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Federal funding and legislation for historic preservation programs

The Historic Preservation Fund authorization expired September 30, 2015. Four bills being considered in Congress have HPF reauthorization provisions, and the administration's FY17 budget proposal includes a provision for permanent authorization. The National Historic Preservation Amendment Act of 2015 (H.R. 2817) would authorize the HPF through 2025 at \$150 million annually. The Energy Policy Modernization Act (S. 2012) would permanently authorize the HPF. The American Energy Innovation Act (S. 2089) would permanently authorize the HPF, but goes further than S. 2012 towards full, permanent funding by requiring the funds to be available without needing an appropriation. And S. 556, called a sportsmen's package bill, has a provision to permanently authorize the HPF.

The Senate passed S. 2012 on April 20th. The next step is to resolve differences between it and the House of Representatives' energy bill H.R. 8. The House energy bill has no HPF authorization provision.

The Administration's budget proposal for FY 17 (October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017) requests \$87.4 million for the Historic Preservation Fund, \$22 million more than the FY 16 appropriation. The proposal has \$46.9 million for State Historic Preservation Offices (same as FY 16), \$11.98 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (\$2 million more than FY 16), \$25 million for the Civil Rights Movement Initiative (\$17 million more than FY 16), \$500,000 for survey grants for underrepresented communities (same as FY 16), and \$3 million for Historic Black Colleges and Universities (new). The appropriation for the state historic preservation offices has not been increased the last four years. Preservation Action has

information sheets on the HPF, the state historic preservation offices, the tribal historic preservation offices, the historic tax credits, and the HPF reauthorization available at <http://www.preservationaction.org/advocacy-week/>.

The House Armed Services Committee adopted an amendment to the FY 17 National Defense Authorization Act that would prevent designation of federal properties as National Historic Landmarks, World Heritage Sites, or as listings in the National Register of Historic Places when objections are raised based on national security. The amendment would also direct the National Park Service to identify a way to expeditiously remove federally owned historic sites when there are national security concerns. The same amendment has been debated in prior years, but not included in the act signed into law. The National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers and other preservation groups are working to make sure the amendment is not in the final version of the bill.

May is Preservation Month

Governor Walker issued a proclamation on April 22, 2016 recognizing the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act and proclaiming May as Historic Preservation month in Alaska. The proclamation is posted on the Governor's website, <http://gov.alaska.gov/newsroom/2016/04/historic-preservation-month> as well as on the Office of History and Archaeology website.

This Place Matters, three words that say it all, is the theme for Preservation Month. The National Trust for Historic Preservation wants to share photographs around the world of historic places. People are encouraged to take photos with the sign they have created and post them to #ThisPlaceMatters. The National Trust will highlight them on Instagram and Twitter. To download and print the sign go to <http://nthp-savingplaces.s3.amazonaws.com/2015/09/23/15/31/02/659/TPM-Instructions.pdf>.

National cultural organizations urge groups to use May 1st to assess their emergency preparedness to respond to natural disasters and other emergencies. A list of groups available to help organizations and links to resources and sample documents are available from the American Association for State and Local History at <http://go.aaslh.org/MayDay>.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act and centennial of the National Park Service, the NPS Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science directorate has a social media campaign to highlight preservation work at #50for50 and #Preservation50. More information is at <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation/50for50.htm> and www.preservation50.org.

Office of History and Archaeology news

The Office of History and Archaeology has started to update *Saving Alaska's Past*, the state's historic preservation plan. What historic places in your community should be preserved? What policies and programs would help promote stewardship, protection, and use of Alaska's historic properties? Your opinion matters! Please take a few minutes to complete a survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AKHPP>.

Thank you to the 65 people who attended the office's annual workshop last month. If you have not completed the evaluation to help the planning team establish next year's agenda it is at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OHA2016>.

At this time, the Legislature has not passed the FY 2017 state operating and capital budget bills. The proposed operating budget for the Office of History and Archaeology has a reduction of \$13,500 in General Fund Match (GFM) funds. It appears to be a small amount of money, but the reduction is greater with the loss of the federal funds that the state funds match.

Alaska Association for Historic Preservation opening Oscar Anderson House

Starting June 1 the AAHP will open the historic Oscar Anderson House in Anchorage. Tours are offered noon-4 p.m. except on Mondays, and on Fridays are available only by advance reservation to 907.929.9870 or oscar.anderson.house.museum@gmail.com.

Nike Site Summit tour dates set

The Friends of Nike Site Summit have set the dates for their summer tours for the public to see the Cold War facility near Anchorage. The tour dates are August 6 (morning or afternoon) and September 11 (morning). More information and to register are at www.nikesitesummit.net/nike-site-summit-tours.html. Space is limited and the tours fill fast.

Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library, Archives & Museum building opening in June

The new Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library, Archives & Museum in Juneau will have a ribbon-cutting and official opening June 6, 2016. The date is the 116th anniversary of the founding of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, established by an act of Congress. Congratulations to Linda Thibodeau, Director and State Librarian, her terrific hard-working staff, the Governor and Legislators, the Friends of the SLAM, and the many Alaskans who worked for fourteen years promoting and supporting the project.

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities / National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Assignment Program public notice posted

Project information: <http://dot.alaska.gov/stwddes/desenviron/resources/nepa.shtml>

Comments due: May 31, 2016

Contact: Taylor C. Horne, 97.465.6957 / taylor.horne@alaska.gov

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

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Donlin Gold Project draft EIS

Project information: www.donlingoldeis.com

Comments: due May 31, 2016

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

Contact: 202.502.8258 / efining@ferc.gov

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

May 1 Alaska Historical Society: Exploring Alaska’s Past in the Pacific World September 21-24 paper proposals deadline, Juneau (Chris Allan, sprucetip105@gmail.com)

May 3-5 Alaska Arts Confluence, Port Chilkoot Company and National Park Service: Masonry Repointing workshop, Haines (Grant Crosby, 907.644.3463/ grant_crosby@nps.gov)

May 3-8 Council of Geographic Names Authorities: Great Names in the Great Basin conference, Reno, NV (Wayne Furr, 405.830.9848 / twfurr@cogna50usa.org)

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

May 6 University of Arkansas Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies: Spatial Archaeology Research Collaborations (SPARC) fieldwork, data and analytics, archive and publication awards application deadline (<http://sparc.cast.uark.edu> / sparc@cast.uark.edu)

May 7 Kenai Peninsula Historical Association spring meeting, Seward (Resurrection Bay Historical Society, rbhs1903@gmail.com)

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 / www.heritageyukon.ca)

May 10 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: Innovative Approaches to Section 106 Mitigation webinar (webinar@achp.gov)

May 11 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: Managing Confidential Information and Section 304 webinar (webinar@achp.gov)

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

May 16-20 National Park Service 2016 Archaeological Prospection Workshop, <http://www.nps.gov/mwac/>, Tallahassee, FL (Steve DeVore, 402.437.5392 / steve_de_vore@nps.gov)

May 17 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: Managing Confidential Information and Section 304 webinar (webinar@achp.gov)

May 23-25 National Main Streets Conference: Main Street Now, Milwaukee, WI (National Main Street Center, 312.610.5611 / mainstreet@savingplaces.org)

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

May 26-29 Construction History Society of America biennial meeting: Knowledge Exchange and Transference of Building Technology, Austin, TX (<http://www.chsamembership.wildapricot.org/event-2110885> / melaniefeerst@gmail.com)

May 31 National Park Service, Leicester B. Holland Single-Sheet Measured Drawing Competition entry forms deadline (www.nps.gov/ndp/competitions/holland.htm)

June 1 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Chairman's Award for Achievement in Historic Preservation nomination deadline (Patricia Knoll, 202.517.1483 / pknoll@achp.gov)

June 1-9 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: Grave Marker Repair and Lime Mortar workshop, Kalaupapa, HI (Jason Church, 318.356.7444 / jason_church@contractor.nps.gov)

June 6 Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library, Archives & Museums Building ribbon-cutting, Juneau (Linda Thibodeau, 907.465.2911 / linda.thibodeau@alaska.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)

June 30 Historic American Buildings Survey Peterson Prize Measured Drawings Student Competition submission deadline (Mark Schara, 202.354.2166 / mark_schara@nps.gov)

June 30 National Park Service, Leicester B. Holland Single-Sheet Measured Drawing Competition entry deadline (www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm)

July 12-14 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: Field Documentation workshop, Berryville, VA (Sarah Jackson, 318.356.7444 / sarah_m_jackson@nps.gov)

July 18-August 5 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: 3D Imaging for Heritage Projects field school, (photogrammetry, laser scanning, digital and UF documentation), Nantucket, MA (Andy Ferrell, 318.356.7444 / andrew_ferrell@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)

July 31 Historic American Landscapes Survey 2016 Challenge: Documenting National Register Listed Landscapes short format histories deadline (Chris Stevens, 202.354.2146 / Chris_Stevens@nps.gov)

August 15-18 Kargopol State Museum of History, Architecture and Art, XIV All-Russia (with international participation) Scientific-Practical Conference, Kargopol and Russian North in the History and Culture of Russia in the 10th-21st Centuries, Kargopol, Russia (Natalia Tormosova, +7(81841) 2-26-60 / tormosovani@mail.ru)

August 17-21 Paths Across the Pacific IX conference, www.pathsacrossthepacific.org, Sitka (Nancy Yaw Davis, nydavis@gci.net or Nancy Knapp, nancyarolknapp@gmail.com)

August 24-26 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: Hyperspectral Imaging for Conservators, Santa Fe, NM (<https://ncptt.nps.gov/training-conferences-events/upcoming/>)

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

September 21-24 Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska annual meetings and conference, Juneau, AK (Bob Banghart, 907.465.2912/ bob.banghart@alaska.gov)

November 15-18 National Trust for Historic Preservation annual conference: Past Forward: Think big. Places. People. Innovation. Houston, TX (PastForwardConference.org)

November 16-18 21st International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies: Urban Archaeology and Archaeological Data: Re-use and Repurposing of Archaeologist and Historical Material and Date, Vienna, Austria (Wolfgang Borner, +43(0)1 4000 81176 / wolfgang.boerner@stadtarchaeologie.at)

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<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AKHPP>