



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

*Engage youth in historic preservation by promoting programs that involve them in hands-on preservation activities, creating links between preservation organizations and youth groups, and working toward establishing an ongoing youth summit as part of the Preserve America initiative.*

**Lead Agency/Agencies:** Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

**Summit Recommendation Progress:** The ACHP has created a partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service, which is the nation's largest grantmaker supporting service and volunteering. Through programs such as Learn and Serve America, opportunities are provided for America's young people to make a difference while addressing critical community needs. Learn and Serve America supports and encourages service learning throughout the U.S. and offers a unique youth involvement opportunity by integrating community service projects with classroom learning. It enables more than 1 million students to contribute to their communities while building academic and civic skills.

The ACHP will sponsor a "youth oriented" session at the National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual conference in October 2008. The ACHP is working with session panelists to focus on service learning/community service for historic preservation, and to build bridges among teachers, education administrators, students, and preservationists. Several cases will serve as models and will be highlighted on the Service Learning Web site of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Additionally, the ACHP exhibit at the Trust meeting will feature the [National History Education Clearinghouse](#) [live link to Summit recommendation on heritage education], the central online location for accessing high-quality resources in K-12 U.S. history education.

The ACHP is also working with the Corporation for National and Community Service's Web site staff to create a historic preservation feature on its service learning Web site, where preservationists can go to learn how to create service learning opportunities with schools in their communities.

Separate from this effort, ACHP member Ann Pritzlaff of Colorado Preservation, Inc. has organized a statewide Preserve America youth summit in Colorado. In the process she has consulted with The History Channel and worked with other experts to stage the youth summit as a regular event in conjunction with the statewide preservation conference.

**Next Actions:** Continuing after the National Trust for Historic Preservation annual conference, the ACHP will work to create partnerships and opportunities between educational resources, local school districts, and preservation organizations. The ACHP will also continue finding and building model examples of preservation projects that can serve as inspirations and templates for other local preservation organizations to emulate. Based on experience with the youth summit in Colorado, a template and "how to" manual for similar efforts in other states will be developed as time and resources permit.

**Important Links:**

Corporation for National and Community Service [www.nationalservice.org](http://www.nationalservice.org)

National Service Learning Clearinghouse [www.servicelearning.org](http://www.servicelearning.org)

Colorado Preservation, Inc., Preserve America Youth Summit

<http://www.coloradopreservation.org/spc/spc2008/youthsummit/2008YouthSummitFactSheet.pdf>

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