

NGAC

Cultural & Historical Geospatial Resources Subcommittee Report



NGAC Meeting
June 10, 2020

Committee Membership

- Garet Couch, Chair
- Gar Clarke
- Mark Reichardt
- Byron Bluehorse
- Doug Adams
- Federal Liaison: Deidre McCarthy
- FGDC Liaison: John Mahoney



Protecting Federal Cultural and Historical Geospatial Resources: A Review and Recommendations

The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) Subcommittee on Cultural and Historical Geospatial Resources conducted a research study in 2017- 2018. The objective of this research was to understand the issues and challenges associated with the protection, preservation and use of cultural and historical geospatial datasets and other derived geospatial information that is created, maintained, and/or managed by Federal agencies. The committee issued a report of its findings and recommendations that was adopted by the NGAC in September of 2019.



Recent Activities

- Held a Briefing for NPS Leadership:
 - Joy Beasley, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science, and Executive Champion, FGDC Cultural Resources Data Theme – February 2019
- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) Digital Information Task Force Recommendations and Action Plan – released April 2020
 - Includes references to NGAC report: “The ACHP should support the recommendations of the NGAC report on Protecting Federal Cultural and Geospatial Resources (September 2019), including recommendations on developing guidelines for the management, access control, and exchange of geospatial data associated with sensitive cultural and historic resources and data sharing agreements and strategies.”



Next Steps

- NGAC Subcommittee briefing for FGDC Cultural Resources Subcommittee members – late June 2020 via web meeting
- FGDC Cultural Resources Subcommittee – will develop draft response to NGAC recommendations focusing on implementation – July/August, 2020
- Follow-up session (NGAC members, FGDC Cultural Resources Subcommittee members, and other interested parties), focus on implementation – tentatively scheduled for October 5, 2020 (2-4 PM EST), Department of the Interior



Thank You

