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Full House Appropriations Committee Passes Interior Bill

After passing several EPA related amendments, the full House Appropriations committee approved the \$32.3 Interior-Environment Appropriations spending bill late Thursday. The legislation proposes increased spending for numerous Interior and EPA programs. The Interior portion of the bill includes \$10.97 billion, a boost of \$897 million over FY09 but \$7 million less than the administration’s request.

The National Park Service would receive \$2.75 billion under the bill, including \$25 million for public-private partnership projects, what was called the Centennial Challenge by the Bush administration. The bill includes the President’s Budget request for SHPOs and THPOs and increases over the Administration’s request of \$10 million and \$3 million for the Save Americas Treasures and Preserve America program, respectively.

FY10	House Interior Subcommittee Re-	President's Request
SHPOs	\$46.5 million	\$46.5 million
THPOs	\$8 million	\$8 million
SAT	\$30 million	\$20 million
PA	\$6 million	\$3 million

A list of House SAT proposed earmarks can be found on pages 18-20 at: http://appropriations.house.gov/pdf/2010_IN_Sub_Disclosure.pdf

The proposed 37 earmarks would go to 21 States. Nearly 55% of the proposed earmarks were awarded to members on the Appropriations Committee or in House Leadership.

Next Steps

The bill could go to the full House floor as early as next week. Chairman Dicks has indicated he would like the bill to be voted on before the July 4th Congressional recess. Also this week, the Senate appropriations leadership released their subcommittee spending allocations (302b) amounts. The Interior-Environment bill received \$32.1 million, slightly less than the current House Interior bill. The Senate Interior-Environment subcommittee mark-up may also happen next week.



NTHP RELEASES SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

On Monday the National Trust announced the release of the Pocantico Proclamation for Sustainability and Historic Preservation. The report is the result of the Pocantico Symposium held in November 2008. The Symposium consisted of 30 preservationists, architects, green builders and energy experts who met to discuss the future of historic preservation in light of global

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warming, and specifically the implications of climate change for preservation policy. The report outlines six preservation-based principles to sustain the built and natural environment as well as action steps for the preservation community.

The Pocantico Proclamation for Sustainability and Historic Preservation is on PreservationNation, the direct link is: <http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/sustainability/pocantico.html>.



HUD, DOT, EPA ANNOUNCE INTERAGENCY PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Leaders of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency collectively announced a joint Partnership for Sustainable Communities to help improve access to affordable housing, create more transportation options, and lower transportation costs while also improving the energy efficiency of communities nationwide. Secretaries Shaun Donovan, Ray LaHood and Lisa Jackson of HUD, DOT and EPA respectively, recently announced the initiative at a Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee hearing. The Partnership for Sustainable Communities establishes the following six guiding principles:

- Provide more transportation choices;
- Promote equitable, affordable housing;
- Enhance economic competitiveness;

- Support existing communities;
 - Coordinate policies and leverage investment; and
- Value communities and neighborhoods.

For more details visit: <http://www.hud.gov/content/releases/pr2009-06-16factsheet.pdf>



PROPOSED PRESERVATION FUND FOR US CAPITOL COMPLEX

On June 12, the House Appropriations committee approved a \$3.7 billion Legislative Branch FY10 spending bill. Within this bill is a proposal to create a "Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund" to address the renovation needs of "iconic" U.S. capitol buildings.

This \$60 million trust fund is to be used as a financing mechanism to more evenly spread the cost of very expensive renovation projects that will be addressed during the next decade. Examples of these projects include \$100 million for the restoration of the Capitol Dome and \$500 million for the revitalization of the Cannon House Office Building.

The Senate passed their version of Legislative Branch spending bill this week which did not include the trust fund. A conference committee is expected to meet next week to iron out differences. Leadership hopes to vote on a final conference report before the July 4th recess.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- July 8-11, 2009 – NCSHPO Summer Board Meeting, Big Bend, Texas
- October 13-17, 2009 – National Preservation Conference, Nashville, TN
- October 14-15, 2009 – NCSHPO Winter Board Meeting, Nashville, TN