age-restricted apartments, including 14 units for those who experienced homelessness. With the help of designers Wiencek + Associates Architects + Planners and general contractor Hamel Builders, the development team surpassed all energy and sustainability requirements, achieving a LEED Gold certification. [2022 ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation-The Appleton at Spring Flats](#)

2023

Commodore Place Apartments began in 1924 as a hotel in the University Circle neighborhood of Cleveland, Ohio. Converted to apartments in 1964, residents included professionals, musicians, and Cleveland Browns football players. Because of its prime location near museums, universities, hospitals, parks, restaurants, and mass transit, along with its architectural quality, Commodore Place was at risk of conversion to market rate apartments and displacement of most of its residents. Working within the city's community revitalization plan, The Community Builders purchased the building to ensure affordability, healthy living, and access to vital services for residents. Along with partners Sullebarger Associates and City Architecture, the historic high-rise building was redeveloped into 198 residential units, including the preservation of 144 affordable units and an additional 54 market-rate units. [2023 ACHP/HUD Award For Excellence in Historic Preservation - Commodore Place Apts, Cleveland, OH](#)

2024

Buffalo New York Public School 75 opened in 1925 and acted as a neighborhood anchor for more than 50 years. Sitting vacant for two decades, the building fell into a serious state of disrepair. Despite the building's deteriorated condition, the Western New York Veterans Housing Coalition saw the potential to support local veterans and families by restoring the school into housing, and building new apartments in the surrounding area, as part of a larger investment on the city's east side. The Coalition teamed up with Norstar Development USA, Stieglitz Snyder Architecture, (a LaBella Company), M&T Bank, and others to preserve Public School 75 and create 47 apartments, a mix of studio, 1-bedroom, and 2-bedroom homes, including 33 with supportive services for veterans and military service-disabled individuals. Twelve new residential buildings with 18 affordable homes utilized vacant parcels in the surrounding neighborhood. Additional partners were Red Stone Equity Partners, Kulback's, Inc., Sustainable Comfort, C&S Associates, and Cannon Heyman & Weiss, LLP. [2024 ACHP/HUD Award For Excellence in Historic Preservation - Buffalo, NY, Public School 75](#)

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

Other Awards

(available at the ACHP chairman's discretion)

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. From 2002-2010, the award was called the Chairman's Award for Federal Achievement in Historic Preservation; from 2011-2020, the word Federal was removed.

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

**List of Chairman's Awards for Achievement in Historic Preservation
2011- 2020**

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

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 discontinued mid-way through the 2009 cycle.

The National History Teacher of the Year Award was co-sponsored with 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.

March 2025



YOUTH OUTREACH

A major focus of the ACHP is to build a preservation ethic among young people across America, to engage 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.

[Youth Outreach web page](#)

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.

Social Media: Young people are a major audience for social media messaging, and the ACHP utilizes its social media channels to communicate with students.

Workforce Development: The ACHP developed a [Workforce Development web page](#) to assist students and young career professionals on their historic preservation career paths.

Traditional Trades Training: The ACHP stood up a Traditional Trades Training Task Force that developed goals to attract young people to study traditional trades, due to a deficit of qualified craftsman to work on historic buildings. A [policy statement](#) was developed and approved by ACHP members.



SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

The ACHP has produced a large library of publications over its 50-plus year history. Selected publications are available for [downloading](#). 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*](#)

[*Citizen's Guide en español*](#)

[*2024 In a Spirit of Stewardship report on federal property management*](#)

[*2021 In a Spirit of Stewardship report on federal property management*](#)

[*Managing Change: Preservation and Rightsizing in America*](#)

[*Preserving Historic Post Offices: A Report to Congress*](#)

[*Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings*](#)

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



ACHP MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

One of the priorities of ACHP staff is ensuring 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 needed.

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 two days after meeting
3. Business Meeting Highlights sent to members two weeks after meeting
4. Committee Reports sent to members within two weeks after Business Meeting Highlights
5. Meeting Minutes sent to members following the Committee Reports
6. Major Activities Member Report sent to members prior to Committee Conference Calls
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 four weeks before business meeting
10. Meeting Book posted for members two weeks before business meeting
11. ACHP Business Meeting

Additionally, 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, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, 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 September 30, 2024, the ACHP was actively participating in 378 Section 106 consultations and executed 128 Section 106 agreements within the preceding fiscal year.) 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. A special members' OneDrive portal with relevant Section 106 documents is available.

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Members receive press releases or links to stories of interest about historic preservation and have access to a member resources 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.

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INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT THE ACHP Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

The Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs (formerly 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. Interns are supervised by professional staff members and also have been supervised by one past ACHP Chair. A variety of partnerships have supported internships and fellowships, and current support comes from both the ACHP Foundation and the Richard Hampton Jenrette Foundation.

Each year, the ACHP hosts spring semester, summer, and fall semester interns; 85 have participated since 2013. Recruitment is currently underway for four summer 2025 internships. Each ACHP intern has made significant contributions to agency work while gaining experience and insight into the national historic 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 historic preservation interns, and attend meetings and conferences with staff. Supervisors propose projects and make final intern selections. The supporting foundations provide stipends for most of the interns and assist them with networking. The ACHP's 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 200 applications are received annually. Internships may be on-site or virtual in order to enable talented interns from all over the country to participate. 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 five who joined the ACHP staff. These positions have included the Senior Program Manager, Consulting Services, Partners for Sacred Places, Chicago, Illinois; the Executive Director, Historic Natchez Foundation; 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 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; a preservation planner, City of Geneva, Illinois; the Historic Bridge Program manager, PennDOT; a docent at historic houses in the French Quarter, New Orleans, Louisiana; and an assistant archaeologist, St. Mary's City, Maryland.

In addition to the internship opportunities described above, ACHP's Office of Communications, Education, and Outreach periodically hosts students from Suffolk University in Massachusetts who shadow the professional staff for a day as well as one-week externs in cooperation with Rutgers University.

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.