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THE PRESERVE AMERICA PROGRAM

Preserve America is a federal program administered by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) that encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy our priceless cultural heritage. The program's goals include expanding knowledge about the nation's past, strengthening regional identities and local pride, increasing public participation in preservation, and supporting the economic vitality of our communities. Since 2003, the White House has been involved in supporting and promoting Preserve America. The First Lady designates Preserve America Communities and Stewards.

PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITIES

The Preserve America Communities designation recognizes communities that protect and celebrate their heritage, use their historic assets for economic development and community

revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources and culture through tourism and education. Hundreds of communities have been designated in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. Municipalities, counties, urban neighborhoods in large cities, and tribal communities are eligible to apply.

Promotional tools, technical assistance, and funding (when appropriated by Congress) are among the benefits of designation. Preserve America Communities may also be featured in National Park Service Travel Itineraries and educational materials.

PRESERVE AMERICA STEWARDS

The Preserve America Stewards program honors exemplary volunteer efforts at historic resources around the country. Dozens of organizations have been recognized for programs

successfully using volunteer time to help care for our cultural heritage. Government entities (federal, tribal, state, or local), non-profits, and businesses are eligible to apply.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 13287: "PRESERVE AMERICA"

The Preserve America Executive Order (2003) emphasizes federal policy for the protection, enhancement, and contemporary use of historic properties owned by the federal government. The order encourages agencies to seek partnerships with state, tribal, and local governments and the private sector to make more informed use of these resources for local economic development and other public benefits. The ACHP reviews agency stewardship and partnership efforts and, since 2006, has provided a status report to the President every three years.

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The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, an independent federal agency, promotes the preservation, enhancement, and sustainable use of the nation's diverse historic resources and advises the President and the Congress on national historic preservation policy.





LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA—
JONES TENANT FARM HOUSE EXHIBIT

“The Preserve America initiative is an inspiring and proactive approach to preserving our nation’s history. It would be a privilege for any city in this nation to achieve the title ‘Preserve America Community.’”

—CITY OF SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

For more information please visit:

Preserve America Program

www.preserveamerica.gov

Preservation50

www.preservation50.org

National Register Travel Itineraries

<http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/preserve.htm>

National Register Teaching with Historic Places

http://www.nps.gov/nr/twhp/preserve_america.htm

INVOLVING THE NEXT GENERATION

The ACHP and other Preserve America partners work on service learning projects, youth summits, awards, and other strategies for encouraging young people in preservation. An example of such cooperative efforts is the education program “Of the Student, By the Student, For the Student” developed with the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, the National Park Service, and local schools. A second partnership involved recognition of the National History Teacher of the Year through the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in New York City and a network of state education coordinators.

PRESERVE AMERICA GRANTS

From 2006 through 2010 more than \$21 million in matching grants was awarded to 280 projects throughout the country. Preserve America Grants have supported community preservation and heritage tourism through projects involving preservation planning, research and documentation, interpretation and education, promotion, and training. Though the Preserve America Grants were authorized by Congress in 2009, no funding has been allocated for the grants in recent budgets.

PRESERVE AMERICA PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Four awards were given annually from 2004-2008 to organizations, businesses, or government entities for exemplary accomplishments in the sustainable preservation of cultural or natural heritage assets, demonstrated commitment to heritage interpretation, and innovative integration of these assets into contemporary community life. Awards went to national initiatives and projects in 19 states.

PRESERVATION 50 AND THE FUTURE

In recognition of the 40th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), a Preserve America Summit was convened in 2006 to consider the future of the national preservation program. Many of the recommendations were acted upon by the ACHP and public and private partners. As part of the 50th anniversary of the NHPA in 2016, there will be events and activities to document decades of preservation achievement, as well as additional discussion about improving and enhancing preservation policies and tools.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

For more information about Preserve America and how to get involved, visit www.preserveamerica.gov. Preserve America is administered jointly by the ACHP and the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture, in cooperation with the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Forest Service. These and other agencies, such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, also have helped promote the program, offered modest funding for related projects, and provided technical assistance to designated communities and organizations.



Preserving America's Heritage

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