

## 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 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 affect historic properties. The ACHP is given the legal responsibility to assist federal agencies in their efforts and to ensure they consider preservation during project planning.

The ACHP serves as the federal policy advisor to the President and Congress; recommends administrative and legislative improvements for protecting the nation's diverse heritage; and reviews federal programs and policies

to promote effectiveness, coordination, and consistency with national preservation policies. A key ACHP 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, carried out by them or subject to their assistance or approval, 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 has 23 members who meet periodically to oversee its work.

Members include the following  
Presidential appointees:

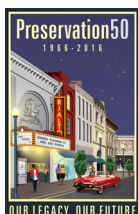
- ▶ Four members of the general public
- ▶ Four expert members

- ▶ An Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization member
- ▶ A mayor
- ▶ A governor
- ▶ The secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, Defense, Education, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs
- ▶ The administrator of the General Services Administration
- ▶ The Architect of the Capitol

The chairman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the president of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers are also designated by the NHPA as members.

A professional staff supporting the ACHP's operations is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

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The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, an independent federal agency, promotes the preservation, enhancement, and sustainable use of the nation's diverse historic resources and advises the President and the Congress on national historic preservation policy.



Preserving America's Heritage



FAMOUS MURALS PAINTED ON HIGHWAY BRIDGES MARK SAN DIEGO'S CHICANO PARK—A SECTION 106 SUCCESS STORY. (NATIONAL REGISTER)



PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITY MACON, GEORGIA, CITYSCAPE AND CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS MEMORIAL (FOTOLIA SEANPAVONEPHOTO)

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on the ACHP, please visit:

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## PROGRAM AREAS

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

The **Preservation Initiatives** office analyzes legislation and does research and development on preservation policy related to sustainability, climate change, heritage tourism, and preservation's economic and cultural benefits. The office manages the Preserve America program and supports the ACHP's involvement in Preservation50, the commemoration of the NHPA's 50th anniversary.

The **Communications, Education, and Outreach** office conveys the ACHP's vision and message to constituents and the general public through information and education programs, as well as public recognition programs for historic preservation achievement. The office has lead responsibility for ACHP work on building a more inclusive preservation program.

The **Federal Agency Programs** office administers the NHPA's Section 106 review process and works with federal agencies to improve how they incorporate historic preservation values into their programs. The office also works with non-federal stakeholders to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Section 106 review process. The office's training program instructs a diverse range of participants and stakeholders in the Section 106 review process.

The **Native American Affairs** office addresses program and policy matters related to issues of concern to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations; offers technical assistance and outreach for tribal and Native Hawaiian organization consultation under the Section 106 review process; and provides training.

The **Preserve America Program** is an integral part of the ACHP's work. It was established as a national initiative to encourage local, regional, and statewide partnership efforts to preserve community heritage and promote heritage tourism, education, and stewardship. Preserve America Communities and Stewards (volunteer programs) are designated in cooperation with the White House and with assistance from the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture. [www.preserveamerica.gov](http://www.preserveamerica.gov)

## SECTION 106

Section 106 requires each federal agency to identify and assess the effects of its undertakings on historic properties. It applies when two thresholds are met: there is a federal, federally assisted, or federally licensed activity; 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 consult with appropriate state and local officials, Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, applicants for federal assistance, and members of the public and consider their views and concerns about historic preservation issues when making final project decisions. Each year more than 110,000 undertakings undergo Section 106 review. While the vast majority of cases are resolved at the state or tribal level, many present challenging preservation issues that require the ACHP's involvement.

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