



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

*Respond to disasters by forming a technical advisory committee to develop guidance, a plan for dissemination and training, and emergency and mitigation strategies consistent with the Department of Homeland Security's National Response Plan.*

**Lead Agency/Agencies:** Department of the Interior and Department of Homeland Security

**Summit Recommendation Progress:** The project is now called *Preparing to Preserve: An Action Plan to Integrate Historic Preservation into Tribal, State and Local Emergency Plans*. The Action Plan will give tribal, state and local officials, planners, first responders, and preservation advocates concrete strategies and practical ideas for securing historic resources to the greatest extent possible and responding swiftly and effectively to disasters. Development of the plan is being coordinated with the work of the existing Heritage Emergency National Task Force.

The Department of the Interior has provided funding to the nonprofit organization Heritage Preservation to hire a consultant, who is charged with recruiting and organizing the work of the Technical Advisory Committee; reviewing existing resources, guidance and training; and developing the Action Plan.

**Next Actions:** The Technical Advisory Committee being recruited for this project is scheduled to meet by conference call September 9. In October, the Technical Advisory Committee will meet in Washington to review the draft Action Plan.

**Important Links:**

Heritage Emergency Task Force disaster information [www.heritagepreservation.org/programs/taskfer.htm](http://www.heritagepreservation.org/programs/taskfer.htm)

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