



Cultural Resources Management

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) was enacted over 50 years ago. In addition to establishing the National Register of Historic Places, Section 106 of the NHPA requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic districts, buildings, and sites. Many states and municipal governments followed with their own historic preservation laws and regulations. Cultural resources management developed in response—a field that is broad in nature and includes survey work and agency-based consultation with state and local governments, tribal councils, and interested members of the public. Federal agencies and private sector clients are often required to address cultural resource issues as they work to implement mission and industry specific requirements.

The requirements established by NHPA soon were incorporated into actions that were subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Thus, most environmental actions are now reviewed to resolve potential adverse impacts to historic resources. To avoid costly delays for project approvals and implementation, it is critical to identify cultural resources that have the potential to be affected by a project. Early identification and consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the responsible federal agency can result in compliance activities occurring during the initial stages of project development.

Cultural resources include archeological sites and artifacts; historic structures and districts; landscapes; objects such as monuments; and places of spiritual importance to Native Americans. The BB&E team of professional historians and archaeologists offers an interdisciplinary approach to cultural resources management with a demonstrated ability to successfully complete complex investigations and projects within specified time and budgetary constraints. BB&E has managed many cultural resource projects for both private clients and governmental agencies at the local and national levels. BB&E's experience includes: Phase I and II archaeological surveys; architectural survey work under Sections 106 and 110 of the NHPA; project impact assessment and mitigation design; construction monitoring; Section 106 consultation and coordination; and Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plans. BB&E professionals have conducted field research and oversight and prepared cultural resource analyses and technical reports for projects across the nation.

Our professionals are consultants, former SHPO staff members, and experienced program managers for various branches of the military. This first-hand knowledge helps us advise our clients how to negotiate the regulatory scene in compliance with NHPA, NEPA, and other laws, regulations, executive orders, instructions, and policies. If your organization requires support to address Cultural Resource Management issues, no matter how simple or complex, BB&E's team of experienced professionals can develop a customized Cultural Resource Management solution to meet your needs. Our team delivers cost effective, technically superior, responsive service to federal and private sector clients, and can work with you to design a comprehensive approach to meet your Cultural Resource Management needs.