

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

As required by 36 CFR 800.8 (2)(c), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) was notified that the National Park Service plans to use the environmental assessment process to accomplish compliance for both Section 106, in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, as described in 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.8(a-c)) to analyze potential project effects. The consultation and coordination efforts required by Section 106 will be accomplished as part of the NEPA process. The National Park Service plans to use this environmental assessment process and documentation to comply with Section 106 requirements. A Section 106 consultation letter describing the project and inviting continuing agency participation also was sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer (see Appendix A for copies of letters).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was contacted regarding endangered and threatened species compliance for this project via a stakeholders meeting conducted on March 3, 2003.

During scoping for this project, representatives of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma including tribal Chair Larue Parker, Tribal NAGPRA representative Bobby Gonzalez and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Robert Cast visited Cane River Creole National Historical Park to informally discuss the development of the potential shared visitor center. They had no comments at that time. Copies of this environmental assessment will be sent to tribes who have expressed an interest in the project (see "List of Recipients").

A four-page scoping brochure/newsletter was distributed to individuals, organizations, agencies, and Indian tribes and was posted on the park's website. Letters were sent to local and county leaders. The park also held public scoping workshops in Natchitoches on January 21, 2004, April 20, 2004, and June 21, 2004.

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3 *LIST OF RECIPIENTS*

4 **Copies of the Draft Development Concept Plan – Environmental Assessment**
 5 **will be sent to the following agencies and organizations for their review and**
 6 **comment.**

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8 **Federal Agencies**

9 Louisiana Congressional Delegation

10 Natural Resource Conservation Service

11 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

12 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

13 U.S. Forest Service

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15 **State Agencies**

16 Department of Agriculture and Forestry

17 Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism

18 Department of Environmental Quality

19 Department of Transportation and Development

20 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

21 Fort Jesup State Historic Site

22 Ft. St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site

23 Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office

24 Louisiana State Museum

25 Northwestern State University of Louisiana

26 Office of the Governor

27 Los Adaes State Historic Site

- 1 Red River Waterway Commission
- 2 **Local Agencies**
- 3 Cane River Waterway Commission
- 4 City of Natchitoches Planning and Zoning
- 5 Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce
- 6 Natchitoches Historic District Commission
- 7 Natchitoches Parish Library
- 8 Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission
- 9 Natchitoches Parish Police Jury
- 10 Natchitoches Soil and Water Conservation District Office
- 11 Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission
- 12 Office of the Mayor
- 13 Natchitoches Historic District Development Commission
- 14 Natchitoches Convention and Tourism Bureau
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- 16 **American Indian Tribes**
- 17 Caddo Indian Tribe of Oklahoma
- 18 Clifton-Choctaw Reservation
- 19 Coushatta Tribe
- 20 Jena Band of the Choctaw
- 21 The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
- 22 Tunica-Biloxi Tribe
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- 24 **Organizations**
- 25 Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches
- 26 Black Heritage Committee
- 27 Community churches
- 28 Creole Heritage Center
- 29 Museum Contents, Inc.
- 30 Natchitoches Historic Foundation, Inc.
- 31 Natchitoches Sportsman's Association

- 1 St. Augustine Historical Society
- 2 Cane River National Heritage Area Commission