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SHPO FUNDING IN SENATE STIMULUS

On Tuesday the full Senate Appropriations Committee approved S.336, their version of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The nearly \$900 billion Senate bill includes \$50 million for State Historic Preservation Officers for a rehabilitation grant program. Details of the program are still being drafted but it is expected to be similar to the rehab grant program funded in the 1984 Emergency Jobs Bill. The bill also includes \$5 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers. The full Senate is expected to consider the bill next week. The House stimulus package, H.R. 1, passed along a party-line vote on Wednesday, January 28, and does not include money for SHPOs.

Funding for National Park Service programs varies significantly in the House and Senate proposals, setting the stage for intense conference negotiations. Please continue to reach out to your Senators and ask that they support SHPO funding when the bill comes before the full Senate. Please continue to ask your Representatives to support SHPO funding in the final proposal.



Sub-Committee Chairs Named

In the march towards the full establishment of the 111th Congress, Chairs have been named for subcommittees in both the House Transportation and the House Natural Resources Committees. Both of these committees will

figure heavily in 2009 preservation advocacy efforts through their respective subcommittees on Highways and Transit, and National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

Chairing the Highways and Transit subcommittee will be Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR). The ranking member will be Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-TN). This represents no change from the 110th Congress.

In the Natural Resource's National Parks, Forests and Public Lands subcommittee, the Chair will continue to be Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ). The ranking member of this committee has not yet been officially named but Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT) is expected to maintain his position.



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USDA Public Comment on Farm Bill Rules and EA's

The public comment period is now open on the following Farm Bill Rules and Programmatic Environmental Assessments:

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
- Wetlands Reserve Program
- Farm and Ranchland Protection Program
- Grasslands Reserve Program.

Please check the USDA NRCS web page at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/> for the regulations and http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/Env_Assess/index.html for the Environmental Assessments and Findings Of No Significant Impacts.



National Register Workshop to be offered at Advocacy Day

NCSHPO is pleased to announce that the National Park Service will be offering a National Register Workshop following the Annual Meeting, March 11-12, 2009. The agenda will include:

- Establishing a Context
- From Nomination to Listing
- Archaeology and Criterion D
- National Register-National Level and National Historic Landmarks Program
- Defining Resources of the Recent Past
- Evaluating Common Resources
- Modern Additions
- Criteria Consideration G
- Tech Update
- Part 1 Certifications
- Participants Forum.


For more information contact Barbara Wyatt at Barbara_Wyatt@nps.gov. To register, Contact Kristen Harbeson at Harbeson@sso.org



Penn Quarter Tax Credit Tour

Audrey Tepper of the National Park Service will be offering a walking tour of the Penn Quarter neighborhood in downtown Washington, D.C. immediately following the NCSHPO Annual Meeting on March 11th. Each building on the tour received Federal tax credits for its rehabilitation and each played an important role in the revitalization of the neighborhood, which until recently, was in decline. The Penn Quarter, named for its close proximity to Pennsylvania Avenue to the south, is now a destination for tourists and locals alike, with a large variety of shops, restaurants, hotels, museums, theaters and a major sports arena. The tour will showcase the issues brought up in the course of construction and highlight how using Federal tax credits was essential in both saving these wonderful structures and bringing the neighborhood back to life.

For more information or to register, Contact Kristen Harbeson at Harbeson@sso.org

	MARK YOUR CALENDARS
	March 8-11 – NCSHPO Annual Meeting/ Advocacy Day, Washington D.C.