

HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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The FFNHA Management Plan Heritage Development Committee (expanding on membership and responsibilities of the FFNHA "Resources & Landscapes" committee) will help the Consultant Team, Steering Committee and Board of Directors to develop the comprehensive policies, processes and procedures (including criteria) for prioritizing, developing, and managing the region's heritage as part of the region's heritage area management plan. It will also help establish standards for governments, private organizations, and citizens to take (in the next decade) to accurately preserve, protect, develop, and manage, the natural, historic, scenic, and cultural resources of the National Heritage Area. In addition, the committee will help the consulting team identify the assets to map (that meet criteria for visitor readiness and significance.)

Key Responsibilities:

- Create Heritage Development Component (Phase II)
 - Define strategies to preserve, protect and manage resources
 - Establish criteria for prioritizing and providing historic preservation assistance
 - Set benchmarks and standards for ensuring quality, inclusiveness and effectiveness in heritage development (in tandem with Statement of Significance, as guided by the Interpretation/Education Committee)

Phase I Tasks: (February – April 2008)

- Provide examples of good historic preservation practices
- Data Collection:
 - Compile list of active HARBS
 - Compile list and description of existing National Register sites, NHLs, other federally and state-designated properties
 - Identify potential gateways or story entry locations
 - Compile list of contributing resources
 - Compile list of landmarks commissions and obtain copies of existing preservation/conservation ordinances and easements
 - Research placement/use of gateway centers in other National Heritage Areas