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Sustainability Plan Open House

Changes to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

The Advisory Council for Historic Preservation is proposing changes to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Section 106 requires federal agencies to consider historic properties when federal money is used for projects. The Section 106 process is an opportunity for the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), Certified Local Governments (CLGs), and the public to comment at an early stage in the project to attempt to minimize harm to historic resources.

The proposed changes to Section 106 will eliminate the ability for SHPOs, THPOs, CLGs, and the public to comment on federal projects. Learn more about Section 106 here: <https://savingplaces.org/section106>.

What can you do?

- ◆ Stay updated on next steps by visiting savingplaces.org.
- ◆ Contact your Senators and Representatives in Washington D.C. to make them aware of your concerns.
- ◆ Submit a public comment to the ACHP once it is published in the Federal Register (federalregister.gov)
- ◆ Share this information with others.

The Town of Wake Forest is in the process of creating a Sustainability Plan to serve as a guide for Town operations and community-wide sustainability initiatives. On **Thursday, Aug. 27**, the Town will host Sustainability Plan Open House drop-in sessions from **11am-1pm** at the Wake Forest Community House (133 W. Owen Ave.) and from **6pm-8pm** at the Center for Active Aging (235 E. Holding Ave.).

Community members can learn more about the process of creating a Sustainability Plan, learn about draft recommendations, and share their thoughts and opinions at the drop-in sessions. Visit wakeforestnc.gov and search "Sustainability Plan" to learn more about the project.

As a reminder, the COA application deadline for the September 22, 2026, meeting is August 24, 2026, at 5:00pm. All applications must be submitted electronically. A full schedule of all deadlines for 2026 is on the back page of this newsletter.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026 at 6:30 PM BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS

2nd Floor, Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks Street, Wake Forest

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Approval of Minutes** of the July 28, 2026 Regular Meeting.
4. **Public Comment** (limited to 3 minutes per person) The HPC is interested in hearing your concerns. However, speakers should not expect HPC action or deliberation on subject matter brought up during the Public Comment segment. Topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the appropriate Town Staff and may be scheduled for a future agenda.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
6. **Old Items**
 - A. Sustainability Plan Update
 - B. CTP Amendments & Downtown Traffic Study Update
 - C. East End Historic District Update
7. **New Items**
 - A. Staff Updates
 - B. Member Updates
8. **Adjourn**



Share Your Feedback for the Urban Forest Management Plan

The Town of Wake Forest is creating a new Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP). The new UFMP will provide a roadmap for managing the community's public trees over the next decade and beyond. The core component of this plan is to work with the community and Town staff to develop a shared vision for the future of Wake Forest's trees.

The Town held a virtual Community Kickoff Public Meeting on Tuesday, July 28 and had a community survey open to the public until August 14.

To stay updated about this project and share feedback at anytime, visit engagewakeforest.org/urban-forest-management-plan-update.

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Calendar 2026 All meetings are at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Date	COA Application Deadline
January 27, 2026	December 29, 2025
February 24, 2026	January 26, 2026
March 24, 2026	February 23, 2026
April 28, 2026	March 30, 2026
May 26, 2026	April 27, 2026
June 23, 2026	May 25, 2026
July 28, 2026	June 29, 2026
August 25, 2026	July 27, 2026
September 22, 2026	August 24, 2026
October 27, 2026	September 28, 2026
November 18, 2026*	October 20, 2026
December 16, 2026*	November 17, 2026

**The November and December meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday due to holidays.*