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House Subcommittee on Interior Increases HPF Funding by 31% from FY'09 with States, Tribes, SAT and Preserve America Receiving Major Increases as Interior Department Spending Rises by 17% Overall

**FEDERAL UPDATE**

House Subcommittee on Interior Boosts SAT and Preserve America Funding for FY 2010

The House Appropriations Committee approved its subcommittees' spending allocations for FY 2010 this week, including \$32.4 billion for the Interior Department — which represents a 17% increase over FY'09. In addition, the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee marked up the Interior Bill on Wednesday and provided the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) programs with \$90.5 million, including \$30 million for Save America's Treasures (SAT) and \$6 million for Preserve America (PA). In addition, State and Tribal Preservation Offices would see increases of \$4.315 million and \$1.052 million, respectively.

A breakout and comparison of the subcommittee-approved HPF funding levels (in millions) with the Fiscal Year '09 spending and the President's FY 2010 proposed budget levels is as follows:

Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Program	FY'09 Omnibus Levels	FY10 Proposed Budget	House Mark Up Level
State Historic Preservation Offices	\$42.185	\$46.5	\$46.5
Tribal Historic Preservation Offices	\$6.948	\$8.0	\$8.0
Save America's Treasures	\$19.851	\$20.0	\$30.0
Historically-Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs)	--	--	--
Preserve America Program	\$0	\$3.175	\$6.0
National Inventory of Historic Properties	\$0	--	--
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$68.984</b>	<b>\$77.675</b>	<b>\$90.5</b>

The Subcommittee also approved funding for the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS), which included a \$2 million increase over the president's budget, for total proposed funding of \$74.135 million. That likely includes the president's \$7.5 million portion of the climate change initiative for the System, specifically. The System's climate change initiative, which was included in the administration's FY 2010 budget request, involves preparing landscape scale assessments and adaptation strategies — along with creating the institutional infrastructure and capacity — “to monitor, assess, predict, and adapt to landscape scale changes affected by climate change.”

However, the actual figure for management of Conservation System lands is a bit harder to pin down, but is probably around \$60 million. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is also including money earmarked for acquisitions on the NLCS from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) totaling \$8.6 million as part of the total increase for the Conservation System.

Offshore Drilling  
Amendment in  
Eastern Gulf of  
Mexico May  
Derail Historic  
Preservation  
Incentives  
Included in  
Renewable  
Energy Standard  
(RES) Provisions  
in Senate Energy  
Bill

## Senate Energy Committee Mark Up Creates Rift on Renewable Energy Provisions

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee continued its markup from last week, which included approval of the 120- percent boost for energy-efficiency retrofits of historic structures under the Building Efficiency title of the renewable energy bill. On Tuesday, the Committee approved an offshore leading amendment sponsored by Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-ND) that would open the eastern Gulf of Mexico to natural gas exploration just 45 miles off the western coast of Florida. The amendment was a quid-pro-quo to attract Republican votes for those GOP senators who were reluctant to support the bill's 15 percent renewable energy target unless there was some provision aimed towards expanded drilling for new energy. However, in placating these senators, Dorgan may have doomed the bill on the Senate floor as Florida Senators Mel Martinez (R-FL) and Bill Nelson (D-FL) have vowed to filibuster the bill if the drilling amendment is allowed to remain in the final bill, an outcome that would obviously impact the historic preservation provisions for energy efficiency.

The Senate Energy Committee has delayed a final vote on its bill until next week.

### ***STATE AND LOCAL UPDATE***

## New York City Council Approves Dock Street Development Near Brooklyn Bridge

NYC City Council  
Chooses  
Residential  
Development  
Over Preserving  
Integrity of  
Brooklyn Bridge

The National Trust sent out a national advocacy alert out on Monday requesting advocates contact New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn and Mayor Michael Bloomberg and ask them to reject the Dock Street development proposal that would adversely impact the historic integrity of the Brooklyn Bridge.

On June 4th, a development company in Brooklyn gained significant ground in their effort to build a seventeen-story residential tower right next to the Brooklyn Bridge when the City Council's Land Use Committee voted to approve it by a 40-9 vote. The wide margin was attributed to Speaker Christine Quinn's influential support for the project. It was particularly unfortunate and unusual that the vote went this way over the objections of the Councilmember representing the DUMBO district, David Yassky, who virtually pleaded with his fellow members to join him in opposing the project at the last hearing. Soaring over the low-scale historic neighborhood that surrounds the bridge on the Brooklyn waterfront, the Dock Street development proposal would rise within 98 feet of the bridge, towering over the level of the bridge's roadbed and significantly encroaching upon the bridge's historic profile, which would

Budget Woes  
Pose Major  
Threat to Ohio  
Historical Society  
and Numerous  
Historical  
Programs  
throughout the  
State

diminish the essential views of the bridge.

### Ohio Historical Society Funding Threatened by Proposed Budget Cuts

The National Trust has galvanized its membership and preservation advocates in Ohio asking them to contact their legislators in support of funding for the Ohio Historical Society (OHS). The Ohio Senate recently slashed funding for the Society, following years of state disinvestment in history and preservation. The Senate changes cut funding for the Society from \$13.8 million two years ago to \$10 million for Fiscal Years 2010-11. This represents the lowest allocation of state funding for the Society since 1994 (\$9.6 million, or \$13.8 million in inflation-adjusted funding). Included in the cuts were:

- \$750,000 funding for the 58 historic sites and museums under the care of OHS and its local site;
- teacher training and educational programs that leverage federal funding;
- funding for the Local History Office, which serves more than 800 local historical organizations;
- support for National History Day in Ohio - a national program that originated in Ohio;
- staffing for the Civil War anniversary (2011-2015) initiative; and,
- the state historical markers program for 1,200 of historic sites across Ohio.

In addition, a "Rally for History" in support of restoring funding to the Historical Society was held on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Tiger Stadium Demolition Continues Unabated

Demolition crews are tearing down Tiger Stadium for the third time within a year. But this time, they won't stop until it's gone.

Plans to demolish the remaining section of the old stadium were set back in motion after a 7-1 vote on Tuesday, June 2, by the board of Detroit's Economic Development Corporation. Waymon Guillebreaux, executive vice president, said in a statement last week that the Old Tiger Stadium Conservancy "is still far short of its targets" agreed upon in a memorandum of understanding with the city that was signed last fall and claimed the conservancy did not have "secure commitments for funding the project."

The board acted despite \$3.8 million earmarked by Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.) for the Old Tiger Stadium Conservancy's plan; an identified \$19 million from new market, "brownfield," and state and federal historic tax credits (some of which were already applied for and approved); and \$500,000 in grants, loans and private donations.

Remnants of  
Historic Icon  
Destroyed  
Despite  
Earmarked  
Federal Funds  
and Tax  
Incentives for  
Redevelopment  
of Tiger Stadium



