Historic Properties

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties. The steps of the process include:

- Identify historic properties that meet the criteria of the National Register of Historic Places,
- Assess the effects of the project on those properties, and
- Resolve adverse effects by exploring alternatives that avoid, minimize, or mitigate the effects.

The process is carried out in consultation with:

- State Historic Preservation Officer
- Indian tribes
- Local governments
- Other interested parties

Consultation often results in a Section 106 agreement. This document outlines specific measures to mitigate the effects of the project on historic properties.