

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska "Iowa Tribe" has a Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) supported through tribal resolution. This office is additionally supported by the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*, which allows for federally recognized tribes to install a Preservation Office equal to State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO). Tribes assuming SHPO responsibilities from the state have preservation duties and functions such as working with agencies to insure that the preservation guidelines of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966* are being followed. The goal of Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) is to protect and maintain the cultural resources of the Báxoje people. The THPO with the assistance of its' Advisory Committee is committed to the preservation and continuation of cultural knowledge in all regards: origins, histories, and stories; historical genealogy; land areas, waterways and their uses; traditions, values and beliefs; language, song and dance, mental, physical and spiritual well-being; cultural landscapes inventory including uses of animal life, marine life and plant life; and all other aspects of Báxoje identity. In addition, the Advisory Committee provides technical assistance for language conservation efforts, educational outreach, cultural and heritage tourism, identification and documentation of cemetery and burial site locations, and planning to ensure the preservation, respect and education of the Tribe's culture.

The Advisory Committee will assist the Tribe Historic Preservation Office to maximum extent possible:

- To direct and conduct a comprehensive Reservation-wide survey and maintain an inventory of historic and culturally significant properties.
- Identify and nominate eligible properties to the National Register and otherwise administer applications for listing historic properties on the National Register.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive, Reservation-wide historic preservation plan covering historic, archaeological, and traditional cultural properties.
- Advise and assist, as appropriate, Federal and State agencies and local governments in carrying out their historic preservation responsibilities.
- Cooperate with the Secretary, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and other Federal agencies, State agencies, local governments, and organizations and individuals to ensure that historic properties are taken into consideration at all levels of planning and development.
- Provide public information, education and training, and technical assistance in historic preservation.
- Consult with the appropriate Federal agencies in accordance with Section 106 of the Act on:

Federal undertakings that may affect historic and culturally significant properties within the boundaries of the Reservation.

The [Section 106](#) process is regulated by [36 CFR Part 800](#) and are the formal responsibility of the Nation's THPO. Process details are laid out for compliance with the section. These details are outlined in four steps:

- Initiate the process by contacting any consulting entities for the site
- Identify any historic sites
- Assess potential adverse affects
- Resolve adverse affects

The Iowa Tribe requests to be considered during consultation practices in several states.

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