

## **SECTION 106, ARCHAEOLOGICAL INITIAL DESKTOP REVIEW (ATTACH SEPARATELY)**

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) review is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 for all projects/proposals. The following information is required in order for the Department and the National Park Service to make a recommendation to SHPO.

**SHPO does not accept request for reviews directly from the local entity. The request for SHPO review and concurrence must come from the authorizing agency - either the state lead agency (DNR) or the National Park Service.** If your project is selected for funding, the Department and National Park Service will use this information to send to the SHPO and tribal offices for review and concurrence.

LWCF Applicants must complete an initial desktop archaeological review and submit the recommendation with their LWCF application. If a Phase I or other archaeological survey has previously been completed for the project area, it will also need to be submitted with the grant application.

The Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA) offers free-of-charge initial desktop reviews of projects for LWCF grant applicants. Further recommended in depth reviews or surveys are on a fee-for-service basis. A list of professional archaeologists in Iowa can be found on the Association of Iowa Archaeologist website at <http://aiarchaeologist.org/membership-directory/>. OSA will recommend one of the following:

- A. That no further archaeological work is recommended.  
OR
- B. That a Phase I or other archaeological resource surveys are recommended.

**For a desktop review with OSA, please contact Mr. John Doershuk at [john-doershuk@uiowa.edu](mailto:john-doershuk@uiowa.edu) or 319-384-0751.**

The following information should be provided when requesting a desktop review:

- A. Project Description  
Include a project description identifying purpose, acreage, and location. It should include enough detail to fully communicate the action, especially with regard to its potential effects on historic properties.
- B. Previous Known Studies  
The applicant should include any previous known archaeological studies conducted at the project site.
- C. Area of Potential Effect (APE)  
In accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(a) (1), the agency shall determine and document the APE. The APE is defined at 36 CFR 800.16(d) as “the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist. The area of potential effects is influenced by the scale and nature of an undertaking and may be different for different kinds of effects caused by the undertaking.” In order to sufficiently cover all aspects of the undertaking, APE should include access points and staging areas. If a known historic property is located in the APE, the entire property should be included in the APE.