

PART I
CHAPTER II
A Guide to the Cultural Resources Manual

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2-1.0 Outline of the Cultural Resources Manual (CRM)

The Cultural Resources Manual (CRM) is arranged in five primary parts. Each part contains individual chapters. Each chapter, in PDF form, contains a table of contents with links to the chapter's topic areas. The five primary parts are summarized below:

PART I Introduction: PART I provides an overview of the CRM and INDOT-CRO, and defines what is meant by cultural resources in regards to FHWA/INDOT projects.

PART II Section 106 Compliance: PART II pertains to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Section 106 comprises the majority of FHWA and INDOT's cultural resource compliance activities, and therefore PART II represents the largest component of the CRM. The chapters of PART II follow the sequential process for complying with Section 106.

PART III State Laws and Specifications: PART III discusses the various state laws and requirements involving cultural resources that are independent of Section 106.

PART IV Historic Bridges: PART IV focuses on compliance with historic bridges, including the Historic Bridge Inventory and Project Development Process.

PART V Forms: PART V contains the most commonly used forms and templates.

In addition to the primary parts, an **appendix** is included with a list of acronyms, a glossary of cultural resource management terms, and a list of helpful websites.

2-2.0 How to Use the Cultural Resources Manual

The CRM is intended as a guidance tool for following FHWA and INDOT cultural resource compliance activities. It is tailored to our agencies' procedures for meeting the cultural resource laws and regulations. However, the procedures contained within the CRM are not intended to substitute for Section 106 regulations, or other state and federal laws pertaining to cultural resources. In cases of unintended inconsistencies, the state and federal procedures will take precedence.

These procedures are intended to be flexible and adaptable. They may be revised from time to time to include further improvements in the Section 106 process. In addition, FHWA may choose to adopt different procedures, in the context of a particular project, without modifying this document. These procedures are intended only as a general guide. They are not intended to create any new binding legal requirements, nor are they intended to create enforceable legal rights or obligations on the part of FHWA, INDOT, MPOs, or any other party.

In any case, any professional with responsibility for ensuring cultural resources compliance for a FHWA/INDOT project should be thoroughly familiar with the CRM in all its parts and the laws and regulations to which the guidance contained within refers.

2-3.0 Updates

This manual will be periodically revised to reflect changes in policies, methodologies, and laws. Please refer frequently to the CRM website for updates and subscribe to the INDOT Environmental Services Listserv for news and announcements. Please go to <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/INSTATE/subscriber/topics> and sign up for Environmental Services under Transportation, Department of.