



HISTORIC ANNAPOLIS, MD,
AFTER EXTREME RAIN EVENT
(CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM)

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

An important part of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) mission is to advise the President and Congress on historic preservation matters, which is a core focus area of the ACHP's Office of External Engagement.

ADVISING CONGRESS

In keeping with its responsibility under the National Historic Preservation Act to advise Congress, the ACHP comments on legislation with the potential to impact the preservation and productive use of historic properties. Frequently addressed issues include the following:

- Funding and reauthorization of the Historic Preservation Fund, which provides funding for State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices and preservation grant programs;
- Enhancements for the federal Historic Tax Credit for rehabilitation of historic properties and supporting other tax incentives for reusing existing buildings;
- Balancing regulatory/permitting reform and streamlining with protection of historic properties; and
- Designation or protection of historic properties that reflect the full American story.

For more information, visit www.achp.gov/preservation-legislation.

MANAGING HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Executive Order 13287 requires the ACHP to deliver a report to the President every three years on federal historic property management. The ACHP's 2018 report, *In a Spirit of Stewardship*, describes federal agency progress in identifying,

using, and protecting historic properties, and offers findings and recommendations for further enhancing preservation of historic properties owned or managed by the federal government. The next report will be developed in FY 2026 for submittal to the President in February 2027.

In 2021, the ACHP published the report *Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings*. Focusing on the leasing of under-utilized and unused historic federal buildings, the report makes recommendations for administrative and policy improvements to facilitate the leasing of such properties for nonfederal use. Under-utilization of federal buildings remains a challenge.

POLICY STATEMENT ON HOUSING AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

To help address the nation's housing shortage, the ACHP adopted this policy statement to encourage rehabilitation of historic buildings for housing. The policy addresses incentivizing and removing barriers to reusing historic buildings for housing, including conversion of historic nonresidential buildings, and accelerating project permitting and environmental review.

STATE AND LOCAL LEGISLATION

The ACHP can also advise on state and local legislation affecting historic properties. Such advice is offered only upon request and in situations where there would be substantial or precedent-setting impacts to historic properties or issues of concern related to federal preservation law and policy.

For more information and additional guidance, please visit: www.achp.gov

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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