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Monthly news update from the Office of History and Archaeology  
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### **Office of History and Archaeology news**

The OHA is in the process of updating and expanding its **Historic Preservation Series (HPS)**, which provides targeted guidance for cultural resource professionals. In addition to the recent updates to the *Reporting* (#3) and *Cultural Resource Investigations* (#11) HPS documents, check out the newly added *Literature Review* (#17) and *Survey Methods* (#18).

Link to the HPS Series: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/hpseries/hpseries.htm>

Links to the individual new HPS documents:

Reporting: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/hpseries/hp03.pdf>

Cultural Resource Investigations: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/hpseries/hp11.pdf>

Literature Reviews: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/hpseries/hp17.pdf>

Survey Methods: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/hpseries/hp18.pdf>

For cultural resource specialists preparing for the 2024 field season, keep an eye on our website in the coming weeks for the 2024 update to the **State Cultural Resource Investigation Permit (SCRIP) Stipulations and Stipulation Instructions**.

Website where SCRIP updates will be:

<https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/archsurv/permitinvestigate.htm>

OHA is recruiting for an Archaeologist 1/2 Flex position with the Survey Unit. This is a permanent seasonal position. The season typically lasts 10 months. Please review the posting ([HERE](#)). Recruitment is open to All Applicants and closes January 23, 2024.

### **2024 OHA/SHPO Workshop**

OHA/SHPO is hosting an in-person, all-day workshop at the BP Energy Center, Anchorage, AK on April 5, 2024. It will be the first in-person workshop since 2019. Meet and reconnect with OHA/SHPO staff. Network with representatives from federal and state agencies, local governments, Tribes, and other cultural resource professionals. Topics will include:

- Program updates from OHA/SHPO,
- Revising the State Historic Preservation Plan,
- Updated guidance documents with Q&A,
- Updates and future plans for the AHRSPortal, and
- Collaborative projects.

Keynote speaker: Dr. Pat Druckenmiller, University of Alaska Museum of the North, has agreed to present on paleontology in Alaska with an emphasis on what to do if your project encounters or discovers fossils.

Registration and other details are under development. Be on the lookout for more information in future newsletters.

### **Contact Us**

OHA employees are working a hybrid schedule. This means that correspondence, phone calls, and the processing of invoices/payments may be delayed.

While the Office of History and Archaeology staff are working remotely, 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](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov)

Review/compliance, Section 106, project review: [oha.revcomp@alaska.gov](mailto:oha.revcomp@alaska.gov)

State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits: [oha.permits@alaska.gov](mailto:oha.permits@alaska.gov)

Alaska Heritage Resource Survey access, renewals, or submissions: [oha.ibs@alaska.gov](mailto:oha.ibs@alaska.gov)

## Federal Legislation news

A recently passed Continuing Resolution (CR) funds the federal government through March 1 and March 8.

The [FY24 House Interior Appropriations bill](#), which passed the House in November, included \$175.4 million for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), a nearly \$30 million cut below current enacted levels. While the [FY24 Senate Interior Appropriations bill](#) included \$195.166 for the HPF and 1 year authorization for the HPF. Both bills included level funding for SHPOs, THPOs and grant programs, but the House bill eliminated congressionally directed spending in the HPF.

## White House news

White House to Host Listening Sessions on New American Climate Corps, which was created last fall to prioritize clean energy and conservation. The [American Climate Corps](#), “a groundbreaking workforce training and service initiative that will prepare tens of thousands of young people for good-paying jobs in the clean economy”. There is a possibility the Corps could be used to protect cultural resources from climate change threats. Virtual listening sessions are being held January 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> as well as February 1<sup>st</sup>. [Register for a listening session here](#). Written comments emailed to [ACC@americorps.gov](mailto:ACC@americorps.gov) will also be accepted through January 31, 2024.

## National Park Service news

The 2023 *NHL Bulletin* replaces the 1999 version (*National Register Bulletin: How to Prepare National Historic Landmark Nominations*) as the core guidance for understanding NHLs and the process by which they are identified, nominated, and designated. [NHL Bulletin - National Historic Landmarks \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

## Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

ACHP members adopted three major policy statements in 2023. These policies tackle some of the most pressing issues facing not only the cultural resources management community a series of Policy Chats in February to learn more and participate in the discussion. <https://www.achp.gov/news/achp-offer-policy-chats-february>

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) announced its adoption of a policy statement on housing and historic preservation that advances a multi-pronged strategy, at all levels of government, to encourage rehabilitation of historic buildings for housing and accelerate permitting and environmental review. The policy statement also will provide a critical tool for community groups, nonprofit organizations, developers, and others in the private sector to use in advancing preservation values while proactively expediting housing creation and retention. <https://www.achp.gov/news/achp-adopts-housing-and-historic-preservation-policy>

## ACHP/HUD Secretary’s Award for Excellence – deadline extended

The deadline for the 2024 ACHP/HUD Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation is now February 7, 2024. This joint award honors outstanding projects that have advanced the goals of historic preservation while promoting affordable housing, community revitalization, and/or enhanced economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income families and individuals.

## **National Trust/ACHP Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation**

The deadline for nominations for the National Trust/ACHP Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation is Friday, January 26, 2024. The National Trust/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) Award honors outstanding partnerships that advance the preservation of important historic resources and have an impact on the community. It celebrates a project or program in which a federal agency and one or more nonfederal partners have achieved an exemplary preservation outcome. The entire application is completed [online](#) (by 11:59 p.m. January 26, 2024, in the local time zone).

## **Training:**

The ACHP's *Preserve the Past, Build for the Future* webinar series is back in 2024. The series is geared toward college students and those interested in historic preservation. The five-part webinar series features speakers and question and answer sessions. Register [here](#). The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is offering digital classrooms for their Section 106 courses: The Section 106 Essentials and Section 106 Agreements Seminar. They will use Zoomgov.com. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

## **National Historical Publications and Records Commission - NHPRC**

Congress established the NHPRC grants program to promote the preservation and use of America's documentary heritage.

Each year, Congress appropriates up to \$10 million for grants:

- in support of the nation's archives
- for projects to edit and publish historical records of national importance

The NHPRC supports projects to:

- research and develop means to preserve authentic electronic records
- assist archives through a network of state partners
- preserve and make accessible records and archives
- publish papers documenting America's founding era
- publish papers documenting other eras and topics important to an understanding of American history
- improve professional education for archivists and historical documentary editors

Grant Opportunity:

### **Major Collaborative Archival Initiatives**

*For collaborative projects that will significantly improve public discovery and use of major historical records collections.*

### **Archives Collaboratives**

*For projects to plan and develop a working collaborative designed to enhance the capacity of small and diverse organizations with historical records collections.*

### **State Board Programming Grants**

*For projects that strengthen the nation's archival network through activities undertaken by state historical records advisory boards.*

### **Publishing Historical Records in Collaborative Digital Editions**

*For projects to publish documentary editions of historical records. This program has two application cycles.*

## National Trust for Historic Preservation news

### National Trust Preservation Funds Grant Program: Accepting Applications

The National Trust invites you to save the historic places within our community and participate in the National Trust Preservation Funds grant program. This annual program supports local preservation organizations' efforts to **preserve and protect** important places in their communities.

Funding ranges from **\$2,500 to \$5,000** and supports **preservation planning and educational projects**. The next **deadline is Feb 1**.

Grant projects have included engineering and architectural consulting services; tours that are accessible via smart devices; and market studies to assist in prioritizing preservation objectives.

For more information, visit <http://forum.savingplaces.org/preservation-funds> or contact [Grants@savingplaces.org](mailto:Grants@savingplaces.org).

### Apply for the National Fund for Sacred Places

The National Fund for Sacred Places provides training, planning grants, technical assistance, capacity-building support, and capital grants up to \$500,000 to community-serving congregations across America. [Apply for funding](#) by **Feb 29**.

**Peter H. Brink Leadership Fund grants** (up to \$2,500) for travel costs and mentor honoraria are available for Organization Level Forum or Main Street America members of the National Trust. The purpose of these grants is to support the leadership and effectiveness of staff and board members of preservation organizations through individualized mentoring and the sharing of expertise. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. For more information go to [forum@savingplaces.org](mailto:forum@savingplaces.org)

### Links to Additional National Trust Deadlines and Events

- [National Preservation Awards \(Jan 26\)](#)
- [African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund \(Feb 1\)](#)
- [Conserving Black Modernism Grant Program \(Feb 1\)](#)
- [National Trust Preservation Fund \(Feb 1\)](#)
- [National Fund for Sacred Places Webinar \(Feb 1\)](#)
- [National Fund for Sacred Places \(Feb 29\)](#)

## National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers

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
- BLM ANCSA 17(d)(1) Withdrawal revocation  
Draft EIS

### **Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:**

- Alaska Highway WWII Bridges  
Programmatic Agreement
- Alaska FiberOptic Project: Fort Yukon, Beaver, Stevens Village, Rampart, and Tanana  
Programmatic Agreement
- Glenn Highway Corridor  
Programmatic Agreement
- Sterling Highway MP 45-60  
Data Recovery Plan Amendment
- USFS Sustainable Cabins  
Programmatic Agreement
- NPS Kennecott Maintenance and Operations  
Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- NPS Climate Change at Dyea  
Programmatic Agreement
- BLM Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Program  
Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- Ambler Industrial Access Road  
Programmatic Agreement Amendment

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](mailto:sarah.meitl@alaska.gov).

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## **PRESERVATION CALENDAR:**

**2024**

**February 21-24** – Alaska Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Fairbanks, AK. For more information visit the [2024 Annual Conference](#).

**March 4-7** National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week. Washington D.C., for more information go to Registration is now open for [National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week!](#)

**April 5** – OHA/SHPO in-person workshop. BP Energy Center, Anchorage, AK. Registration opening soon.

**July 31- August 4** - National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), NAPC FORUM 2024, West Palm Beach, FL., Save the date. National conference focused on issues facing local historic preservation commissions. [NAPC FORUM](#)

**September 25-28** - Museums Alaska Conference, theme *Building Community*, Fairbanks, AK. For more information email [director@museumsalaska.org](mailto:director@museumsalaska.org)

October 9-12 - Alaska Historical Society annual meeting, Cordova.

**October 28-30** - *PastForward*, National Trust for Historic Preservation annual conference, New Orleans. Conference programming proposals and nominations for National Preservation Awards due January 12, 2024.  
SavingPlaces.org

**November 13-14** – *Cultural Landscapes: An Introduction*, National Preservation Institute Workshop. Learn more at [npi.org](http://npi.org) or contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director, [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org).

**November 15** – *Cultural Landscapes: Advanced Tools for Managing Change*, National Preservation Institute Workshop. Learn more at [npi.org](http://npi.org) or contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director, [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org).