

# Meaningful Mitigation for Cultural Resources Affected by Offshore Wind Energy Projects

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Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires that federal agencies, such as BOEM, consider the potential effects of their projects on historic properties.

## Complexities

- Section 106/NEPA Substitution process
- Multiple parties
- Cumulative impacts
- Schedules and timelines

## Best Practices/Current Trends

- Communicate early
- Prepare options
- Mitigation funds
- Preservation, restoration, rehabilitation projects
- Capacity support
- Resiliency, disaster recovery, and hazard mitigation planning

Early engagement and consultation with stakeholders is critical to identifying meaningful mitigation measures and successfully resolving adverse effects to historic properties.



Above: EDR PM Kristen Olsen conducts a Historic Resources Survey to determine the NRHP eligibility for extant properties within a project viewedshed.

## Consulting Parties

- Tribal Nations
- Private owners
- Municipalities
- Historical societies/trusts
- Boards and commissions
- Local historic preservation groups

## Historic Property Types

- Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs)
- Buildings
- Objects, sites, structures
- Ancient Submerged Landform Features (ASLFFs)
- Archaeological sites
- Landscapes

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