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Section 106: An Introduction

Seminar Overview

Learn the basics of project review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This seminar emphasizes practicalities—how to avoid pitfalls and victimization by myths. Discuss recent changes in regulations and procedures, with an emphasis on coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act and other laws.

Agenda

Day One

- Introductions
- Myths about Section 106
- What is Section 106? Why is Section 106?
- Section 106, NEPA, and other laws
- Undertaking; Area of Potential Effect; Categorical Exclusions
- Assessing information needs; NEPA scoping; NAGPRA consultation
- Identification myths and methods
- Satisfying the SHPO vs. doing a good job
- “Complete” identification; Identification in context

Day Two

- Identification workshop
- Identification methods
 - The “Phase” trap
 - What the standards actually are
 - What are we looking for?
 - Different kinds of identification for different kinds of properties and effects
 - Phased identification; identification at different scales
 - Identifying people and concerns
 - Coordination with NEPA, NAGPRA

- Evaluation
 - The National Register criteria
 - Evaluation vs. nomination
 - Evaluation principles
 - Evaluation processes
 - Alternatives to evaluation
- Workshop: Drafting a scope of work for identification
- Discussion of identification issues

Day Three

- Determining and resolving effects
- The many paths to compliance under the revised regulations
- Options for resolving adverse effects
- Methods of consultation; Parties; Coordination with NEPA, NAGPRA, etc.
- Completing consultation; MOAs and Council comment; Coordination with NEPA, NAGPRA
- PAs, discoveries, emergencies
- Concluding workshop