

SECTION 106 SUCCESS STORIES

Section 106 recognizes that historic resources are often best understood by the people who live, work, and interact with them every day. See below for Section 106 success stories from NAPC members.

WHERE DOES LOCAL GOVERNMENT FIT IN?

A SEAT BY RIGHT

A local government with jurisdiction where effects may occur is entitled to be a consulting party.

PRIMARY VOICE FOR LOCAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONCERNS

Local governments provide context including zoning, preservation ordinances, and community development plans that might interact with the federal project.

IDENTIFIES HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Local governments provide local survey files, inventories, and designation records to the federal agency.

PART OF NEGOTIATING SOLUTIONS

Local governments collaborate with the federal agency, the SHPO, and other stakeholders to find ways to avoid or minimize damage to local resources.



IDAHO

When a new neighborhood was going in, it changed the path of a historic canal. This triggered Section 106 with the US Army Corps of Engineers. From the mitigation discussions, our county CLG received \$8,000 to conduct survey in the project area of historic farmsteads.

ALABAMA

A 200' tall cell phone tower was proposed one block behind our historic NR downtown and across the street from our historic NR listed historic depot. We discussed (via phone) with representative for the company the three main steps, avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate. After we made it clear that the process had to be followed, the applicant decided to find a more advantageous location.

TENNESSEE

A proposed station stop for a Bus Rapid Transit project in Memphis was relocated from in front of Sun Studio, a National Historic Landmark and popular tourist destination. As a CRM consultant, I recommended that the city's engineers move the federally funded station about 300 feet away to avoid an adverse effect. This occurred during the preliminary planning. The city agreed to move the station due to S106.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Town of Conway, NH was going to place a road on the grounds of the Conway Public Library, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Section 106 process prevented this from taking place.

TEXAS

Section 106 was triggered by the use of federal HUD funds for the rehabilitation of a housing complex in Texas. The predominately Hispanic/LatinX neighborhood played a pivotal role in the preservation of the main building on the complex. In addition to consultation with the Texas Historical Commission, the process incorporated the local Historic Preservation Board, local Historic Preservation Society, and the people who lived in the complex that were the most affected by the proposed changes. We held public meetings with translators, provided ample opportunities for the residents to voice their concerns. From that meeting, we developed a list of options for mitigation, which were then implemented prior to the rehabilitation. The mitigation recommendations varied from a community park within the redeveloped housing complex and oral histories from the community which were housed at a local university.

ARIZONA

Section 106 served a vital role in protecting cultural resources significant to the general public and very specifically to descendant tribes when major federal and federally-permitted projects endangered them. This includes major undertakings such as those associated with the Bureau of Reclamation's Central Arizona Project and the Arizona Public Service Cholla-Saguaro 500 KV transmission line. Consultation with tribal entities was crucial in ensuring that the interest of the culturally affiliated groups in protecting the physical expression of their past was protected.



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UTAH

For years, I ran a CRM business in Utah and worked very closely with my clients to achieve their goals while also protecting significant places. I worked a lot with a mining company, whom I had an excellent working relationship with. On a survey on BLM land they were doing exploratory work on, I encountered a significant precontact quarry site. They were really interested in the landform the quarry was on and while they couldn't drill right where they wanted initially, we were able to avoid the site, and they were able to tap into the geologic layer they were after. Win-win.

FLORIDA

The City of Titusville is a Certified Local Government invited to participate in a consultation agreement with FAA and NASA to monitor the impact of the SpaceX Starship launches planned at Cape Canaveral. The City was able to include several historic structures in the monitoring program outlined in the agreement. SpaceX then installed equipment on the structures to monitor the effects of vibrations during a launch and landing of the Starship rocket.



ALABAMA

The Alabama National Guard operates the Fort McClellan Army National Guard Training Center. Proposed development of a major thoroughfare was slated to bisect a series of World War I training trenches. Working with the National Guard and the Dept of Transportation, the road was shifted to avoid the trench complex.

Documentation via the Section 106 process led to DoD Legacy Resource Management Program funds for a thematic study of WWI training across the US with an emphasis on five extant training camps (in AL, MS, VA, KS, WA). At Fort McClellan, a historical marker was erected and preservation of the training trench complex is part of an on-going recreational / training trail with educational markers documenting the history of the Camp McClellan, WWI, and the 29th Infantry Division who trained there.

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TENNESSEE

A proposed commercial building in front of Jubilee Hall on the the Fisk University campus, an HBCU in Nashville listed on the NRHP, was removed from preliminary plans for a federally funded transportation project to avoid an adverse effect. Jubilee Hall is a National Historic Landmark. As a CRM consultant, it was my recommendation to not build the commercial building at that site. The city's engineers agreed to not situate the building in front of Fisk due to S106.

IDAHO

When another new neighborhood was going in in our community, a different historic canal was going to be impacted, triggering Section 106 review with the US Army Corps of Engineers. Mitigation funding went to the local city's CLG to survey their historic downtown area - work that had not previously been done since the 1970s.

NEW YORK

The effects on 100s of eligible and listed archaeological sites were either avoided (sites saved), reduced, or mitigated through the Section 106 process.

MARYLAND

The SHPO and local preservation organizations successfully diverted the construction of an interstate highway around the Fell's Point Historic District in Baltimore using advocacy and Section 106.

