

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the law that considers a project's effects on historic properties, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recognize the significant role that agency and public involvement play in the successful completion of projects. Groups or individuals who have a demonstrated interest in historic properties that may be affected by a proposed project may request consulting party status.

Steps of Section 106

1. Identify the location and types of cultural resources
2. Evaluate cultural resources for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)
3. Assess project effects on historic properties (those resources considered NRHP-eligible)
4. Resolve adverse effects through consultation and implementation of mitigation measures

Characteristics of Effective Section 106 Consultation

- Maintain an open mind
- Provide a clear statement of your interests
- Acknowledge that others have legitimate interests and seek to understand and accommodate them
- Consider a wide range of options
- Identify shared goals and seek options that allow mutual gain

Consulting Party Responsibility

Participate actively by:

- Identifying concerns about historic preservation to the lead federal agency within the project context
- Reviewing documentation and understanding the comments
- Attending consulting party or public meetings

Consulting Party Obligation

Make a good faith effort to resolve conflicts between preservation interests and the needs of the project by:

- Sharing information early
- Participating in the Section 106 process
- Responding in a timely manner, as requested, for specific findings and recommendations
- Partaking in open and honest dialogue
- Providing constructive comments in a solution-oriented manner

Additional information about the Section 106 process may be found on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation website at www.achp.gov.

**To sign up to be a Section 106 Consulting Party, please contact Jonathan D. Rogers, DDOT,
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