6.1.4 SOP No. 4: Nominating Exceptionally Significant Historic Properties to the NRHP

Section 110 of NHPA and EO 11593 direct federal agencies to locate, inventory, and evaluate all NRHP-eligible sites, buildings, districts, and objects under their control. Federal agencies may prepare and submit NRHP nominations to the Secretary of the Interior.

Although optional, the HPO has included an SOP for nominating exceptionally significant properties under Criteria Consideration G to the NRHP. The HPO, in conjunction with the Center Director, will determine whether an ARC property or properties within a district will be nominated to the NRHP. This SOP is applicable to all resources located at ARC and/or under ARC jurisdiction.

Applicable Laws/Regulations/Procedural Requirements

- National Historic Preservation Act
- NASA Procedural Requirement 8510.1

Policy

- ARC will prepare NRHP nomination forms for exceptionally significant eligible historic properties, as determined necessary by the HPO and the Center Director, and as personnel and budgetary constraints permit.
- The FPO will submit the NRHP nomination to the Keeper of the NRHP.
- Ensure that personal property is considered when evaluating historic properties. Personal property, as defined by NPR 4200.1G, NASA Equipment Management Procedural Requirements, such as equipment, can be eligible for the NRHP as objects.
- Account for heritage personal property in the NASA Personal Property, Plant, and Equipment System when valuation meets the Agency accountability threshold in accordance with NPR 4200.1G, NASA Equipment Procedural Requirements and NPR 9250.1, Property, Plant, and Equipment and Operating Material and Supplies.
- Persons who meet the Secretary of the Interior’s guidelines for professional qualifications (36 CFR Part 61, Appendix A) will conduct all nomination activities.

Procedure

The HPO will annually review and report the status of inventory, testing, and nomination and will develop priorities for these programs based on integration with Section 110 responsibilities and funding availability.

   I. Archaeological and architectural research and reevaluations will be designed to ensure collection of sufficient archaeological, architectural, and historical information with which to make a determination of eligibility for inclusion in the NRHP, according to the significance criteria outlined in Section 5.2.2 of this ICRMP.
II. For each archaeological or architectural resource inventoried and evaluated as eligible, the HPO will seek a Determination of Eligibility from SHPO.

III. For each “exceptionally significant” historic property recommended as eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, with concurrence by SHPO, the HPO may submit NRHP nomination forms to SHPO for comment and concurrence, and then to the FPO to forward to the Keeper of the NRHP.

IV. Participate in the identification and disposition of artifacts with appropriate Center and Component Facility organizations and Property Disposal Officers, especially as they relate to the management of these artifacts as potential historic properties.