



National Trust *for* Historic Preservation

Preservation Leadership Forum

Federal Preservation Policy Update

Current Legislative Priorities, Lame Duck Possibilities,
and a Look Ahead

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | JULY 22, 2026

Today's Speakers



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Agenda

- ❖ Welcome and Webinar Overview
- ❖ A Conversation with Michael Lundquist
- ❖ ACHP and Section 106
- ❖ Funding and Tax Updates
- ❖ Legislative Roundup
- ❖ End-Year Outlook & Looking Ahead
- ❖ Q&A
- ❖ Upcoming Webinars



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Congressman Mike Carey (R-OH-15)



Vice Chair of the Historic Preservation Caucus

Legislative Priorities:

Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act

Revitalizing Downtowns and Main Streets Act

Historic Preservation Fund

Renewing the African American Civil Rights Network Act

Historic Preservation and Land Conservation Certainty Act

Conversation with Michael Lundquist

- Deputy Chief of Staff & Legislative Director for Representative Mike Carey (OH-15)
- Oversees the Congressman's legislative portfolio
- Legislative portfolio includes: Energy, Housing, Natural Resources, Appropriations, Taxes, economic development, and preservation policy
- Key advisor on Historic Preservation Caucus priorities



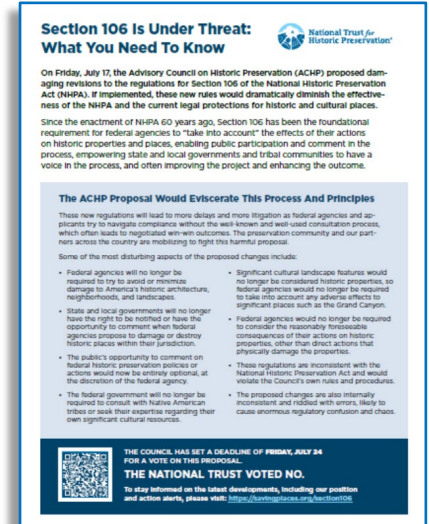


Advisory Council on Historic Preservation - Draft Section 106 Regulations

- On July 17, 2026, the ACHP circulated a proposed comprehensive rewrite of the Section 106 regulations
- An unassembled meeting of the ACHP to vote on the proposed rulemaking action is scheduled on July 24
- Proposed Changes
 - Shifts authority toward federal agencies
 - Reduces consultation and public participation
 - Limits projects subject to Section 106 review
 - Narrows the definition of adverse effects
 - Makes mitigation discretionary rather than expected

National Trust Response to Proposed Regulations

- Initial Steps:
 - Communicating with the preservation community about the regulations
 - Coordinating among stakeholder groups across the preservation community
 - Distributing informational materials
 - Sharing written comments from the Trust to the Council
 - Scheduling follow up webinar on July 30 analyzing potential impact



<https://savingplaces.org/stories/section-106-under-threat>

Congressional Permitting Reform Efforts



Chairman Mike Lee (R-UT)

"Section 106 has a consultation process that has become more like a maze without a map."



Ranking Member Martin Heinrich (D-NM)

"We should always look for ways to make processes, like Section 106 consultation, more efficient and more effective."

Federal Policy Priorities

- Annual Funding: FY 2027
 - House Appropriations levels:
 - HPF - \$163,650,000 with one year extension for authorization
 - ACHP- \$6,200,000
 - Senate Appropriations levels forthcoming
- Federal Historic Tax Credit
 - Bicameral, bipartisan cosponsor ship increase
 - Continuing to build support ahead of any lame-duck tax packages



Liberty Theater
North Bend, Oregon
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants

Preservation Issues: In The News

- **Bears Ears Presidential Proclamation**

- Boundary reduction of the Bears Ears National Monument eliminates more than 90% of the Monument
- Acreage reduction: 1.36 million acres to 121,096 acres

- **Chaco Comment Period**

- A Secretary of the Interior proposal would revoke protections for approximately 336,425 acres within the 10 miles surrounding Chaco Culture National Historical Park (CCNHP) in New Mexico
- Bureau of Land Management public comment period closes on July 29 at midnight (Mountain time)

- **Tule Lake Segregation Center**

- The Federal Aviation Authority and Modoc County are seeking to construct a 3-mile long, 8- to 10-foot-high security fence impacting Tule Lake
- Urge your Members of Congress to support the Tule Lake National Monument



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Preservation Issues: Senate Action

- **Yesterday's Senate Subcommittee Hearing (SENR)**
 - 25 bills considered by the subcommittee
- **Route 66 National Historic Trail (S. 2887, H.R. 5470)**
 - Would designate Route 66 as a National Historic Trail
- **Rosenwald Schools (S. 3925, H.R. 8887)**
 - Multiple provisions to preserve Rosenwald Schools and commemorate the life and legacy of Julius Rosenwald and partnership with Booker T. Washington and thousands of communities
- **American Battlefields (S. 3524, H.R. 7618)**
 - Reauthorizes the American Battlefield Protection Program's (ABPP) Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant Program (BLAG)
- **African American Civil Rights Network (S. 4767, H.R. 9269)**
 - Reauthorizes the African American Civil Rights Network



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Preservation Issues: Recent Developments

- **Addressing Deferred Maintenance at NPS and Other Federal Agencies**

- Senate: America the Beautiful Act (S. 1547)
 - Supported by 68 Senators (33 Democrats, 34 Republicans, 1 Independent)
- House: Great American Outdoors Act 250 (H.R. 9250)
 - Supported by 219 Representatives (110 Democrats, 109 Republicans)

- **PRESERVE Act (H.R. 9689)**

- Protecting Resources and Ensuring Stewardship of Enduring Records of Visual Expression (PRESERVE) Act
- Would establish a procedure to ensure that publicly commissioned art is protected and preserved during the federal building disposal process



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Upcoming Advocacy Opportunities

- Key Upcoming Dates
 - Congressional Recesses in August and October
 - Midterm Elections: Tuesday, November 3
 - Lame Duck Session from November to January
- Upcoming Advocacy Opportunity
 - National Preservation Summit – September 22-24
 - September 22 – National Preservation Awards
 - September 23 – National Summit
 - September 24 – Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill





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QUESTION AND ANSWER

Use the Q&A function to
ask questions of the speakers.



Upcoming Webinars

July 24

Mapping Heritage: Tech Tools for Preservation Planning, in partnership with the American Planning Association

July 30

Section 106 Regulations Under Threat

August 18

Implementing Heritage-Informed Decarbonization Policies

For More Information, visit:

SavingPlaces.org/upcoming-webinars

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Washington D.C. and Online

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