Section 106 Townhall for Federally Qualified Consultants

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Changes to the Section 106 Process in Michigan

Identification Efforts

Who can submit?

Section 106 Application Changes

Appropriate Federally Qualified Individuals
Secretary’s Standards and Guidelines for Identification
Adequacy of Documentation
Federal Qualifications Refresher

Published in the Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR Part 61

“Define minimum education and experience required to perform identification, evaluation, registration, and treatment activities.”

Archaeology

Architectural History
Federal Qualifications Continued

Archaeology

- The minimum professional qualifications in archeology are a graduate degree in archeology, anthropology, or closely related field plus:
  - At least one year of full-time professional experience or equivalent specialized training in archeological research, administration or management;
  - At least four months of supervised field and analytic experience in general North American archeology, and
  - Demonstrated ability to carry research to completion.

- In addition to these minimum qualifications, a professional in prehistoric archeology shall have at least one year of full-time professional experience at a supervisory level in the study of archeological resources of the prehistoric period. A professional in historic archeology shall have at least one year of full-time professional experience at a supervisory level in the study of archeological resources of the historic period.
Architectural Historian

• The minimum professional qualifications in architectural history are a graduate degree in architectural history, art history, historic preservation, or closely related field, with coursework in American architectural history, or a bachelor's degree in architectural history, art history, historic preservation or closely related field plus one of the following:
  • At least two years of full-time experience in research, writing, or teaching in American architectural history or restoration architecture with an academic institution, historical organization or agency, museum, or other professional institution; or
  • Substantial contribution through research and publication to the body of scholarly knowledge in the field of American architectural history.
Federal Qualifications and the Consultants List

• You do not have to be on the consultants list.
• The list is a courtesy for communities, developers and others to more easily find federally qualified consultants.
• Those listed intend to regularly work in Michigan.
• If you are on the list, you do not have to submit your resume with every application. If you are not, submit your resume with every application.
New Section 106 Consultation Application Documents

These forms will be available on the website in the next four weeks. They will be optional but strongly recommended until January 1, 2021; at that point they will be required.
Expectations for Identification

Not every project will involve survey
Expectations for Archaeological Research

- Archaeological Sensitivity Map
- Summary of previously reported sites and surveys
- Town/Range/Section or Private Claim numbers
- Description of proposed ground disturbance
- Undisturbed soils

- Past & present land use
- Potential for Adverse Effect
- Fieldwork recommendation
- Qualifications
Previously reported sites

- Utilize a spreadsheet like the above-ground identification table and Identification Form as appropriate.

- If a resource is located within the Area of Potential Effect then please utilize an Architectural Properties Identification Form and include an assessment of current building condition.
Unidentified Historic Resources

- For projects with less than 25 properties in the APE, complete an Architectural Properties Identification Form for each.

- For projects with more than 25 properties in the APE, consult with SHPO staff prior to beginning work to develop an appropriate plan.
When a Survey is necessary?

Archaeological

• Note that archaeological fieldwork is not required for every project, nor is it appropriate for many projects.

• The need for fieldwork, typically survey, should be determined by the federal agency, often in consultation with parties, such as the SHPO.

• The archaeological consultant may produce recommendations to inform these decisions; the consultant cannot require survey.

Architectural

• Additional Context Needed

• Depends on the scope of the project

• Always discuss survey projects with SHPO staff before beginning the project.
Mapping Requirements

Multiple maps are required for each project. These are an essential part of the application package and projects without adequate maps will be returned for more information.

Area of Potential Effect Map
- Indirect and direct APE boundaries
- Street names required
- Aerial images may be included as a supplemental document but not in place of other maps.

Archaeological Sensitivity Map
- 7.5’ USGS topographic quadrangle map base
- Show direct and indirect effect APE boundaries.
- Show boundaries of any previously reported archaeological sites and surveys.
- Demonstrates relationships between the project, research, and the larger environmental context, and is the main visual exhibit supporting related determination of effect.
APE Map Example

Lacks Context

No Street Names
Good Examples of APE Maps
7.5’ USGS Topographic Quadrangle Map Base

download free and easy from USGS topoView website

Not acceptable

Acceptable
Research Requests

• Research requests for archaeological data must be submitted by the federally qualified archaeologist involved in the project.

• Requests for architectural records are not restricted and the request may be submitted by archaeologists, but the expectation remains that an architectural historian will complete the architectural identification.

• We hope to be able to allow limited in-person appointments soon.
• Remote Work

• Online submission

• New address: 300 North Washington Square, Lansing, MI 48913

• Impacts to review and research times
Questions

More information and training will be coming over the next year.

Questions after the presentation can be directed to preservation@Michigan.gov