



Major Leasing Program

National Historic
Preservation Act

Program Alternative

June 16-18, 2025



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Government-to-Government

VA acknowledges that consultation is a two-way, government-to-government exchange.

VA HPO staff will meet with any Tribal or Native Hawaiian leader or their Section 106 contacts that request a private or one-on-one meeting or discussion concerning the proposed nPA.

Please email historicpreservation@va.gov to arrange.

Introductions



Tomball VA Clinic
VA Houston Health Care System
Tomball, Texas

Purpose of Meeting

- Intent to execute a nationwide Programmatic Agreement (nPA)
- Overview of comments and responses
- Open discussion
- Next steps

Consultation

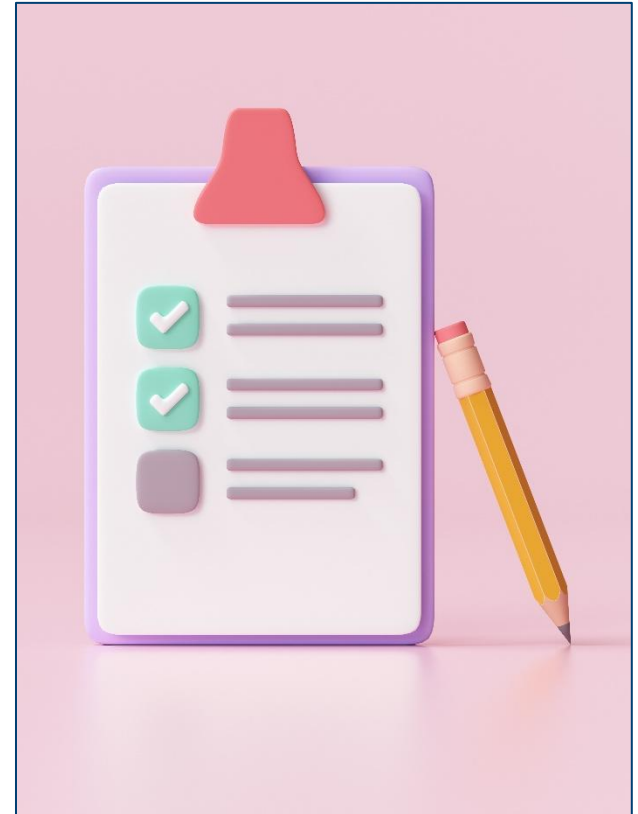


- August 2024: Initiation of Consultation
- October 2024: Round 1 Meetings
- December 2024/January 2025: Release of draft nPA
- Incorporation of comments
- Early June 2025: Release of revised draft nPA
- Mid-June 2025: Round 2 Meetings
- July 2025: Comments

Summary of Revisions

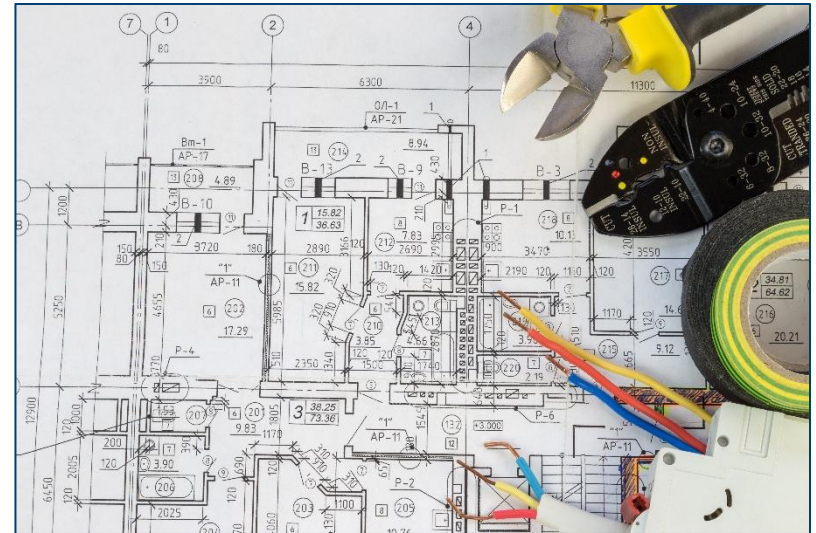
ACHP Recommendations

- Recommended adding information about the Leasing process.
- Recommended revising format to follow Section 106 process rather by Lease Action.
- Recommended more opportunities for public outreach.



Clarification - Rehabilitation

For Build-Out Lease Actions in historic buildings, VA is open to conformance with the *Standards for Rehabilitation* if plans can still meet the purpose and need. In those cases, VA would follow “traditional” consultation procedures.



Discussion - Notification

Form

- Tracks process
- Includes APE and identified historic properties
- Provides opportunity for reviewers to submit additional information (if any)
- Allows VA to include information from multiple sources
- States VA's assessment of effects to historic properties based on nPA statements



Discussion – Disturbed Soils

Disturbed Soils

Soils unlikely to possess intact and/or distinct soil horizons with little potential to retain historic properties within their original depositional contexts as determined by a qualified professional.

Recommendations?

Ground Disturbance

Extensive natural or human-caused modification of the ground surface so much that the likelihood of finding evidence of intact historic properties is negligible as assessed by a qualified professional. Activities that occur on pavement, such as construction laydown yards and staging areas, would not disturb soils so long as the area was paved and remains paved throughout construction activities

Recommendations?



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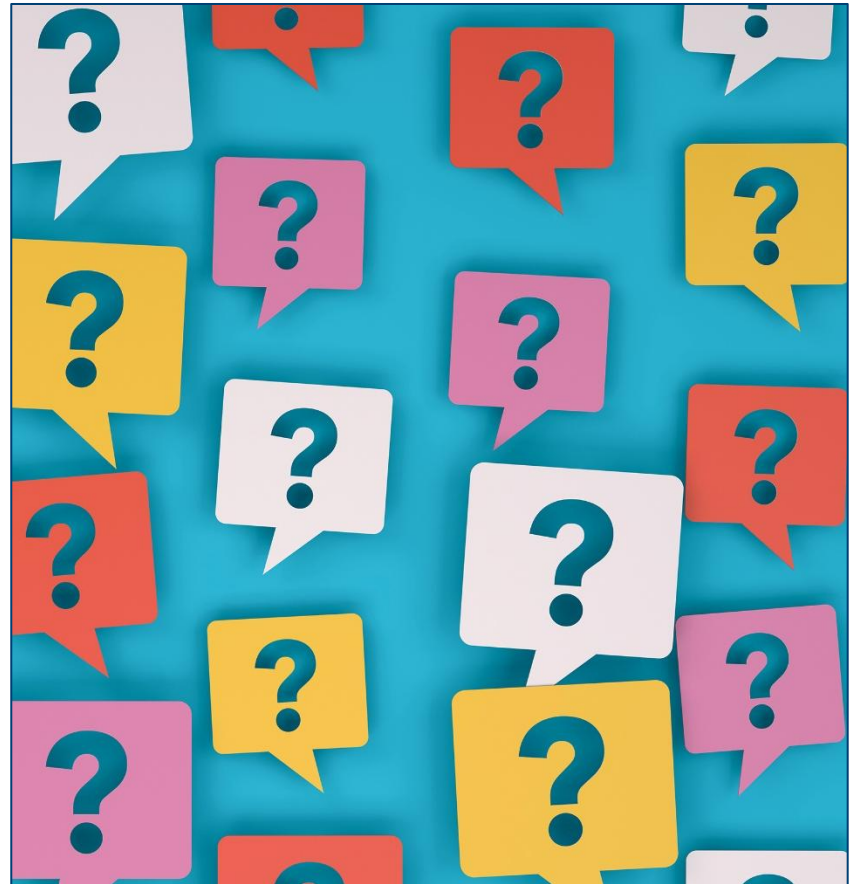
Additional Discussion

Next Steps

Consultation Process

- VA will accept comments through July 7, 2025
- VA will review all comments provided
- VA will post comments and responses
- VA will finalize and execute the nPA

Until an nPA is executed, VA will utilize the standard Section 106 process for Major Lease actions.



Participation

- Email – historicpreservation@va.gov
- Website -
<https://www.cfm.va.gov/historic/ProposedProgramAlternatives.asp>
- NEPA process -
[https://www.cfm.va.gov/environmental/index
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