



Preserve America Summit Implementation **One-Year Progress Report**

Measure and share preservation's benefits by developing consistent ways to measure direct and indirect impacts (particularly economic) and by pursuing and promoting necessary research.

Lead Agency/Agencies: U.S. Department of Commerce

Summit Recommendation Progress:

On May 6, 2008, the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) entered into an Interagency Agreement with the ACHP which will provide \$111,200 in funding to support and accomplish the following tasks:

- A. Prepare a Pilot Study and Develop a Comprehensive Scope of Work to Evaluate and Report on the Economic Impacts of Historic Preservation Nationwide.
- Initiate a pilot study that will lay the groundwork for a comprehensive study regarding the economic impacts of historic preservation nationwide that will update and expand upon existing research and studies.
 - Working in concert with EDA and other partners, determine the appropriate scope and goals of the comprehensive national study.
 - Conduct initial research to assess methodologies for evaluating and quantifying the economic impacts of historic preservation and identify methods and techniques that U.S. communities can use to incorporate historic preservation as an economic development strategy.
- B. Perform Analyses and Compile Case Studies, and Model Strategies for Incorporating Heritage Tourism into the Economic Development Strategies of Communities.
- Conduct research and analysis to identify, select, analyze, and prepare case studies, models, and examples from successfully completed projects involving heritage tourism at the State, local, and regional level.
 - Collect and disseminate materials to supplement available heritage tourism assistance materials to States and localities interested in using their heritage assets for tourism development.
 - Prepare and update web-based materials containing the above information and produce a publication focusing on best practices in heritage tourism.

Next Actions: EDA and ACHP have initiated discussions to begin the investigations.

Important Links: Economic Development Administration www.eda.gov

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