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**Federal legislation and funding for historic preservation programs**

Congressional authorization for the Historic Preservation Fund expired September 30, 2015. Created by Congress in 1966, the HPF funded State Historic Preservation Offices, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, and Certified Local Governments to carry out the federal historic preservation programs. Congress can still appropriate money for the HPF in annual spending bills from an existing \$3 billion balance, and has proposed to do so in the FY 16 spending bills.

There are three HPF reauthorization bills before Congress. Representatives Michael Turner (R-OH) and Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) introduced the National Historic Preservation Amendment Act of 2015 (H.R. 2817) to reauthorize the HPF for 10 years, through 2025, at the current authorized level of \$150 million annually. Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Maria Cantwell (D-WA) introduced the Energy Policy Modernization Act (S. 2012), a comprehensive package that includes permanent authorization for the Historic Preservation Fund, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and establishes a National Park Service maintenance fund. On September 28, Senator Maria Cantwell introduced the American Energy Innovation Act (S. 2089) with a section on permanently authorizing the HPF. This act differs from S. 2012 in that it

goes a step further towards full and permanent funding by requiring the funds to be available without the need for an appropriation.

The new federal fiscal year started October 1, and because Congress did not finish the budget bills, it passed a continuing resolution to keep the federal government operating until December 11, 2015. Most federal programs, including the HPF, are funded by the resolution at the same level as FY 15.

The Senate road, rail and transit funding bill, HR 22, referred to as the DRIVE Act, has a section disturbing to historic preservationists, Section 11116, that would eliminate Section 4(f) and essentially replace it with Section 106. Preservationists are urging retention of the existing Section 4(f) program.

The National Park Service Centennial Act (H.R. 3556), introduced September 18 and referred to several subcommittees of the House Natural Resources Committee, includes a “Centennial Declaration on NPS External Programs.” These programs include the National Historic Landmarks, National Register of Historic Places, National Heritage Areas, Tribal grants, and historic tax credits. The declaration would affirm the agency’s responsibilities for these programs and direct the NPS director to use such programs to benefit the public.

The Historic Tax Credit Improvement Act of 2015 (H.R. 3846), introduced October 28 and referred to the House Ways and Means Committee, was cosponsored by nine representatives. The bill calls for an increase in the credit and allow for the transfer of credits for certain small projects, reduces the basis adjustment, and increases the type of buildings eligible for the program.

### Alaska Historical Commission plans for 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Purchase

The Alaska Historical Commission will be discussing how to involve all Alaskans in commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alaska purchase at their December 8, 2015 meeting to be held in Anchorage. The Alaska Historical Commission will have a grant program next year for small research, interpretation and education projects for the commemoration. If you have an idea or plans for a commemorative activity, please contact Jo Antonson, [jo.antonson@alaska.gov](mailto:jo.antonson@alaska.gov) / 907.269.8714.

### Alaska Association for Historic Preservation news

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation’s annual meeting will be November 2, 2015. It will be held at the Pioneer Schoolhouse, 437 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Anchorage, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The agenda includes program reports, election of members to the Board of Directors, and presentation of its 2015 Historic Preservation Award that recognizes a project, organization, agency, or individual that exemplifies the highest standards and significant accomplishments in historic preservation in Alaska. More information is at [www.aahp-online.net](http://www.aahp-online.net) or by contacting Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / [akpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:akpreservation@gmail.com).

### Archival processing program applications sought

The Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board (ASHRAB) has a Journeyman Archival Processing Program that will send an archivist to an Alaska institution for six weeks to help arrange and describe its historical records. Priority will be given to unprocessed collections that document the history of Alaska. The program is available to boroughs, cities, nonprofit and tribal organizations. The application is available at <http://archives.alaska.gov> and the deadline to apply is December 1, 2015. For more information, contact Dean Dawson, 907.465.2276 / [dean.dawson@alaska.gov](mailto:dean.dawson@alaska.gov).

### Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has put out “Guidance on the Use of Real Property Restrictions or Conditions in the Section 106 Process to Avoid Adverse Effects” (<http://www.achp.gov/preservationconditions.html>). Sometimes referred to as covenants or easements, preservation conditions are restrictions and conditions on transfers of federal real property. They are put in place prior to transfer and written in such a way that they are adequate and legally enforceable to ensure the long-term preservation of a historic property’s significance. The guidance also is to assist historic preservation stakeholders and the public who often participate in the development of preservation conditions.

### National Historic Preservation Act turns 50

To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act and the centennial of the National Park Service, the NPS Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science directorate has started a social media campaign to highlight preservation work done in all 50 states for the last 50 years. Using the hashtag #50for50 with #Preservation50 a state or territory will be featured each week. Alaska will be featured the week of November 16, 2015. All are invited to post about places and share preservation stories. More information can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation/50for50.htm>.

There is also *Preservation50: Our Legacy, Our Future*, a nationwide initiative to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of passage of the act. To join the planning discussion, take a national survey, find and publicize events, download the six Preservation50 logos, and get other tools, go to [www.preservation50.org](http://www.preservation50.org).

The Society for American Archaeology, the Society for Historic Archaeology, the Archaeology Channel, and the organization of registered professional archaeologists are planning to produce an interactive map supplemented by short videos as a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary project. Burr Neely, Northern Land Use Research, is the Alaska coordinator for the Making Archaeology Public (MAP) project and is working with the Alaska Anthropological Association’s Public Education Group, Jenny Blanchard, Chair. To suggest sites to include, volunteer to provide content, or to get more information contact Burr Neely, 907.474.9684 / [bjn@northernlanduse.com](mailto:bjn@northernlanduse.com).

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**PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:**

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities / Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Project (Quartz Creek Road to Skilak Lake Road in the Cooper Landing area), draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

Project information: [www.sterlinghighway.net](http://www.sterlinghighway.net)

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities / West Susitna Surface Access Reconnaissance Study

Project information: <http://dot.alaska.gov/roadstoresources/westsusitna/index.shtml>

Bureau of Land Management Bering Sea – Western Interior Resource Management Plan

Project information: [www.blm.gov/ak/planning/bswi](http://www.blm.gov/ak/planning/bswi)

Contact: 907.267.1246 / 800.478.1263

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Alaska Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) project (Docket number PF 14-21)

Public hearings: Coldfoot November 17; Healy November 17; Tyonek November 18; Nenana November 18; Anchorage and Fairbanks, November 19

Written comments: due December 4, 2015

Contact: 202.502.8258 / [efining@ferc.gov](mailto:efining@ferc.gov)

U.S. Forest Service / Chugach National Forest Plan

Plan revision: [www.fs.usda.gov/chugach](http://www.fs.usda.gov/chugach) / Land and Resource Management

Comments: [chugachplanrevision@fs.fed.us](mailto:chugachplanrevision@fs.fed.us)

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#### **PRESERVATION CALENDAR:**

November 2 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation annual meeting, Anchorage (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / [akpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:akpreservation@gmail.com))

November 2-5 Urban Archaeology of Vienna: 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies, Vienna, Austria (Wolfgang Borner, 43.01.4000.81176 / [wolfgang.boerner@stadarchaeologie.at](mailto:wolfgang.boerner@stadarchaeologie.at) )

November 3 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, grant deadline (318.356.7444 / <https://ncptt.nps.gov/grants/> )

November 3-4 National Preservation Institute, NAGPRA: Preparing for and Writing Grant Proposals, Sitka (Brinnen Carter, 907.747.0140 / [brinnen\\_carter@nps.gov](mailto:brinnen_carter@nps.gov))

November 3-6 National Trust for Historic Preservation: PastForward 2015, Washington, DC (NTHP, 202-588.6100 / [conference@savingplaces.org](mailto:conference@savingplaces.org))

December 8 Alaska Historical Commission meeting, Anchorage (Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / [jo.antonson@alaska.gov](mailto:jo.antonson@alaska.gov))

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January 4 Society for Commercial Archeology, 2016 Falling By the Wayside list of endangered resources nomination deadline (Ralph Wilcox, 501.324.9880 / <http://sca-roadside.org/falling-by-the-wayside>)

January 6-9 Society for Historical Archaeology and Underwater Conference, Washington, DC ([shadc2016@gmail.com](mailto:shadc2016@gmail.com) / 301.972.9684)

January 14 (January 2 if mailing) American Battlefield Protection Program, preservation grant application deadline (Kristen McMasters, 202.354.2037 / [www.cr.nps.gov/abpp](http://www.cr.nps.gov/abpp))

January 28 Alaska Humanities Forum and State Council on the Arts, Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities ceremony, Juneau (Alaska Humanities Forum, 907.272.5341 / [www.akhf.org](http://www.akhf.org))

February 2 National Preservation Institute: NAGPRA Essentials, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org))

February 3-4 National Preservation Institute: NAGPRA: Preparing for and Writing Grant Proposals, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org))

March 8-10 National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) annual meeting and advocacy day, Washington, DC (202.624.5465 / [www.ncshpo.org](http://www.ncshpo.org))

March 16 National Council on Public History and Society for History in the Federal Government annual meeting: On the Edge of 2016: Commemorating the Past and Shaping the Future of Federal Preservation Activities, Baltimore, MD (Barbara Little, [barbara\\_little@nps.gov](mailto:barbara_little@nps.gov) or <http://ncph.org/cms/conferences/working-groups/>)

March 19-20 Goucher College, National Forum on Historic Preservation Practice: A Critical Examination of the Next 50 Years, Baltimore, MD (Richard Wagner, [rwagner@goucher.edu](mailto:rwagner@goucher.edu))

April 6-10 Society for American Archaeology annual meeting, Orlando, FL ([www.saa.org](http://www.saa.org))

April 21 Alaska Office of History and Archaeology workshop, Anchorage (Mark Rollins, 907.269.8722 / [mark.rollins@alaska.gov](mailto:mark.rollins@alaska.gov))

April 26-27 National Preservation Institute: GIS: Practical Applications for Cultural Resource Projects, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org))

May 4-7 Canadian Archaeological Association annual meeting, Whitehorse, YT (Greg Hare or Jeff Hunston, [heritage.resources@gov.yk.ca](mailto:heritage.resources@gov.yk.ca))

May 9-12 Yukon Historical and Museum Association, International Centre for Northern Governance and Development, University of Saskatchewan, and Yukon College: The North and the First World War Conference, Whitehorse, YT ( [conference@heritageyukon.ca](mailto:conference@heritageyukon.ca) / [www.heritageyukon.ca](http://www.heritageyukon.ca))

May 9-10 National Preservation Institute: The Secretary of the Interior's Standards: Treatment Considerations, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org))

May 12-13 National Preservation Institute: The Secretary of the Interior's Standards: Treatment Considerations, Sitka (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org))

May 23-June 24 Smithsonian Institution, International Course on First Aid to Cultural Heritage in Times of Crisis, [aidincrisis@iccrom.org](mailto:aidincrisis@iccrom.org) , Washington, DC (Lori Foley, 781.259.8652 / [lori.foley@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:lori.foley@fema.dhs.gov))

June 21-23 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: A Century of Design in the Parks, Preserving the Built Environment in National and State Parks, Santa Fe, NM (Debbie Smith, 318.356.7444 / [Debbie\\_Smith@nps.gov](mailto:Debbie_Smith@nps.gov))

July 27-31 National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum: Hip, Happening Historic Preservation@50, Mobile, AL (NAPC, 757.802.4141 / [forum2016@napcommissions.org](mailto:forum2016@napcommissions.org))

September 14-17 American Association for State and Local History annual meeting: The Spirit of Rebirth, Detroit, MI (Bethany Hawkins, [hawkins@aaalh.org](mailto:hawkins@aaalh.org) / 615.320.3203)