

NITHPO was established with the sole goal and mission of the identification and preservation of cultural resources, historic properties, historic lands and cultural landscapes. This includes burial grounds, ceremonial landscapes, historic properties and cultural resources such as language and ceremony. NITHPO has endeavored to increase the tribe's historic lands within its aboriginal area. NITHPO has been able to identify, secure, preserve and protect multiple historical and cultural sites and provide consultation assistance to other tribes seeking to preserve their historical lands and properties. NITHPO remains committed to the cultural preservation of historically sensitive and culturally sensitive areas, landscapes, artifacts, and burial grounds.

For FY24:

- Present on 61 Section 106 review projects. These are multi-year, multi-phase projects in CT, RI, MA, NY.
- 3 land transfer projects giving land back to the Narragansett Indian Tribe,
- 16 yearly monitoring projects,
- And 43 transmission line projects impacting sensitive areas.

In simple terms, a Section 106 review is like a check-up for any project that involves the federal government, to make sure it doesn't accidentally harm important historical places. This comes from Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Why it matters:

- It's designed to protect places that are important to our history and culture.
- It gives people a chance to voice their concerns about how these projects might impact those places.
- If there's a risk of harm, they (meaning the project owner) have to try to find ways to avoid or minimize it.

Any questions may be directed to John B Brown III, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.