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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is an independent federal agency with the primary mission to encourage historic preservation in the federal government and across the nation.

The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), which established the ACHP in 1966, directs federal agencies to act as responsible stewards when their actions impact historic properties. The ACHP has the legal responsibility to assist federal agencies in their efforts and to ensure they consider preservation during project planning.

The ACHP's Presidentially appointed members provide expert advice on historic preservation matters to the President and Congress; recommend administrative and legislative improvements for protecting the nation's diverse heritage; and review federal programs and policies to promote effectiveness, coordination, and consistency with national preservation policies.

A key agency function is overseeing the federal historic preservation review process established by Section 106 of the NHPA. Section 106 requires federal agencies to consider the effects of projects they propose to carry out, license, approve, or assist on historic properties and provide the ACHP an opportunity to comment on these projects prior to a final decision on them.

STRUCTURE OF THE ACHP

The ACHP, served by a professional staff in Washington, DC, comprises 24 members who meet throughout the year to oversee its work.

Members include the following Presidential appointees and other organizations' leadership:

- Presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed chairman selected from the general public
- Three members of the general public
- Four expert members

- Member of an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian Organization
- Municipal mayor
- State governor
- Departments of the Interior; Agriculture, Defense, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, Veterans Affairs
- General Services Administration
- Architect of the Capitol
- Council on Environmental Quality
- National Trust for Historic Preservation
- National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers
- National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

The ACHP also has five Observers.

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MISSION STATEMENT: The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation promotes the preservation of America's historic places and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy.





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CHARLESTON, SC, A SECTION 106 SUCCESS
STORY (WIKIMEDIA COMMONS)



DESERT VIEW WATCHTOWER
RESTORATION, GRAND CANYON, AZ,
A SECTION 106 SUCCESS STORY (NPS)



MERIDIAN BRIDGE PROJECT, SD AND NE,
A SECTION 106 SUCCESS STORY (NPS)

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PROGRAM OFFICES

The ACHP's major program areas are reflected in its organizational structure.

The **Office of Federal Agency Programs** administers the NHPA's Section 106 review process to promote efficient federal project planning that gives due consideration to the historic places communities value. It works with federal agencies to improve how they incorporate historic preservation considerations into their programs and procedures and their responsibilities under the NHPA. The office manages the ACHP's training program to instruct a diverse range of participants in the Section 106 review process, reaching both federal and nonfederal stakeholders.

The **Office of External Engagement** supports the ACHP's efforts to shape national preservation policy by developing recommendations to the members, analyzing legislation, and participating in federal preservation initiatives. It advises ACHP leadership and staff on Indigenous issues and on Tribal and Native Hawaiian consultation under Section 106. The office also manages media relations, responds to public and congressional inquiries, and leads the ACHP's external outreach activities.

The **Office of General Counsel** provides legal advice and analyses, reviews and manages Freedom of Information Act requests, and oversees the agency's ethics and records management programs.

The **Office of Administration** oversees a full range of administrative, personnel, procurement, space planning, budget, and fiscal services and coordinates related services provided by the Department of the Interior and General Services Administration on a reimbursable basis. The office also provides administrative and clerical support to ACHP leadership and the executive director.

The **Office of Information Technology** (OIT) manages the ACHP's information technology services, infrastructure, and cybersecurity operations supporting ACHP staff and clients in the conduct of agency programs. As part of technology services delivery, OIT promotes innovative uses of technology and provides enterprise applications and web services supporting key agency activities. OIT provides the daily operations of the agency data center, cloud infrastructure, network, telecommunications, and information security.

SECTION 106

Section 106 of the NHPA requires each federal agency to take into account the effects of any undertaking it proposes to carry out, license, approve, or assist on historic properties. It applies when there is federal involvement in the undertaking; and that activity has the potential to affect properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The responsible federal agency must identify potentially affected historic properties; evaluate effects upon them; and consider alternatives to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects. To do so, the agency consults with appropriate State or Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, other state and local officials, Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiian Organizations, and applicants for federal assistance. It considers their views about effects to historic properties, along with those of the public, when making final project decisions. Each year, more than 120,000 undertakings undergo Section 106 review. While more than 95 percent of these cases are resolved without the ACHP's involvement, others present questions of policy or procedure that require the ACHP's participation to complete the review process. Although the Section 106 review is procedural, the consultation process within it results in solutions developed by consensus among the consulting parties.

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