

## **HOUSE PROPOSES FY2007 PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDING**

May 5, 2006 - On Thursday, May 4th, the House of Representatives Interior Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on National Parks marked up their FY2007 spending recommendation. State Historic Preservation Offices are recommended for \$35.717 million; Tribal Historic Preservation Offices for \$3.941 million; Historically Black Colleges and Universities for \$1 million; Save America's Treasures for \$15 million (no competitive grant funds); and \$3 million for Preserve America.

This represents an overall reduction in spending for Historic Preservation Fund programs. In FY2006, State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices received funding level with the current FY2007 recommendation, however, the House recommendation for Preserve America is \$2 million less than the FY2006 appropriation and \$7 million less than the Administration's FY2007 request and Save America's Treasures is recommended for nearly half its FY2006 appropriation.

In general, the House of Representatives recommended reducing grant spending, and funding for land acquisition and construction "to restore funding for core, mission-essential programs."