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Office of History and Archaeology news

The Alaska Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) is gathering information for a new **Alaska Historic Preservation Plan**, *Saving our Past: For a Resilient Future, 2025 to 2035*. Check out our story map and take the survey on the OHA website [Saving Our Past \(alaska.gov\)](https://alaska.gov/saving-our-past).

Alaska Historic Commission meeting – October 3. In addition to considering CLG grant applications, a National Register nomination, and Geographic Names proposals, the Commission members will engage in two important sessions. At 9:30 a.m., Jennifer Runyon and Matthew O'Donnell, staff to the US Board on Geographic Names, will lead a discussion on “Considering Name Changes.” At 1 p.m., U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission Chair Rosie Rios will lead a discussion on Alaska and the America250. Session details will be provided in the coming weeks. Visit.

[Alaska Historical Commission](#) to learn more.

The Office of History and Archaeology staff are working on a hybrid schedule. We recommend people contact staff by email. **If you have a general inquiry, a project for review, or state cultural resources investigation permit application please use one of the following email addresses:**

General inquiry, geographic names, Alaska Historical Commission, etc.: dnr.oha@alaska.gov

Review/compliance, Section 106, project review: oha.revcomp@alaska.gov

State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits: oha.permits@alaska.gov

Alaska Heritage Resource Survey access, renewals, or submissions: oha.ibs@alaska.gov

National Park Service news

[Technical Preservation Services](#) will launch a new series of case studies of successful tax incentives projects beginning in September.

Titled *Case-Study Snapshots*, the new e-newsletter will illustrate the flexibility inherent in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and how they have been used and applied to all kinds of historic rehabilitation projects and circumstances. These case studies will highlight projects involving topics such as the preservation of existing, and the creation of new, affordable and market-rate housing; the adaptive reuse and conversion of buildings to new uses; creative and innovative reuses of difficult-to-adapt buildings and property types; retrofit of historic buildings to be more sustainable, energy efficient, and resilient; economic development and community revitalization through historic rehabilitation; accessibility; and other rehabilitation issues and challenges.

Case-Study Snapshots will be sent to all subscribers. We will continue to publish the periodic *Technical Preservation Services News* that includes updates and information about guidance, publications, trainings, and other information related to the [Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program](#) and the [Secretary of the Interior's Standards](#).

NPS invites you to subscribe through the link [Keep in Touch with TPS - Technical Preservation Services \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

Grants

African American Civil Rights grant program - \$24 million is available. **Applications are due September 05, 2024.**

The Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) for NPS FY2024 competitive programs will be spring through fall 2024. To be notified when this year's opportunities become available, go to [Grants.gov and subscribe to a saved search](#): for CFDA 15.929 for Save America's Treasures (SAT), 15.932 for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), and 15.966 for all other competitive programs. You can create a saved search on grants.gov under the "Connect" menu. The application period is 60-90 days from the time the NOFO is posted on Grants.gov. Because the window to apply for funding is limited, we encourage all applicants to plan well ahead of the application deadline. Information on applying to all of NPS' competitive programs is available through their website year-round. Registration in Grants.gov,

SAM.gov, and other federal systems can take up to four weeks, so start early. Extensions will not be granted due to incomplete registrations in these systems or applications.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

Training:

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) announces September, 2024 Section 106 training opportunities, presented online via Zoom, including one free webinar. Staff in the Office of Federal Agency Programs will present four timely webinars and a Section 106 Essentials course on the following dates in September:

Webinar Series:

Defining the Area of Potential Effects (APE)

Wednesday, September 4, 3:00-4:00 pm EDT

Section 106 Program Alternatives

Thursday, September 12, 3:00-4:00 pm EDT

Implementing Section 106 Program Comments

Thursday, September 19, 3:00-4:00 pm EDT

Section 106 Documentation & e106 (Register early before this free course fills!)

Thursday, September 26, 3:00-4:00 pm EDT

Section 106 Essentials

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 24 & 25, 12:30-4:30 pm EDT

For course content information and registration instructions, visit <https://www.achp.gov/training/>

Contact Tanya Devonish with any questions at training@achp.gov.

National Trust for Historic Preservation news

Access high-quality training fast and for free through the **Preservation Leadership Forum Webinar Series**. Covering topics from historic tax credits to market studies and revitalization, the Forum Webinar Series gives viewers a chance to receive timely and informative content while interacting directly with content experts. The Forum Webinar Series is currently free for all viewers.

<https://savingplaces.org/upcoming-webinars>

National Preservation Law Conference in DC/Online

Preservation Law conference in DC or online on September 12 will provide an in-depth look into preservation law, highlighting the most recent and influential developments and attendees with the knowledge and skills to effectively advocate and champion key preservation issues. Register at: <https://savingplaces.org/law-conference>

National Trust Preservation Funds Grant Program:

National Trust grants are announced throughout the year. Sign up for the [grants interest list](#).

For more information, visit <https://savingplaces.org/grants>

Recent Publication

Don Rypkema recently released report: [The YIMBY Movement: Historic Preservation's Response - PlaceEconomics](#), an evidence-based case for historic districts and the retention of older housing.

The report reflects upon previously made arguments of density being achievable through retention of historic neighborhoods, rather than through new high density development. The report concludes that preservationists can “make a reasoned, evidence-based case for historic districts and the retention of older housing to those YIMBYs who are actually for neighborhoods that are diverse, affordable, and inclusive. Because that’s what the historic districts in most American cities actually are.”

YIMBY movement – “Yes in my Backyard” (opposed to NIMBY – “Not in my Backyard”).

National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers news

NATHPO invites tribes and native organizations to stay current on important happenings using their new [Calendar of Events](#). They have job listings, [Community Job Board](#), and listing of relevant [Grant Opportunities](#).

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

- West Susitna Access Road
- Graphite One Mine near Nome
- Safer Seward Highway, MP 98.5-118

Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:

- Johnson Tract
 - Programmatic Agreement
- Alaska Highway WWII Bridges
 - Programmatic Agreement
- Glenn Highway Corridor
 - Programmatic Agreement
- USFS Sustainable Cabins
 - Programmatic Agreement
- NPS Kennecott Maintenance and Operations

- Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- NPS Dyea and the Chilkoot Trail
 - Programmatic Agreement

For information on how to participate in the process, or on how to review and comment on the above projects, contact Sarah Meitl, sarah.meitl@alaska.gov.

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

2024

September 4 - Defining the Area of Potential Effects (APE), ACHP Section 106 Webinar

Wednesday, September 4, 3:00-4:00 pm EDT

September 11- 14 AASLH 2024 Annual Conference, Doing History, Mobile, Alabama, [2024 Annual Conference – AASLH](#)

September 11-15 Sharing Our Knowledge, Sitka Fine Arts campus (formerly Sheldon Jackson School), begins with "Warming Our Hands," a welcome by local clans on Wednesday evening, September 11,

Sitka, AK. Website for more information: <https://www.sharingourknowledge.org>

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September 25 Section 106 Essentials, ACHP Section 106 Webinar, Wednesday, September 25, 12:30-4:30 pm EDT For course content information and registration instructions, visit <https://www.achp.gov/training/>

September 25-28 - Museums Alaska Conference, theme *Building Community*, Fairbanks, AK. For more information email director@museumsalaska.org

September 26 - Section 106 Documentation & e106, AHCP Section 106 Webinar, Thursday, September 26, 3:00-4:00 pm EDT. (Register early before this free course fills!) For course content information and registration instructions, visit <https://www.achp.gov/training/>

October 3 – Alaska Historic Commission meeting, MS Teams. Agenda under development. For more information contact dnr.oha@alaska.gov.

October 9-12 - Alaska Historical Society annual meeting, Theme: *Rights and Responsibilities*, Cordova, AK. <https://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/2024-conference/>

October 28-30 - *PastForward*, National Trust for Historic Preservation annual conference, New Orleans. For more information: savingplaces.org

November 13-14 – *Cultural Landscapes: An Introduction*, National Preservation Institute Workshop. Anchorage, AK. Learn more at npi.org or contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director, info@npi.org.

November 15 – *Cultural Landscapes: Advanced Tools for Managing Change*, National Preservation Institute Workshop. Anchorage, AK. Learn more at npi.org or contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director, info@npi.org.

December 12 – OHA Education Series Webinar, *Survey Unit Results 2024*