

## New Mexico Historic Preservation Plan 2012-2016 – Goals & Objectives

From: *Preserving the Enchantment: Sustaining New Mexico's Cultural Heritage, 2012-2016*

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The goals and objectives for 2012-2016 build on the preservation standards and vision articulated in *Preserving the Enchantment 2007-2011*. Our new state plan continues many of its priorities for advancing historic preservation statewide, but more sharply focuses on partnerships among tribes; state and federal governments; and public initiatives to enhance local preservation. Participants agreed the previous plan's goals remain relevant and continue to guide preservation of New Mexico's cultural resources, although objectives have been updated to reflect new priorities.

- I. Expand and Strengthen Public Knowledge
  - A. Over the next several years, the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, private land owners and state land agencies working with HPD will further partnerships to document historic trails and related resources.
  - B. Provide fresh information to inform changing stakeholders about cultural resources in New Mexico and the programs available to preserve and build sustainable communities. Brochures, manuals and other outreach materials will be more available on the Internet, social media sites and in print.
  - C. Expand use of the upgraded New Mexico Cultural Resources Information System ("NMCRIS") for preservation planning with more subscribers, and create a public portal.
  - D. Develop and distribute information and guidance on cultural landscapes, traditional cultural properties, and acequia irrigation districts within the state.
  - E. Increase public access to the historic inventory by making Register nominations and related materials available on HPD's website.
  - F. Form stronger information-sharing partnerships with DCA, NMHPA, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association, Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area, tribal offices and the Historical Society of New Mexico, sharing e-newsletters and information affecting preservationists statewide.
  - G. Develop more State and National Register nominations in under-represented parts of the state.
- II. Fund Historic Preservation
  - A. Enact state legislation for a continuing, non-reverting fund for preservation grants to ensure regular availability of grant funding.
  - B. Increase use of the state and federal preservation tax credit programs and the state loan funds to rehabilitate buildings, neighborhoods and communities.
  - C. Integrate the MainStreet Revolving Loan Fund into local planning to enhance partnerships with New Mexico MainStreet and local project managers.
- III. Incorporate Historic Preservation into Community Planning
  - A. Strengthen partnerships among municipalities, tribes, counties and the state through workshops, and provide preservation tool kits.
  - B. Expand opportunities for training of local preservation commissions by partnering with the National Association of Preservation Commissions CAMP (Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program)
  - C. Increase the number of New Mexico CLG communities. Mount an information campaign about how this program strengthens local preservation and empowers citizens to save their historic resources.
- IV. Strengthen Advocacy and Legal Protections for Cultural Resources
  - A. Increase outreach to legislators to raise awareness of the extent local communities are engaged in preservation, its economic benefits and the variety of partnerships people form to make it happen in their communities.
  - B. Integrate preservation into public education curricula statewide to stimulate a new generation of preservationists.
  - C. Expand partnerships with federal, state, and tribal governments to develop joint initiatives to advance protection and preservation of cultural resources.
  - D. Maintain current continuing education credit requirements for professionals listed in the SHPO Directory and clarify regulatory language.
- V. Develop a More Inclusive Network of Preservationist
  - A. Achieve a better cross-representation of the population by age and ability, and cultural and ethnic heritage.
  - B. Increase the number of Tribal Historic Preservation Offices and continue stressing tribal consultation's importance in preserving the state's heritage.
  - C. Collaborate with traditional irrigation associations, acequias and others to better preserve historic irrigation systems and sustain traditional water management and agricultural practices.
  - D. Expand the presence of New Mexico SiteWatch in schools.
  - E. Continue working with universities and colleges to raise awareness of federal, state, and local preservation program and how they can be used to achieve more sustainable communities.