



Historical Happenings provides information on the USFWS Cultural Resources Management program. Information comes from sources such as the Regional Historic Preservation Officers, websites, new sources, as well as other cultural resource management professionals.

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FWS Regional News:

NCTC

Another segment of restoration work on the 19th Century Pennsylvania Barn on the NCTC campus draws to a close this week. Tasks included installation of restored windows and replacement of wood beams throughout the barn (figure 1). The floor was also reinforced so that the barn can return to its use as heavy equipment storage. Additional restoration tasks, which will include new doors, are scheduled to begin in the spring.

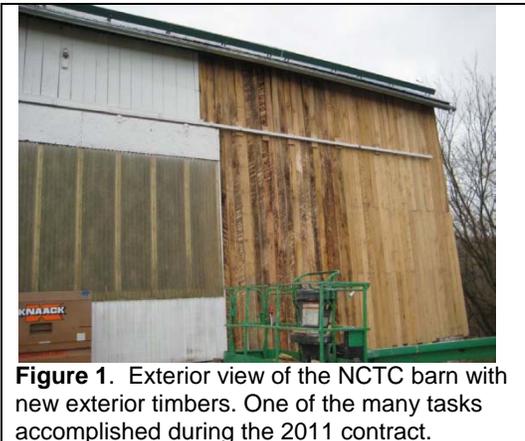


Figure 1. Exterior view of the NCTC barn with new exterior timbers. One of the many tasks accomplished during the 2011 contract.

Region 5

Patuxent National Research Refuge recently celebrated its 75th anniversary and a cornerstone of the next 75 years includes implementation of their historic management plan. The plan is exemplary in its consideration of the many historic buildings, most of which housed labs used for research by early FWS Biologists, on the Refuge. It also outlines a major interpretive effort by the Refuge that focuses on Patuxent Heritage.

The plan has been lauded by the Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). A visit to the Refuge by the ACHP representative for the FWS is being planned and will likely take place in early January.



Figure 2. Patuxent scientist of over 60 years, Dr. Chandler Robbins, congratulates Refuge Manager Brad Knudsen and Patuxent Research Center Director Greg Smith after a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open a new Patuxent Heritage exhibit. Friends of Patuxent Chairperson, Emy Holdridge assists. - Photo Credit: Nell Baldacchino, USFWS

Other Agency News

NPS— New THPO

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Legislative News

Federal funding for historic preservation in FY'12 may be decided in the next two weeks, provided lawmakers do not extend a temporary continuing resolution (CR) into early next year.

The FY'12 Interior appropriations bill, which provides funding for the national preservation program, will be rolled into a year-end omnibus bill with the other eight remaining spending bills--which may preclude or curtail the opportunity to conference the bill with the House. Currently, the temporary CR (which runs through December 16th) provides a much lower level of funding for the Historic Preservation Fund (\$48.758 million) than the Senate (\$64 million) version of the Interior bill. Furthermore, a year-end omnibus bill could leave historic preservation funding vulnerable to across-the-board spending cuts if House budget hawks get their way in lowering final spending levels, particularly in light of the recent failure of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction to come to agreement on a \$1.2 trillion spending reduction plan over ten years. However, appropriators will be hard pressed to implement deep across-the-board cuts with the presidential election cycle kicking into high gear, which raises the specter of *targeted programmatic spending cuts* that could impact either individual programs or specific Interior Department accounts--including historic preservation--in the final omnibus bill.

Training, Upcoming Events, Education, and Volunteers and Friends News

Archeological Resources Protection Training Program

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) presents this thirty-seven hour class which provides training in all aspects of an archeological investigation and subsequent prosecution of the crimes. This premier class is taught by accomplished instructors that are nationally recognized subject matter experts in the fields of law enforcement, archeology and law. The class cumulates in a twelve-hour archeological crime scene practical exercise where law enforcement officers and archeologist work as a team to investigate and document a crime scene. Attendees will gather and process physical evidence, write incident reports, executive summaries, search warrants, damage assessments, and provide testimony in a courtroom scenario.

This 37-hour course is taught by accomplished instructors who are nationally-recognized subject matter experts in the fields of law enforcement, archeology and law. Enrollment is limited to federal or state law enforcement officers, archeologists and prosecutors. For registration information, please contact FLETC at 912-280-5188 or email charles.louke@dhs.gov

No classes listed

Friends Group News

There are a number of activities at the Cathlapotle plankhouse.

For information on these events take a look at www.plankhouse.org