SCREENING PROCESS FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES

INFORMATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE SCREENING REVIEW:

- COMPLETED DT1030 FORM
- PROJECT PLANS (IF AVAILABLE)
- PROJECT LOCATION MAP WITH TERMINI

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Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) is the process by which federal agencies determine whether an undertaking will affect cultural resources. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT's) screening process for Cultural Resources (archaeological and historic structures), as outlined in FDM 26-5-5, allows the WisDOT Cultural Resources Team (CRT) to review undertakings and their potential to effect cultural resources and determine if they require full field survey prior to the completion of Section 106 documentation.



ARCHAEOLOGY

After WisDOT CRT receives the required screening review information indicated above, CRT instructs the contracted service provider to complete a literature search for recorded or listed archaeological/burial sites in the project Area of Potential Effect (APE). (8-12-week process.)



Screening documentation and findings are returned to CRT.



If no archaeological/burial sites are identified in the APE, the project is placed on the screening list for archaeology.



If archaeological/burial sites are identified in the APE, additional research will be conducted. The Region will be notified. (Additional 12-week process at minimum.)



Screening documentation and findings are returned to CRT.



CRT reviews project activities and identified archaeological/ burial resources to determine if project qualifies for placement on the archaeology screening list.



CRT determines if project:

- 1. Qualifies for archaeology*
- 2. Qualifies for archaeology with commitments
- 3. Does not qualify due to burial site in the APE. Follow 157.70, but no additional Section 106 is needed
- 4. Does not qualify for archaeology and requires Non-Survey Archaeology Documentation**
- 5. Does not qualify full Section 106 process required

HISTORY

After WisDOT CRT receives the required screening review information indicated above, CRT instructs the contracted service provider to complete a literature search for properties that are listed, eligible, or have historic potential in the project APE. (8-12-week process.)



Screening documentation and findings are returned to CRT.



If no historic resources are identified in the APE, the project is placed on the screening list for history.



If historic resources are identified in the APE, CRT may reach out to the project team if additional information is needed to make a determination.



CRT reviews project activities and identified historic resources to determine if project qualifies for placement on history screening list.



CRT determines if project:

- 1. Qualifies for history†
- 2. Does not qualify for history and requires Non-Survey History Documentation††
- 3. Does not qualify -full Section 106 process required

*The undertaking may qualify for archaeology screening if:

- The project acquires land, in easement or FEE simple, less than 0.5 acres, or in strips equal to or less than 5 feet wide. Contact CRT to discuss strip acquisition
- The project team can provide CRT information to show the project area is previously disturbed through written justification or As-Builts
- There are no identified burial sites within the project construction limits
- See FDM 26-5-5.2.1 for more details

**What is a Non-Survey Archaeology Documentation?

- Non-Survey Archaeology Documentation is appropriate for projects within or adjacent to the boundary of a determined eligible or NRHP-listed archaeological site.
- The Non-Survey Archaeology Documentation includes a letter report that documents the specific circumstances that make survey unnecessary. The project team must provide plan sheets and a project narrative description to the service provider in order for completion.
- The documentation will be completed by CRT service providers or a previously contracted subconsultant. The project team will submit the NSAD to CRT upon completion. The documentation requires a Section 106 submittal for SHPO review/concurrence

†The undertaking may qualify for history screening if:

- Project activities will not change the type or dimensions of any highway-related elements. These include, but are not limited to, the roadway, median, curb and gutter, sidewalks, shoulders, and beam guard, as well as activities that might change a building's setting such as ditching, flattening a curve, or grading
- There are no identified NRHP-listed or determined eligible properties within the project construction limits
- See FDM 26-5-5.2.2 for more details

††What is a Non-Survey History Documentation?

- Non-Survey History Documentation is appropriate for projects within or adjacent to the boundary of a determined eligible or NRHP-listed historic district or individual property.
- The Non-Survey History Documentation includes a letter report that documents the specific circumstances that make survey unnecessary/ The project team must provide plan sheets and a project narrative description to the service provider in order for completion.
- The documentation will be completed by CRT service providers or by previously contracted subconsultants. The project team will submit the NSHD to CRT upon completion. The documentation requires a Section 106 submittal for SHPO review/concurrence