

# NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM

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## OVERVIEW

The Native American Program (NAP) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) was established in 1998 to:

- ▶ Advise the ACHP chairman, members, and executive director on policy matters and historic preservation issues affecting Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations (NHOs)
- ▶ Provide technical assistance and outreach to Section 106 participants regarding the role of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations in the Section 106 review process and the national historic preservation program
- ▶ Participate in interagency initiatives focused on Native American issues.

ACHP staff works closely with the ACHP's tribal/NHO member to address critical issues brought to the ACHP by Indian tribes, NHOs, and intertribal organizations.

## WHAT DOES THE NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM DO?

### The NAP supports policy development:

- ▶ 2008: Policy Statement on the ACHP's Interaction with Native Hawaiian organizations
- ▶ 2004: ACHP statement regarding its trust responsibility to Indian tribes
- ▶ 2004: Establishment of the Native American Advisory Group (NAAG) to provide advice and to coordinate with the ACHP on matters of concern to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations
- ▶ 2003: Action Plan on ACHP Native American Initiatives

- ▶ 2000: Policy Statement Regarding the ACHP's Relationships with Indian tribes

### The NAP advocates relationship building:

There were several significant advances in 2005. The ACHP hosted a listening session in Hawaii to gain a better understanding of Native Hawaiian historic preservation issues. In response to a recommendation from NAAG, the NAP began work on a new policy regarding its relationship with Native Hawaiian organizations. That led to the Policy Statement on the ACHP's Interaction with Native Hawaiian Organizations — the first of its kind — being adopted in the spring of 2008.

In 2005, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs hosted a federal agency briefing for NAAG, which focused on seven agencies. Based on the success of this first meeting, the White House hosted a second federal agency briefing in 2006 and set up meetings for NAAG with each of the seven agencies.

It is the ACHP's belief that these meetings will result in better communication and ongoing policy and program deliberations with these agencies.

The NAP staff chairs the Interagency Working Group on Indian Affairs, an interagency initiative to address how best to improve collaboration with tribal governments.

### The NAP provides training and outreach:

Since 1998, the NAP has hosted Section 106 training sessions for dozens of Native Hawaiian organizations and approximately 200 Indian tribes, including Alaska Native Villages.

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The ACHP offers training for federal agencies regarding their responsibilities to consult with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations in the Section 106 process.

Since 2004, under an interagency agreement with the Federal Highway Administration, the NAP has offered tribal consultation training to more than 200 federal and state transportation personnel.



SECTION 106 TRAINING CLASS IN HAWAII

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In 2008, the NAP published updated guidance entitled, "Tribal Consultation in the Section 106 Process: A Handbook." This step-by-step guide is intended to assist federal agencies in consulting with Indian tribes but will be useful to all Section 106 participants. It is available at [www.achp.gov/regs-tribes2008.pdf](http://www.achp.gov/regs-tribes2008.pdf).

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