

Tribal Cultural Resources LISTENING SESSION
LAC DU FLAMBEAU, WI
AUGUST 15TH-16TH, 2007
Building Better Partnerships in Tribal Historic Preservation

DAY 1: Getting to Know Indian Country in Wisconsin

Overview:

Day One is comprised of presentations of information from the Tribes on the Tribal perspectives of historic preservation topics

8am-9am

Welcome and Opening

Cultural Ice Breaker
Introduction to Event Expectations and the day's expectations
Participants Introduction
Information Packets and Evaluation

9am -11am

Understanding Tribal Programs and Cultural Resource Jurisdiction issues

- **Diversity in Tribal Historic Preservation Programs**
- **Variations in Tribal Land**
- **Laws and Regulations that Protect Tribal Interests**
(NHPA, ARPA, NAGPRA, State Burial Sites, Tribal Laws etc. and the differences in roles and process for tribes)

Break

11:15am-Noon

Best Practices in Tribal Consultation

- **Tribal Expectations**
(Understanding the difference between program and project consultation)
- **“Government to Government” Consultation**
(Recognizing Tribal Authorities and variations)
- **Creating Preservation Partnerships**
(Benefits of creating a process that is proactive and not reactive)

LUNCH

1:15pm-3:15pm

Consultation Structure and Process

- **Defining the Roles of All stakeholders**
(WisDOT/FHWA/Tribal Liaison and Tribal Reps/SHPO/experts)
- **Early and Meaningful Consultation**
- **Notification**
(Examples of what tribes would like to see for notification)
- **Identifying Historic Properties on Tribal Land**

- **Treatment of Historic Properties**
(decisions regarding evaluation, alternatives, avoidance, etc.)
- **Tribal Concept of Mitigation**

Break

3:30pm-5:00pm

Seeking Expertise from Indian County

(Understanding the difference between Consultation and Requesting Services)

- **Recognizing Unique Expertise**
- **Payment for Services/Contracting**

4:15pm-5:00pm

Day 1 Wrap-Up

6:30pm – 9:00pm

Dinner

(Traditional /Cultural event)

**Tribal Cultural Resources LISTENING SESSION
LAC DU FLAMBEAU, WI
AUGUST 15TH-16TH, 2007
*Building Better Partnerships in Tribal Historic Preservation***

DAY 2: GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

Overview:

Day Two will be comprised of collaborative sessions between interested groups and stakeholders.

8:00am-8:30am

Opening and Introduction to the day's Expectations

8:30am-10:00am

State and Tribal Relations: Building Preservation Partnerships

- **Balancing the roles of SHPO/THPO**
- **Integrating State Burial Sites Law and NHPA activities**
- **Interpreting various laws and jurisdiction**

Discussion

Break

10:15am-Noon

Update on WisDOT Partnership Initiative

Lunch

1:15pm-4:00pm

"All the Experts to the Table": Building a Partnership Process

Burial Protocol
Traditional Cultural Properties
Roles and Process
Curation and Collections

Traditional Cultural Exchange

Participants will be given the opportunity to share information on themselves and their culture during the cultural exchange

Lessons Learned: Review of Listening Session and Identify 'Steps Forward'

4:00pm

Close

Background:

In consultation with Wisconsin's 11 Tribes, WISDOT has undertaken several innovative projects and initiatives including the WisDOT Tribal Historic Preservation Project, the WisDOT-Tribes Partnership Agreement, various training efforts, and WisDOT's first Tribal Transportation Conference.

Building on issues and concerns shared in the 'breakout' sessions at WISDOT's Tribal Transportation Conference last April, this Listening Session is designed to facilitate discussion and understanding of tribal cultural perspectives, and to build better partnerships in cultural resource preservation (historic and archeological resources). The format will include both presentations and roundtable type discussions. A summary of the Listening Session will be generated and available to attendees.

Objective:

Improve working relationships at the project level by identifying and removing communication barriers, and sharing perspectives on tribal cultural resources. Participating organization will include the tribes, WisDOT, archeology firms, the State Historic Preservation Office, and Federal Highways.

Expected Outcome:

More effective communications between WisDOT project teams and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officers resulting in better informed project decisions, earlier conflict identification, and more predictable project progress.

Targeted WisDOT Audience/attendees:

Regional environmental coordinators; CO environmental liaisons; CO cultural resource staff; regional communications or tribal liaison staff; CO or regional planning and design staff dealing with tribal cultural resources; local program Master Consultants (for design)

It is anticipated approximately 60 participants will attend this listening session. WisDOT is projected to send 35 individuals; no more than 5 from each region, and no more than 10 from the statewide bureaus (recommended attendees are shown in the table below). From the remaining 25, seven are expected to come from WisDOT's Local Program Master Consultants, with the remainder coming from FHWA, SHPO, and experts.

Regional Staff	Statewide Bureaus Staff	External Audience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Coordinators • Communications Staff • Tribal Liaisons • Planning/Design Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Liaisons • Cultural Resource Staff • Tribal Liaison • Planning/Design Staff • Local Roads Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Roads program (Master Consultants)