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 - A. Budget, staffing, and operations update
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 - A. Summary of ACHP legislative activity
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- I. Vice Chairman's Report
 - A. Welcome. *Vice Chairman Travis Voyles will welcome the Members to the June Business Meeting and ask Members to introduce themselves.*
 - B. Recent activities. *Vice Chairman Voyles will summarize his recent activities.*
 - C. Council organization. *Vice Chairman Voyles will summarize his efforts to organize membership committees.*
- II. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Budget, staffing, and operations update. *Executive Director Reid Nelson will report on the status of FY 2026 funding, the FY 2027 budget, and ACHP organization and operations.*
- III. Regulatory Updates
 - A. Section 106 regulation review. *Vice Chairman Voyles will provide updates on the regulatory review process and summarize feedback received so far on the proposed review.*
 - B. Program alternatives updates. *Vice Chairman Voyles and Office of Federal Agency Programs Director Jaime Loichinger will provide updates on federal agency usage of two program alternatives.*

Short Break

- IV. Legislative Agenda
 - A. Summary of ACHP legislative activity. *Vice Chairman Voyles and ACHP Policy and Legislative Officer Blythe Semmer will summarize the ACHP's responsibilities to advise Congress.*
 - B. Member review and potential approval of ACHP legislative agenda (possible

action needed). *The Members will be asked to provide input on a proposed legislative agenda for the 119th Congress and consider its adoption.*

- V. *Housing and Historic Preservation Guidance. Vice Chairman Voyles and Dr. Semmer will provide information on ACHP efforts to comply with Executive Order 14394.*
- VI. *Preserve America Executive Order Section 3 Guidance. Vice Chairman Voyles and Director Loichinger will provide background on ACHP responsibilities under the "Preserve America" Executive Order 13287 and discuss possible themes for the upcoming triennial report.*
- VII. *New Business. No new business has been identified.*
- VIII. *Adjourn.*



ACHP COMMITTEE ROSTERS

Office of External Engagement and Office of Federal Agency Programs

Background. At the February 2026 Business Meeting, Vice Chairman Voyles shared with Members that he was reviewing the structure of the ACHP’s three standing committees and sought input on the three existing committees, including their continued utility, scope, and membership.

Status: Based on the positive feedback from Members on the need for these committees to continue operation, and pursuant to the ACHP’s Operating Procedures at Section II, subpart E, the Vice Chairman has decided to maintain these committees with minor adjustments to names, scope, and membership, as follows:

- The scope of the Policy and Legislative Affairs committee was broadened to include preservation programs and initiatives and was renamed the Preservation Initiatives Committee.
- The scopes and titles of the Regulations and Governance committee and the Tribal and Indigenous Peoples committee remain unchanged.
- The Preservations Initiatives and the Tribal and Indigenous Peoples committees will be staffed by the Office of External Engagement, and the Regulations and Governance committee will be staffed by the Office of Federal Agency Programs.

Generally speaking, these committees will convene twice virtually in each four-month Business Meeting cycle (i.e. six times a year), first midway between business meetings to check progress on key initiatives and recommend agenda items for Business Meetings, and then a second time the week right before a Business Meeting to develop recommendations for Member discussion and action at the upcoming Business Meeting.

Below is the list of committee scopes and assignments for both Member and non-Member participants. Rick Gonzalez and John Tahsuda have agreed to serve as Committee Chairs of the Preservation Initiatives and the Tribal and Indigenous Peoples committees, respectively, and Vice Chair Voyles will chair the Regulations and Governance committee.

Preservation Initiatives Committee

The Preservation Initiatives Committee advises the Chairman and membership on the development of ACHP preservation policies, programs, and initiatives; recommends comments on external policy, programs, initiatives, and legislation at the federal, state and local level; and advises on federal agency and Executive Branch issues and initiatives related to historic preservation.

Chairman: Rick Gonzalez
Vice Chairman: Anne Raines, President, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

Member Participants: Phoebe Tudor, Chair, National Trust for Historic Preservation
Emmie Addamus (representative for Governor Jeff Landry)

Marik String
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Department of Veterans Affairs

**Non-Member
Participants:**

John Fowler, ACHP Foundation
Ann Walker, Program Director, Preserve America Youth Summit

Regulations and Governance Committee

The Regulations and Governance Committee advises the Chairman and membership on the oversight and implementation of the Section 106 regulations; reviews and identifies areas for improving the Section 106 process as well as the development of policy and guidance; and advises on the development and adoption of nationwide program alternatives and internal agency operating procedures.

Chairman: Travis Voyles
Vice Chairman: Margaret Everson
Member Participants: Mayor Robert Simison
Michael Boos
Architect of the Capitol
Council on Environmental Quality
Department of Homeland Security
Department of Transportation
General Services Administration

**Non-Member
Participants:**

Patrice Frey, President and CEO, RePurpose Capital
Abigail Christman, Chair, National Alliance of Preservation Commissions
Emily Domenech, Executive Director, Permitting Council

Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Committee

The Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Committee advises the Chairman and membership on the effective engagement of Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations in the federal preservation program, including those steps necessary to maintain the ACHP's trust responsibilities to Indian Tribes, ensuring effective consultation with them on policy and program development; promoting their full participation in the Section 106 review process; and developing and carrying out policy, research, guidance, and training on matters relating to their participation in the preservation program.

Chairman: John Tahsuda III
Vice Chairman: Lakota Hobia, Chair, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers
Member Participants: Kyle Scherer
Jaime Gardner
Department of Agriculture
Department of War
Department of the Interior

Action needed. No formal action is needed at this time. If Members have questions about their committee assignments, please reach out to Vice Chairman Voyles.



REVIEW OF SECTION 106 REGULATIONS Office of General Counsel

Background. Vice Chairman Travis Voyles announced during the February 2026 Business Meeting that he intends to lead an effort to review the Section 106 regulations and determine how they might be updated to address modern needs and demands. In launching this effort, he sought input from the membership on several key questions relating to the existing regulations:

- Could the Section 106 regulations, or any portion thereof, be streamlined to more effectively achieve the statutory objectives of the NHPA? If so, what changes should be made?
- Are there any portions of the Section 106 regulations that are difficult to interpret or have become perhaps unnecessary, ineffective, or ill-advised? If so, please identify them.
- Have the Section 106 regulations, or any portion thereof, become outdated? If so, how can they be modernized to better accomplish the statutory objectives of the NHPA?
- Can any new technologies be leveraged to modify or streamline the Section 106 regulations?
- What additional information should the ACHP collect regarding the Section 106 process? The current regulations give us very little authority to collect information about the Section 106 process. If there should be some additions to our ability to do that, where should those be made?
- Are the Section 106 regulations, or any portions thereof, inconsistent with any current E.O.s or directives issued by the President? If so, how should we fix that?

In order to advance this effort, the Vice Chairman announced his intention to establish an ACHP workgroup to assist and advise him on updating the regulations, including analyzing information compiled by ACHP staff, advising on areas needing attention or adjustment, and developing draft recommendations for further discussion by the membership. He asked that Members indicate their interest in serving on the workgroup following the meeting.

Status. In response to the Vice Chairman's request, the following ACHP Members and observers expressed interest in participating in the new subgroup:

- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Department of War
- Rick Gonzalez
- Kyle Scherer
- National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers
- National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers
- National Trust for Historic Preservation

- ACHP Foundation
- National Alliance of Preservation Commissions
- Permitting Council
- Preserve America Youth Summit

Vice Chairman Voyles will update the Members at the June Business Meeting on the establishment of the workgroup. Once established, the workgroup will advise the ACHP Regulations and Governance Committee and the Vice Chairman on appropriate steps to inform broader member action on the regulations (please see the Meeting Book appendix for committee scope and assignments). A proposed schedule and agenda for the initial meeting will be forthcoming.

Additionally, in response to the Vice Chairman's request, several ACHP Members, as well as members of the public and preservation organizations submitted initial comments and recommendations on, and potential changes to, the Section 106 regulations. ACHP staff compiled these comments into a spreadsheet for ease of reference and created a OneDrive folder for the Members to view the comments in full. The link for this OneDrive folder will be provided to the Members following the June meeting.

As of March 11, 2026, 15 commenters provided feedback on the Vice Chairman's questions. The comments ranged from support and criticism for the current procedural framework in the regulations to suggestions on specific steps that could be streamlined or modified to improve predictability and efficiency in the process. Commenters stressed the importance of the Section 106 review in ensuring Tribal and public voices are heard in federal decision-making. Other commenters noted that many myths surround the perception of delays and problems in the current Section 106 review and that minor changes and clarifications could make improvements in the process. Many commenters found that utilizing new technology for data collection and data sharing would be very helpful. Several commenters provided advice on how the ACHP should undertake the rulemaking process to involve significant consultation with States, Tribes, industry, and preservation stakeholders. ACHP staff will work with the subgroup to consider how to incorporate the comments received into next steps for reviewing the Section 106 regulations.

Action needed. The Vice Chairman will update the Members and share his plans for establishing the workgroup and advancing the review of the Section 106 regulations. No formal Member action is needed at this time.



PROGRAM ALTERNATIVES UPDATES Office of Federal Agency Programs

Program Comment on Certain Housing, Building, and Transportation Undertakings

Background. On December 20, 2024, Members voted to adopt the *Program Comment on Certain Housing, Building, and Transportation Undertakings* (PC), which was intended to streamline Section 106 reviews for routine undertakings in these categories across all federal agencies. The PC contains two appendices: Appendix A, which excludes activities from any further review without the use of qualified professionals, and Appendix B, which requires the satisfaction of certain conditions and the use of a qualified professional in the relevant discipline. Since its adoption, six federal agencies have notified the ACHP of their decision to utilize the PC's terms: the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Housing Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of War on behalf of all military components, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the U.S. Forest Service.

The PC requires ACHP staff to develop training and a template annual report, and the ACHP is also enabled to participate in dispute resolution. The PC requires the ACHP to convene an annual meeting to solicit feedback on the PC's implementation from federal agencies, Indian Tribes, SHPOs, THPOs, Native Hawaiian Organizations, ACHP Members, and consulting parties.

Status. For the first reporting cycle, four federal agencies (Bureau of Reclamation, Air Force, Navy, and Rural Business-Cooperative/Rural Housing Services) submitted reports regarding their use of the PC. The remaining two federal agencies will submit their first reports at the end of fiscal year 2026. In total, the agencies utilized Appendix A 984 times, and Appendix B 22 times.

ACHP staff published an annual reporting template and developed training via an e-learning course, which provides an overview of the PC and its process. While no formal disputes were submitted to the ACHP, ACHP staff provided technical assistance in a limited number of circumstances. This assistance concerned application of Appendix A to activities that were not related to housing, building, or transportation, and also advice related to information sharing between a federal agency and a Tribe.

An annual meeting with federal agencies utilizing the PC has not yet been scheduled but is planned for the summer of 2026. In the meantime, consulting parties have provided general feedback regarding potential conflicts between activities listed in Appendices A and B and asked for additional information to be included in the federal agencies' annual reports.

Discussion. Based on the first year of annual reporting, it appears Appendix A is effectively streamlining reviews; however, the infrequent use of Appendix B raises questions as to whether its processes need to be simplified. Informal feedback from federal agencies indicated that reporting processes for Appendix B are overly burdensome, which may be limiting its usage. Additionally, given reduced ACHP staffing at the ACHP, the PC's requirement for an annual meeting may be challenging.

Members are asked to provide input on whether the PC may benefit from an amendment to modify reporting requirements; reduce burden on ACHP staff; and revise or remove Appendix B to simplify and maximize use of the streamlining function of the PC.

Action needed. No formal action is needed at this time.

Exemption for Indigenous Knowledge-Informed Activities by Native Hawaiian Organizations

Background. On October 18, 2024, Members approved the *Exemption for Indigenous Knowledge-Informed Activities by Native Hawaiian Organizations* (Exemption). The Exemption relieves federal agencies from Section 106 reviews for certain undertakings that the federal agency may carry out, permit, license, or fund in Hawai'i that are proposed or directed by a Native Hawaiian Organization (NHO), or substantially led, designed, or managed by an NHO, informed by Indigenous Knowledge of that NHO, and related to traditional cultural practices of Native Hawaiians. Such undertakings can include preservation or restoration of water systems or historic pathways or conduct of agricultural or aquacultural practices, among other activities.

Status. The ACHP received four annual reports regarding use of the Exemption. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service used the Exemption four times, while the Department of War used it for two projects, and the Department of the Interior's Office of Native Hawaiian Relations used it six times. A total of 10 undertakings were exempted from Section 106 review in 2025 using this Exemption.

The Exemption requires the ACHP to convene an annual meeting. It is anticipated that such a meeting will be scheduled for the summer of 2026.

Discussion. Members are asked to consider whether annual reports are needed, given the limited number of activities being exempted. Removing an annual reporting requirement would also be consistent with other ACHP-approved exemptions. Members are also asked to consider whether an annual meeting is needed to evaluate the Exemption's implementation. Because of the limited number of undertakings impacted by the Exemption, it may be more useful to consider an amendment that would allow federal agencies and other parties to submit feedback on a rolling basis and for adjustments to be made as needed.

Action needed. No formal action is needed at this time.



ACHP LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AND COMMENT PRIORITIES Office of External Engagement

Introduction. A key responsibility of the ACHP assigned by Section 54 U.S.C. § 304102(a)(1) of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) is to “advise the President and Congress on matters relating to historic preservation.” This provision is somewhat unique in federal legislation in that it provides the ACHP the authority and responsibility to advise both the Administration and the Congress *directly* on historic preservation matters. In order to fulfill these responsibilities, ACHP staff monitors and tracks the development of legislation that may have implications for historic preservation and advises ACHP leadership and Members on such intersections.

Background. The ACHP’s Operating Procedures describe protocols for handling legislative matters in Section VII. Any ACHP comment on pending legislation requires action of the Members. In recent years, the Preservation Initiatives Committee led discussion on legislative matters and made recommendations to the full membership for action on advice to Congress or the Administration.

The ACHP sent letters to Congressional leadership and/or committees more than 20 times during the 118th Congress (2023-24), 14 times in the 117th (2021-22), 18 times during the 116th (2019-2020), and 10 times in the 115th (2017-18). These letters covered a variety of topics, but Members have focused on some consistent areas of concern, including supporting preservation-friendly programs and funding, maintaining and enhancing tax incentives for preservation, advising against the use of Section 106 legislative exemptions when administrative provisions for efficiencies are available, and encouraging stewardship of historic properties under federal management or control.

The ACHP has generally avoided commenting on legislation that pertains to a specific historic site. Guidance adopted by the ACHP in 2018 sets forth criteria for when it is appropriate to comment otherwise and is incorporated in the [Operating Procedures](#) at Appendix E. For bills that are not site-specific, the ACHP has previously adopted legislative agendas that include key issue areas to focus on, thereby establishing a framework for Member action on individual bills in the form of a set of legislative priorities. The ACHP last approved a set of legislative priorities in March 2023.

The ACHP may also comment on state and local legislation per the NHPA [54 U.S.C. § 304102(a)(4)]. In 2023, Members adopted policy guidance on advising on such legislation, which is incorporated as Appendix D to the Operating Procedures. The ACHP subsequently posted [FAQs](#) on this topic.

ACHP legislative priorities. The ACHP typically revisits its legislative priorities at the beginning of a Congressional term with development of a legislative agenda. The agenda sets priorities and a general sense of direction, establishing a framework for Member action on individual bills over the next two years. Some legislative goals may remain the same, while other issues may change in response to the current priorities of the Administration, Congress, and the membership. The agenda does not obligate Members to advise on any specific bill.

In March 2025, ACHP Members gathered for an informational meeting early on in this Administration where Members were asked to provide input on a draft set of legislative priorities. ACHP staff re-examined the draft list of priorities and proposed edits based on current legislative activity, the recently

adopted ACHP strategic plan, and emerging preservation opportunities and issues. Text of the priorities presented in March 2025 and a redline showing proposed updated language is included in the Meeting Book appendix. Given the lack of a Chairman or acting Chairman during that meeting, the draft agenda was updated but not adopted.

As a result of input at that meeting, reference to the semiquincentennial celebration was removed given the passage of time. An item on identification of historic properties (which was in March 2023 a proposed modification to a digital mapping priority) was replaced with one providing more specificity regarding the use of technology to access historic properties information reflecting current Executive Orders and policy-related initiatives. Finally, the item on balancing preservation with regulatory/permitting reform was updated to recognize its relevance to participant roles.

Status. Absent a formally adopted legislative agenda, ACHP staff is tracking legislative trends that could affect preservation policy and practice. The following high-level summary of those trends in the current Congress focuses on intersection with Section 106 and ACHP strategic goals.

There is wide-ranging interest in permitting reform to accelerate energy and other infrastructure projects, especially where these sectors are linked to national security. Legislative efforts in this regard contain provisions including:

- Statutory exemptions from review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and/or the NHPA.
- Even where Section 106 is not directly addressed, many proposals would change the practical conditions under which the review operates by redefining “undertaking,” compressing consultation windows, limiting participation, or restricting legal standing and judicial remedies. These features may appear in both broad permitting reform packages as well as in sector-specific bills (e.g., broadband, electric transmission, geothermal).
- Abbreviating Section 106 review or exempting projects when an undertaking is in response to disaster recovery (e.g., wildfires, floods, or other declared emergencies) or in advance for routinized preparedness actions, particularly for wildfire prevention.

Other proposals aim to increase protection for historic properties, but these have been less frequent. These bills mainly focus on tax credits and increasing capacity for Tribes and states to conduct Section 106 reviews.

As the Preservation Initiatives Committee resumes work, the agenda will guide ACHP staff in tracking and elevating proposals for Committee consideration of whether the ACHP should offer advice or comment. The legislative agenda also provides the Chairman a clear basis to convey an interim ACHP position under the Operating Procedures if timing does not allow for Member action at a regular meeting. For example, if a bill of interest, according to the legislative priorities, emerged and was scheduled for action by Congress between regular meetings of the ACHP, the Chairman and the Executive Director could develop an interim position on the bill and consult with Members or an appropriate subgroup on offering timely advice.

The Chairman or the Executive Director would notify the membership when such action is to be taken, invite the views of members on the issue, and report to the membership on any legislative positions taken or testimony delivered in a timely manner. The membership would be provided an opportunity to ratify or revise that interim position at the next meeting of the membership.

Action needed. Members should provide input on the proposed draft legislative agenda for the remainder of the 119th Congress and consider a motion for formal adoption at the June Business Meeting. Specifically, Members might consider whether these topics cover preservation issues of concern to the membership and if any topics could be eliminated, revised, or added.



**DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 14394,
“REMOVING REGULATORY BURDENS TO AFFORDABLE HOME CONSTRUCTION”
Office of External Engagement and Office of Federal Agency Programs**

Background. On March 13, 2026, President Trump signed Executive Order 14394, “Removing Regulatory Burdens to Affordable Home Construction.” Section 3(b) of the EO directs the Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) to “develop guidance on maximally exempting, or reducing burdens on, housing construction and infrastructure that facilitates housing construction, such as roads, water, sewer, and other projects under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act so that reporting requirements are no more burdensome than necessary.”

Discussion. The ACHP has a long history of developing responsive solutions to issues arising out of the need to produce housing, particularly affordable housing, in harmony with historic properties. In developing a plan for guidance responsive to the EO, the ACHP can draw on policy statements dating from 1995, 2006, and 2023 that have helped establish effective approaches to Section 106 reviews practiced by both federal agencies and State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs). The ACHP also previously developed Section 106 program alternatives that offer efficiencies in the housing sector, such as the *Program Comment on Certain Housing, Building and Transportation Undertakings* (2024); numerous programmatic agreements (PAs) at the local, state, and nationwide levels; and several program comments for military housing.

A major focus of the ACHP’s past work centered on assisting housing undertakings funded through U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs, such as Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and the HOME Investments Partnership Program (HOME), in which the local or state government funding recipient, known as the Responsible Entity (RE), assumes HUD’s environmental review responsibilities (including Section 106) per the legislative delegation in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. However, other federal agencies may be involved in housing undertakings, such as the Rural Housing Service or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers when issuing permits where wetlands will be filled for new housing construction.

The ACHP has also examined strategies to produce housing through reuse of historic buildings. The 2023 Policy Statement on Housing and Historic Preservation provides direction in this regard, ranging from the use of tax incentives to encourage building reuse for housing to providing flexibility in building codes and zoning to accommodate historic property conversions. Outleasing of underutilized federal property offers another opportunity for the federal government to contribute to the creation of new and affordable housing. In 2019, the ACHP convened a Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings Working Group, consisting of federal and nonfederal stakeholders, which reported out in 2021 on best practices and ways to remove obstacles to this approach to building reuse.

Guidance development themes. In examining existing ACHP resources and considering new avenues for accelerating housing project reviews, ACHP staff identified several themes to inform development of guidance in support of EO 14394.

- **Educating Project Proponents About When Section 106 Applies**
Project proponents should have a clear understanding of the circumstances in which a Section 106 review might be required to address some concerns about potential delays in housing construction

stemming from such reviews. Much of the infrastructure supporting new housing construction is permitted at the state or local, rather than federal, level. Misunderstandings also arise in federal undertakings around whether activities have the potential to affect historic properties. During consultation and public input processes for the *Program Comment on Certain Housing, Building, and Transportation Undertakings*, some commenters referenced conducting Section 106 reviews for activities that would not typically require one, such as landscape maintenance or replacement of interior plumbing fixtures or hardware. The ACHP could provide additional detail about activities that do not require a review to help demystify Section 106 for rehabilitation projects.

- **Extending ACHP Policy Principles**

The ACHP's policy statements provide direction for efficiencies in the Section 106 review process that could be expanded and extended in new guidance. For example, the ACHP's Policy Statement on Housing and Historic Preservation discusses limiting or avoiding archaeological investigations for housing projects that only involve rehabilitation and require minimal ground disturbance. Additional guidance and best practices could help Section 106 participants apply the policy with shared expectations and more fully achieve potential efficiencies.

- **Enabling Wider Use of Exclusions from Review**

The *Program Comment on Certain Housing, Building, and Transportation Activities* has so far only been used by a few federal agencies, but its widest impact appears to be in the application of Appendix A, which includes undertakings that require no further review due to the unlikelihood they would affect historic properties. Many of these activities are also routine undertakings excluded from further review under existing CDBG PAs. The ACHP could consider ways to build on the utility of Appendix A so that it could be broadly used by all federal agencies whose work might touch on housing and residential infrastructure construction without the additional procedural measures required to use other provisions of the *Program Comment on Certain Housing, Building, and Transportation Activities*.

- **Highlighting Opportunities to Create Housing Using Existing Infrastructure**

The 2023 Policy Statement on Housing and Historic Preservation presents arguments for the reuse of historic buildings for housing whether or not they were originally designed as housing. Adaptive reuse approaches are aligned with the federal rehabilitation tax credit and can be further incentivized through state and local programs. Cost-effective rehabilitation also employs existing infrastructure, thus potentially avoiding the need for new permits. The ACHP is well positioned to share information about how historic preservation can contribute to alleviating the housing crisis. It has done so in the past by highlighting successful preservation projects that created new housing in historic buildings and by publishing information on the role historic preservation can play in addressing broader issues of urban change, as in the 2018 report on *Preservation and Rightsizing in America*. Collaboration with national and state partners could bring together information about programs at all levels of government, as well as those within the private sector, that are available to support historic housing rehabilitation and adaptive reuse.

Action needed. Members should provide input on the draft guidance themes and advise ACHP staff on particular issues or audiences they believe the guidance should address.



**REPORTING GUIDELINES FOR SECTION 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 13287,
“PRESERVE AMERICA”
Office of Federal Agency Programs**

Background. Section 3 of Executive Order (EO) 13287, “Preserve America,” calls for federal real property managers to assess the status of their inventory of historic properties, the condition and management need of those historic properties, and how historic properties under their ownership or control can support economic development. Federal agencies are asked to report their progress in identifying, using, and protecting historic properties to the ACHP and the Secretary of the Interior (SOI) every three years. These reports provide the basis for the ACHP’s own triennial report on the state of federal stewardship of historic properties, which will be issued in February 2027.

Status. The ACHP has traditionally provided advisory guidance to federal agencies on preparing their progress reports in advance of triennial submission deadlines. Section 3 reports have typically highlighted specific themes or timely issues related to the management of these holdings and how they relate to important issues facing the nation. ACHP staff is reviewing advisory guidelines from recent reporting cycles in order to bring focus to Administration initiatives that affect historic properties as well as where historic properties can contribute to such initiatives. Federal agencies are not required to structure their Section 3 progress report in response to questions in the guidelines, but doing so will assist the ACHP in preparing a report that addresses priorities identified by Members. Federal agencies may use the advisory guidelines in conjunction with established agency reporting formats.

ACHP staff is currently drafting revised advisory guidelines and considering new and updated questions to reflect current themes in federal property stewardship. The revised guidelines will be provided to ACHP Members after the June Business Meeting. In addition, the revised guidelines will be posted to the ACHP website and emailed to Federal Preservation Officers and other relevant federal policy officials. With progress reports by federal agencies due to the ACHP and SOI by September 30, 2026, these guidelines should be shared soon after the June Business Meeting.

Next steps. The ACHP will compile, synthesize, and analyze the federal agency reports into a final report to the President, which is due on February 15, 2027. ACHP staff will update the Members on the report findings and recommendations as they develop.

Action needed. Members should suggest key federal historic property stewardship themes or questions they believe should be examined in the upcoming report.



APPENDIX



ACHP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES REVISITED 119th CONGRESS

The following text shows all proposed wording for the ACHP legislative priorities for the 119th Congress as presented in March 2025.

- Supporting preservation-friendly programs and funding, including as part of the semiquincentennial celebration
- Balancing regulatory/permitting reform with protection of historic properties, particularly in facilitating energy and other infrastructure projects
- Reauthorizing and making permanent the Historic Preservation Fund
- Maintaining and enhancing tax incentives for historic preservation
- Supporting continued identification, designation, and protection of historic properties and equal opportunity to preserve and enhance them
- Supporting preservation and reuse of historic properties in community development, including for the creation of housing and jobs
- Promoting consideration of historic properties in federal resilience planning related to flooding, wildfires, extreme weather events, and other disasters
- Fostering stewardship of historic properties on federal lands or under federal management.

The following redline text shows ACHP staff's recommended changes for the wording above.

- Supporting preservation-friendly programs and funding, ~~including as part of the semiquincentennial celebration~~
- Balancing regulatory/permitting reform with the interest of Section 106 stakeholders –protectionand protection of historic properties. ~~particularly in facilitating energy and other infrastructure projects~~
- Reauthorizing and making permanent the Historic Preservation Fund
- Maintaining and enhancing tax incentives for historic preservation
- ~~Supporting continued identification, designation, and protection of historic properties and equal opportunity to preserve and enhance them~~
- Encouraging development of technology to expand access to information about historic properties

- Supporting preservation and reuse of historic properties in community development, including for the creation of jobs and affordable housing ~~and jobs~~
- Promoting consideration of historic properties in federal resilience planning related to flooding, wildfires, extreme weather events, and other disasters
- Fostering stewardship of historic properties on federal lands or under federal management.