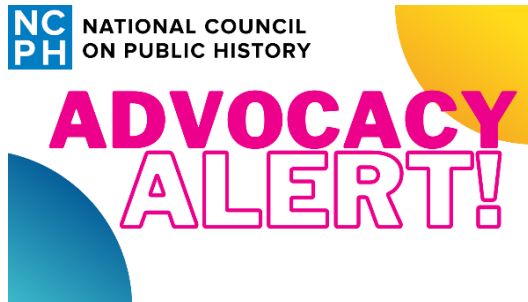


NCPH Call to Action – July 29, 2026



The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has taken a significant step toward changing the way communities engage with decisions about historic places by voting to approve [revisions to the Section 106 review process](#).

[Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act](#) requires federal agencies to consider how their actions may affect historic places and to consult with State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, local government officials, and members of the general public before moving forward. The proposed revisions would reduce opportunities for public participation and narrow the ways that communities and public historians can contribute to conversations about places of historical and cultural significance.

Under the proposed revisions, federal agencies would no longer be required to take steps to avoid or minimize damage to historic buildings, neighborhoods, and cultural landscapes. State and local governments would lose the ability to receive notice or provide input when federal actions threaten historic places in their communities, and public participation in federal preservation decisions would become optional, and only take place at the discretion of individual agencies.

The changes would also [diminish the role of Indigenous communities](#) in decisions about places of cultural significance by removing requirements for federal agencies to seek their expertise regarding their own cultural resources. Significant cultural landscapes, such as Acadia National Park, the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, and Mt. Rainier, [could lose recognition—and protection—as historic properties](#).

The proposed changes threaten to remove important safeguards that have shaped historic preservation practice for decades, weakening the protections established by the National Historic Preservation Act, opening historic places to market-driven extraction projects, and creating confusion and inconsistency in how Section 106 reviews are carried out.

So what can you do? Consider the following actions:

1. Register to attend or receive the recording for tomorrow's webinar from our friends at the National Trust for Historic Preservation: https://savingplaces-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/9017846508047/WN_qUj2i_ZqTs-fYMH92nh_3A#/registration
2. Call [your reps](#) to express your concerns. Cultural Heritage Partners have provided an excellent script you can use: <https://culturalheritagepartners.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/20260722-106-war-call-and-email-scripts-chp.pdf>
3. Learn [how we got here and what comes next](#) from the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers