



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS

NEWSLETTER

**NOVEMBER 21: PLEASE JOIN OUR WEBINAR ON
THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND!**



Bridging the Divide

*Ensuring equitable access for Tribal Nations to Land and Water
Conservation Fund dollars and other conservation funding*

TUESDAY, **NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

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We'd like to invite you to an upcoming event looking at some of the barriers of Tribal access to federal conservation funding and some potential solutions. The webinar is hosted by the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and The Wilderness Society.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) provides 900 million dollars annually in federal funding for conservation efforts including land acquisition. Yet, Tribes have been woefully underrepresented when it comes to receiving Land and

Water Conservation funds. Why is that and how can we work together to address barriers for Tribes' access to federal conservation funding?

Please join us as we share stories and experiences and explore solution-oriented advocacy that would improve access to funds for Tribes to preserve and restore cultural landscapes, support traditional practices, and steward their lands and waters.

WHAT: "Bridging the Divide: Ensuring equitable access for Tribal Nations to Land and Water Conservation Fund dollars and other conservation funding"

WHEN: Nov. 21 at noon Mountain Time

WHO: This webinar is intended primarily for members of Tribal Nations and Indigenous communities, preservation officers, government decision-makers and nonprofit allies, and includes plenty of time for discussion and Q&A.

[CLICK TO REGISTER HERE](#)

Please join us!

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW INSTITUTE REQUEST: TRIBAL CONSULTATION POLICY HUB

The Environmental Law Institute and Native American Rights Fund/National Indian Law Library are actively seeking the permission of Tribes across the U.S. to include their consultation policies (or redacted versions) in a digital consultation hub. The hub is intended to assist Tribal governments and agencies in developing Tribal consultation policies and engaging in best practices for consultation (see the press release here: <https://www.eli.org/news/eli-announces-partnership-native-american-rights-fund-advance-tribal-sovereignty-support-henry>). If you would be open to having your Tribe's policy included in this publicly accessible resource or would like more information kindly contact Greta Swanson at swanson@eli.org.

UPCOMING COMMENT DEADLINES

Deadline Extended: DHS Section 106 NPA. The Department of Homeland Security has extended the comment deadline on their Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Undertakings on DHS-Owned Assets until December 1, 2023. NATHPO will be submitting comment. You can find a

draft of that letter [HERE](#), and all of the information on the NPA and how to submit your own comment letter can be found [HERE](#).

Deadline Extended: Dakota Access Pipeline Draft EIS. The US Army Corps of Engineers has extended the comment period for the draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Dakota Access Pipeline to December 13, 2023. You can find information on the draft EIS and how to submit a comment [HERE](#).

NATHPO regularly submits comment letters to federal agencies advocating on behalf of Tribal communities and their THPOs. You can find several of our most recent letters [HERE](#), and if you know of an upcoming deadline and want NATHPO to consider submitting comment, please contact Melissa Madrigal at melissa@nathpo.org.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING: REFLECTIONS FROM ATALM

Last month, several members of Team NATHPO gathered in Oklahoma City for the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM)'s 2023 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums. In addition to an array of informative and thought-provoking sessions, Team NATHPO enjoyed the opportunity to [gather and connect](#) with several of the THPOs from around the country who also attended the conference.

A moment that was especially powerful was when several THPOs and Tribal officials from across the country led a session called "Consultation with a Capitol C." This session focused on what Consultation in repatriation and preservation work means, including how their expectations of how Consultation should work match up against the reality when they actually occur. We've shared the key takeaways from that session on [social media](#) and hope to find more ways to pass on the wisdom shared by those fantastic panelists with an even wider audience in the coming weeks and months.

[Looking back](#) on the convention, one of the most striking things our team noticed throughout the week was that during these sessions when members of the audience had questions, a lot of the time the people with the answers were THPOs.

Stay tuned for more updates from the team on our website, on our social media channels, and in future newsletters!

IN THE NEWS

Here are some of the items in the news we've been reading and watching over the last month. Check out our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for more updates.

Native News Online: [Penobscot Nation to Reclaim Ancestral Land in North Central Maine](#)

Politico: [Indiana Jones and the Biden climate agenda](#)

Native News Online: [Delaware Nation Returns to Lenape Homelands with New Tribal Historic Preservation Office in Eastern Pennsylvania](#)

MassLive: [Why are thousands of Native American human remains still held in Mass. collections?](#)

Native News Online: [Lac du Flambeau Ojibwe Begin Demolition at local Presbyterian Church to Protect Grave Site Discovered Under Parking Lot](#)

Remembering Kade Ferris. Last week, we took a moment to acknowledge the loss of one of our own when Kade Ferris, THPO of the Red Lake Nation, passed away. You can read NATHPO's tribute to Kade [here](#).

NATHPO Community Calendar & Job Board & Grant Opportunities

Stay current on important happenings using our new [Calendar of Events](#), and post your own to share! And let us know if you have a job posting you would like to share and we'll post it on our [Community Job Board](#). AND don't forget to browse our listing of relevant [Grant Opportunities](#).

Save The Date! 2024 NATHPO Annual Conference

The 24th Annual NATHPO Conference will take place August 12-16, 2024, at the Ho-Chunk Gaming Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. Stay tuned for more details and be sure to mark these days on your calendars!

Thank you for all you do to protect culturally important places that perpetuate Native identity, resilience, and cultural endurance, and to empower Tribal preservation leaders.



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PROTECTING NATIVE PLACES

*THPOs: this is your organization! Your participation and support through membership and dues make our work possible. **JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!** Founded in 1998, the Association is a national non-profit membership organization of Tribal government officials who implement federal and Tribal preservation laws.*