



## SECOND BILL INTRODUCED FOR FULL FUNDING OF LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

### Second Bill Introduced Calling for Full Funding of Land and Water Conservation Fund

On November 6th, Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) introduced S. 2747, the **Land and Water Conservation Authorization and Funding Act of 2009**. This bill's sole purpose is to seek full and permanent authorization and appropriations for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

"Protecting special places and landscapes for the common good has always been a great American idea," said Bingaman in a press release.

Like the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), the LWCF is funded by lease revenue from oil drilling on the outer continental shelf. Although the LWCF is authorized at \$900 million per year and the HPF is authorized at \$150 million per year, both funds have suffered from a lack of full appropriations.

The preservation community is considering either seeking an amendment to S. 2747 or advocating for the introduction of a similar stand alone bill calling for full funding for the HPF. You can view the text of the bill [here](#).

(courtesy Preservation Action)

### National Flood Insurance Program Listening Session

The Federal Emergency Management Program hosted a "listening session" on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in Washington, D.C. to engage stakeholders of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in determining the key issues facing the program, and to document the diversity of opinions concerning the implementation of the NFIP. Representatives from NCSHPO's staff, as well as the National Trust for Historic Preservation, participated in this two day conference, presenting the key role that historic preservation has in conversations about floodplain development and post-disaster response.

Recurring themes throughout the discussion included the schizophrenic nature of the NFIP as both an insurance program and a social program, whether the NFIP rewards communities for bad development and building prac-

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tices and the importance of accurate and comprehensive maps of resources and risk.

As a follow-up, FEMA will consolidate comments and discussion points into a working document, which will be open for additional review and comment as the create a plan for strengthening the program to meet the challenges illuminated by the discussion.



### Coalition Launched to Support Historic Homeowner Tax Credit Bill

As we go to press, new developments on the historic homeowner credit from Preservation Action.

In an effort to coordinate the effort to pass H.R. 3670, the Historic Homeowners Revitalization Act of 2009, a group called the Federal Historic Tax Credit Coalition has been created. Citing job creation, sustainability and smart development as compelling reasons for support, the Coalition is actively trying to seek co-sponsors for the bill. To support the coalition or to learn more, visit the website at [www.federalhistorictaxcredit.org](http://www.federalhistorictaxcredit.org).

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 2-5, 2010 – NCSHPO annual meeting and Advocacy Day, Washington, DC
- March 3 – 5, 2010 – National Historic Tax Credit Conference, Washington, DC
- July 28-30, 2010 – NCSHPO Summer Board Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI
- July 29 – Aug 1, 2010 – National Commissioner Forum, Grand Rapids, MI