

Section 106 War - Fifteen Talking Points

1. This Isn't Streamlining.

This doesn't streamline preservation. It sidelines the public.

2. The Real Question.

Who should decide what happens to America's historic places—the public, or federal agencies acting alone?

3. Consultation Saves Time.

Good consultation prevents conflict. Bad process creates lawsuits, delays, and higher costs.

4. Once It's Gone...

Historic places aren't renewable resources. Once they're destroyed, they're gone forever.

5. This Affects Everyone.

Every American has a place that tells their family's story. These rules put those places at greater risk.

6. Local Voices Matter.

Communities deserve a seat at the table before—not after—the bulldozers arrive.

7. Good Projects Survive Review.

Section 106 doesn't stop good projects. It helps make them better.

8. Preservation Pays.

Historic preservation isn't just good history—it's good economics. Historic places support tourism, strengthen downtowns, create jobs, increase property values, and attract investment.

9. It's More Than Old Buildings.

Historic preservation protects neighborhoods, battlefields, sacred places, burial grounds, Main Streets, parks, and cultural landscapes—not just famous landmarks.

10. Tribal Consultation Isn't Red Tape.

Listening to Tribal Nations before disturbing sacred places isn't bureaucracy. It's a legal and moral responsibility.

11. Public Participation Is American.

The people who live with the consequences deserve to help shape the decisions.

12. Preservation and Progress Go Together.

America has built highways, bridges, ports, power plants, military installations, and clean energy projects while following Section 106 for nearly sixty years.

13. Better Information Saves Money.

Finding problems early is far less expensive than discovering them after construction begins.

14. Accountability Matters.

Government shouldn't investigate itself, judge itself, and approve itself.

15. This Is About Democracy.

Section 106 is one of the few places where ordinary Americans can still influence federal decisions affecting their communities.

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