**Preservation Action Foundation 2013 Grassroots Preservation Survey Response Analysis**

Total Respondents: 126

**QUESTION ONE:**

*In your opinion, what is the most important current federal policy issue concerning historic preservation?*

![Pie chart showing responses to QUESTION ONE](image)

Summary: Respondents were forced to pick one item as the most important federal preservation policy issue. The majority of respondents viewed funding via the Historic Preservation Fund as the most important policy issue, followed by preserving the Historic Tax Credit from elimination and then expanding and improving the credit. Very close behind the expansion, however, is the need to improve the visibility and effectiveness of the federal historic preservation program.
QUESTION TWO:

Summary: Respondents were forced to rank policy areas in order of importance. A slight majority ranked funding for SHPOs/THPOs as the most important policy area, however, Protecting the Historic Tax was ranked closely behind or as second most important.

In order to analyze the responses further, staff assigned a point value of 13 points to #1 rankings, 12 points to #2 rankings, and so forth down to 1. The total points assigned to each policy area were then averaged, providing a total average point score. The results (in descending point order):

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<th>Policy Area</th>
<th>Average Point Score</th>
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<tr>
<td>Protecting the Federal Historic Tax Credit</td>
<td>102.77</td>
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<td>Funding for SHPOs/THPOs</td>
<td>100.92</td>
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<td>Improving/enhancing the Historic Tax Credit</td>
<td>96</td>
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<td>Pressure to bypass or weaken preservation laws</td>
<td>94.23</td>
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<td>Challenges of a growing tribal historic preservation program</td>
<td>93.85</td>
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<td>Brick &amp; Mortar Funding Opportunities</td>
<td>93.08</td>
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<td>Funding for public lands/battlefields/monuments</td>
<td>91.54</td>
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<td>Sustainability - energy efficiency</td>
<td>90.54</td>
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<td>Implementation of new transportation law</td>
<td>90.15</td>
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<td>National Heritage Area Funding/Program Language</td>
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<td>Increasing the diversity in historic preservation</td>
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<td>Funding for disaster recovery</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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QUESTION THREE:

Summary: Respondents were asked to rate their knowledge level from Very Knowledgeable to Not Very Knowledgeable. By far most respondents were very knowledgeable on the operation of State Historic Preservation Offices, followed by State and Local Historic Preservation Laws and Ordinances. Respondents also reported to be knowledgeable on the operation of the historic tax credit program, funding provided via the Historic Preservation Fund and Section 106 Project Review. They were less knowledgeable on the operation of Tribal Historic Preservation Offices.
QUESTION FOUR

What federal preservation policy areas would you like to learn more about?

Summary: Respondents were given the opportunity to provide open-ended feedback. Staff reviewed 43 responses and grouped them by themes. Some surprising trends emerged this year with some fairly consistent answers:

9  Traditional Cultural Properties and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Offices or programs
7  NEPA or Section 106 Review
7  Battlefield or Landscape Preservation
6  Overview of HPF, general federal preservation policy
4  Preservation Funding

A few respondents (2 each) were also interested in the new transportation law or in additional information concerning the Historic Tax Credit.

QUESTION FIVE

Please rate the following advocacy tools/services provided by Preservation Action:
QUESTION SIX

If Preservation Action could provide you with any additional tools for lobbying/advocating to your legislators, what would they be?

Respondents were given the opportunity to provide open-ended feedback. Staff reviewed 37 responses and grouped them by themes.

12 More Education How to Lobby
7 Provide More Statistics
6 N/A
3 Action Alerts
3 More Focus on State & Local Issues
3 Provide Easy System to Email Members of Congress

QUESTION SEVEN

Please tell us if there are any other national historic preservation policy issues that we should be considering, or if you have any other comments in the space below.

Respondents were given the opportunity to provide open-ended feedback. Staff reviewed 26 responses and grouped them by themes.

6 N/A
2 Local Preservation Projects
2 NPS Historic Preservation Standards
2 Impact of Energy Policy on Preservation
1 Increased Education for Government Agencies
1 SHPO Functions
1 Banking Regulation Reform
1 Archaeology
1 Historic Preservation Grants
1 Threats to Charitable Contribution Tax Deduction
1 Promotion of Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation
1 History & Civics Education
1 Expand Tax Credit to All Buildings Over 50 Years Old
1 More Attention to Cultural Resource Management
1 Increased Lobbying of the Obama Administration on Historic Preservation
QUESTION EIGHT

Are you a Preservation Action member?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure
Summary: Respondents were asked to identify their involvement in historic preservation. The number one response was Individual Advocate, followed closely by SHPO office staff and then Volunteers. Other responses included National or State Non-Profit Staff, National or State Non-Profit Board Member, THPO office staff, Federal Employees, Local Preservation Office Staff, and Local Preservation Board.
QUESTION ELEVEN

What State/Territory Are You From?

Respondents were given the opportunity to choose from a list of states. Staff reviewed 118 responses.

12 Pennsylvania
10 Wisconsin
9 Texas
7 Michigan
7 New York
7 Ohio
7 Washington
6 California
6 District of Columbia
5 Alaska
4 Georgia
3 Indiana
3 New Jersey
3 Virginia
2 Colorado
2 Illinois
2 Massachusetts
Missouri  2
Oregon  2
Connecticut  1
Delaware  1
Florida  1
Hawaii  1
Kentucky  1
Louisiana  1
Maryland  1
Maine  1
Montana  1
North Carolina  1
North Dakota  1
New Mexico  1
South Carolina  1
South Dakota  1
Tennessee  1
West Virginia  1