

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

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For: State and County Offices

Distributing Cultural Resources Survey Informational Cards

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires all Federal agencies **must** take into account how their actions may affect historic properties. To comply with Section 106 requirements, FSA is required to complete a cultural resources survey before approving any program action.

Current FSA policy dictates that FSA projects that have the potential to cause affects to cultural resources may need a survey to determine if these resources exist and if they will be adversely impacted.

Surveys are required for FSA projects that may have an impact on historic property. Cultural resources survey cards were developed to help FSA State and county staff, as well as FSA customers, to better distinguish which individual projects may require a cultural resources survey and understand what a survey entails.

B Purpose

This notice:

- informs State Conservation Chiefs, State FLC's, and State Environmental Coordinators (SEC's) of the availability of laminated cultural resources survey informational cards
- instructs State Offices to distribute cards to all County Offices.

Disposal Date	Distribution
March 1, 2017	State and County Offices; State Office relay to County Offices

2 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices will receive a supply of laminated cultural resources survey informational cards to be redistributed to all County Offices. Each State will receive enough cards to redistribute 100 cards to each County Office in their State.

Conservation Chiefs, FLC's, and SEC's should work through the State Communication Coordinator (CC) for redistribution of the cards within their State.

B County Office Action

County Office staff should familiarize themselves with the information on the cards as to what practices may need cultural resources surveys and what a cultural resources survey encompasses. County staff should provide the cultural resource survey informational card to any FSA customer who may be impacted by the practices listed on the card, as appropriate.

C Contact

If there are questions about this notice:

- County Offices shall contact SEC's
- State Offices shall contact Ben Horter, FSA Federal Preservation Officer, by either of the following:
 - e-mail to **ben.horter@wdc.usda.gov**
 - telephone at 202-690-1164.