

SECTION 106 – HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Historic Properties in the Area of Potential Effect



What is

Section 106?

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR §800) requires Federal agencies to identify historic properties potentially affected by the project, assess its effects, and seek ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects.

Initiate Section 106 Process

Identify Historic Properties

Assess Effects

Resolve Adverse Effects
(Documented in a
Memorandum of Agreement)

ARCHEOLOGY

How is archeology being assessed?

There are areas of prehistoric and historic archeological resource sensitivity within the project study area. An archeological survey is being completed to identify whether additional detailed studies need to be completed in the project area. If appropriate, a detailed Phase II survey would determine the extent and character of archeological sites that may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE

What are the potential effects to historic architectural properties?

Although a formal effects determination has not been made, it is likely that all the alternates, including the No-Build, would result in an adverse effect to one historic property, the Nice Bridge and/or the Administration Building.

NEXT STEPS

- Public comments on identification and effects to historic properties are being accepted during the Environmental Assessment comment period (ends Oct. 9, 2009)
- Effects and mitigation measures will be determined in consultation with the Maryland Historical Trust and Virginia Department of Historic Resources