

NPS Online Training Opportunities Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In partnership with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), Stephen T. Mather Training Center and the Office of WASO Learning and Development are pleased to sponsor twelve one-hour Section 106 webinars in FY 2015. Each webinar is devoted to NPS participants only (no other agencies), with a maximum of 30 participants.

These offerings are free to you and reflect a larger effort by Learning and Development to provide professional development opportunities to NPS employees through the NPS Career Academy for Cultural Resources. These courses count toward the required training under the 2008 Servicewide Section 106 Programmatic Agreement.

Participants: All NPS employees are welcome to attend.

Cost: All courses are online and free to you!

Registration: Register for these courses in DOI Learn. To find the courses in DOI Learn, do an advanced search for course code NPS-CRS80 (be sure to select "Course Code" in the search fields area). You will be enrolled on a first come first served basis. Registration opens 30 days before the course, and closes 7 days before the course. You may enroll in as many sessions as you like. The course coordinator will send you log-on instructions shortly before the course.

Point of Contact: Please direct questions regarding this series to Cheryl Eckhardt at cheryl_eckhardt@nps.gov or 303-969-2851.

Instructors: All webinars are taught by ACHP staff instructors who have in-depth knowledge about and practical experience with the Section 106 review process. In addition, Cheryl Eckhardt, IMR Regional Section 106 Coordinator, will serve as a host for each of these webinars.

Schedule

Each session is one-hour long. All sessions are at 1:00 p.m. MT / 3:00 p.m. ET. Below is the schedule, followed by the course descriptions.

| Session | Date |
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| Meeting the Reasonable and Good Faith Identification Standard in Section 106 Review | Thursday, November 12, 2015 |
| Archaeological Sites and Section 106: A Discussion on Identification and Evaluation | Tuesday, December 1, 2015 |
| Understanding 36 CFR 800.12: Disaster Response and Emergencies | Thursday, January 21, 2016 |
| Managing Confidential Information and Section 304 in NHPA | Thursday, February 4, 2016 |
| Innovative Approaches to Section 106 Mitigation | Tuesday, February 23, 2016 |
| Defining the Area of Potential Effects | Thursday, March 10, 2016 |
| Cultural Landscapes | Tuesday, April 12, 2016 |
| An Overview of Program Alternatives | Thursday, May 5, 2016 |
| Energy, Transmission, and Section 106 | Tuesday, June 21, 2016 |
| To Be Determined | Thursday, July 21, 2016 |
| To Be Determined | Tuesday, August 16, 2016 |
| To Be Determined | Thursday, September 15, 2016 |

Course Descriptions

Meeting the Reasonable and Good Faith Identification Standard in Section 106 Review (Intermediate Level)

Experienced Section 106 practitioners will benefit from this opportunity to explore the steps necessary to make a reasonable effort to identify historic properties for a specific undertaking and to carry out such identification efforts in good faith. Join Program Analysts Tom McCulloch and Kelly Fanizzo to learn about this regulatory standard while practicing its application to case scenarios.

Managing Confidential Information and Section 304 in NHPA (Intermediate Level)

Section 106 is a public process, but there are circumstances when information about historic properties should be kept confidential. Program Analyst Kelly Fanizzo will outline the types of information that may be protected from release (including in response to FOIA requests) by Section 304 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Consider how Section 304 may apply to different consultation scenarios and learn how to address issues regarding the scope and limits of Section 304 with Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and other parties concerned about the confidentiality of sensitive information.

Archaeological Sites and Section 106: A Discussion on Identification and Evaluation (Beginner Level)

Participants in Section 106 reviews often find themselves discussing archaeological site identification and evaluation. But what if the terms and methods are not familiar? Program Analyst John Eddins, an archaeologist, demystifies some factors that influence delineation of the Area of Potential Effects for archaeological sites and helps participants identify issues to consider in developing an identification plan and considering the multiple levels of significance that different stakeholders may ascribe to such properties. Some familiarity with the Section 106 regulations is recommended.

Understanding 36 CFR 800.12: Disaster Response and Emergencies (Intermediate Level)

What are a federal agency's Section 106 responsibilities when disasters strike or an emergency situation arises? What opportunities do stakeholders have to participate in such cases? Prepare for the unexpected by learning how to move response actions through 106 reviews more efficiently or how to participate in expedited consultations. Program Analyst Jaime Loichinger will coach participants through a variety of response and recovery scenarios with help from Meghan Hesse, FEMA's ACHP detailee. Hear how new initiatives, including development of the Unified Federal Review (UFR) process and a recently-designated FEMA prototype Programmatic Agreement, offer opportunities for efficiencies once recovery efforts begin.

Innovative Approaches to Section 106 Mitigation (Advanced Level)

Large-scale federal projects and their effects to historic landscapes are challenging Section 106 participants to look beyond tried-and-true mitigation approaches. Consider ways to develop innovative ideas for resolving adverse effects in the consultation process during this webinar with Program Analyst Katry Harris and the ACHP's Liaison to the BLM, Nancy Brown. The session will highlight examples of big picture mitigation strategies that focus on project-scale outcomes. Participants will have an opportunity to apply their own creativity to a situation that begs for something beyond the typical historical documentation approach.

An Overview of Program Alternatives (Advanced Level)

The Section 106 regulations offer five program alternatives to tailor the review process to specific federal agency needs. Charlene Dwin Vaughn, Assistant Director in the Office of Federal Agency Programs, and Associate General Counsel Javier Marqués will familiarize participants with the program alternatives. Also, learn how to plan the consultation effort needed to develop a program alternative. This advanced-level program will guide Section 106 users, especially federal agency staff, toward opportunities for greater efficiency in their compliance process.

Defining the Area of Potential Effects (Beginner Level)

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) is the foundation of a federal agency's efforts to identify historic properties in a Section 106 review. Learn how APEs vary based on the nature of an undertaking, practice

defining a preliminary APE in project scenarios, and explore best practices for documenting APEs with Program Analyst Katry Harris.

Energy, Transmission, and Section 106 (*Intermediate Level*)

Energy development and transmission line construction are creating new challenges in federal project historic preservation reviews, even for experienced practitioners. Those familiar with the Section 106 process but new to energy and transmission projects will benefit from the experience of Nancy Brown, the ACHP's Liaison to the Bureau of Land Management, in this intermediate-level webinar. Using case examples, participants will explore how energy and transmission projects diverge from a "business as usual" approach to Section 106 review. Consider how to handle visual effects in transmission corridors and learn what others are doing to make use of the consultation opportunities offered by energy projects.

Section 110(k) and Section 106: Responding to Anticipatory Demolition Concerns (*Intermediate Level*)

What happens when it appears a historic property may have been harmed by an applicant (concession licensee/special use or right-of-way permittee) before a Section 106 review is complete? The first step is to understand when Section 110(k) of the National Historic Preservation Act applies and who must address this concern. Blythe Semmer, Training Specialist, will answer these two questions and share pointers on responding—as a federal agency, SHPO/THPO, or other stakeholder—to situations in which anticipatory demolition questions surface.

Cultural Landscapes (*Intermediate Level*)

Learn how to identify cultural landscapes and to assess how their character-defining qualities could be affected by federal projects undergoing Section 106 review. Participants will be introduced to a range of features—natural and man-made—that should be considered in the identification and evaluation of changes to cultural landscapes. This intermediate-level webinar led by Nancy Brown, ASLA, the ACHP's Liaison to the Bureau of Land Management, will explore examples of how federal agencies are balancing effects to cultural and historic landscapes with project needs.