



What is Section 106 Consultation?

Section 106 provides the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), consulting parties, and the public an opportunity to comment on how a project may affect historic properties before a final decision is made. This consultation process helps ensure that potential impacts are considered and that community perspectives inform decisions about historic resources.

What is a Consulting Party?

A Consulting Party is an organization or individual who has a demonstrated interest in a project, due to their legal or economic relationship to the undertaking or affected property(ies), or their concerns with the undertaking's effects on historic properties.

A landowner and a local preservation group are examples of an individual and organization with a demonstrated interest.

Individuals or organizations with a demonstrated interest in a project may request consulting party status from the lead federal agency or project sponsor as part of the Section 106 process.

Goals of Section 106 Consultation

The goals of consultation are to:

- ▶ identify historic properties potentially affected by the undertaking
- ▶ assess effects of the project on historic properties
- ▶ seek ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties

Consultation does not mandate a specific outcome. Rather, it is the process of seeking views on the project's effect on eligible historic properties and, if the effect is adverse, how project effects on historic properties should be resolved.