

## Iowa Field Office Technical Guide - Section II - Special Environmental Concerns

### 5. Cultural Resources

**Authority:** In 1966, Congress passed the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) which directed all federal agencies to establish a preservation program based on the framework outlined in the NHPA, as amended. It also required all federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. NRCS has established policy, procedural references, and guidance to comply with NHPA and several related authorities, including the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. 1996); Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001-3013); Executive Order (EO) 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments (2000); EO 13007, Indian Sacred Sites (1996); and a range of Executive Orders, Presidential memoranda, and Secretarial memoranda. NRCS policy and procedures are found in General Manual 420, Part 401, and the National Cultural Resources Procedures Handbook 190, Part 601.

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