

ARMY INTERAGENCY PARTNERSHIPS FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT



he Army established an innovative partnership program with other agencies and organizations to help manage its cultural resources. These partnerships enable agencies to share their programs and technical expertise directly with Army cultural resources managers.



Single Family Officers Quarters, Fort Sill, OK

The Army has partnership arrangements for cultural resources management with the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Forest Service.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, an independent federal agency, serves as the federal government's major policy advisor on historic preservation.

Under an interagency agreement, the Council and the Army have developed alternative compliance procedures (the Army Alternate Procedures) that the Army can substitute for the Council regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The Council also worked with the Army on Federal Historic Preservation Case Law, 1966-1996. This report summarizes opinions rendered by federal courts on issues involving federal responsibilities under NHPA, and provides an overview

of Federal historic preservation law from 1966 to 1996 to put those opinions in context.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), part of the Department of the Interior, manages 264 million public acres or about 12 percent of the nation's land. BLM assists the Army through its National Applied Resources Sciences Center, offering photogrammetry, library research and loan services, and Geographic Information System (GIS) support. BLM and the Army have initiated a partnership program to facilitate personnel sharing. Army installations can obtain services of various specialists, including archaeologists and biologists, from the BLM field office.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE

The USDA Forest Service conserves national forests and grasslands and assists in the stewardship of forests managed by other federal, state and private land-



Iroquois Village Palisade Ditch, Fort Drum, NY

owners. The Forest Service provides cultural resources management plans, planning level surveys, and cultural resources inventories. Several national forests provide mission-essential land to the Army through special-use permits. A recent interagency agreement between the Army and the Forest Service allows Forest Service staff to directly conduct required cultural resources programs on installations.



Quarters #1, Rock Island Arsenal, IL

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about Army cultural resources management, visit the Conservation section at the Army Environmental Center's Web site at http://aec.army.mil.

Go to the Partnerships page to link to the following agencies, or contact them directly:

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation http://www.achp.gov

Bureau of Land
Management
http://www.blm.gov

.

USDA Forest Service http://www.fs.fed.us