

# **Proposed Programmatic Agreement Regarding Section 106 Review of HUD-assisted Projects in the Town of Tonawanda**

## Public Review Period

The Town of Tonawanda acting in its capacity as Responsible Entity, is working with the Region 2 Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) that will apply to Section 106 review of projects in the Town of Tonawanda that are subject to Part 58 and Part 50 of HUD's environmental regulations (24 CFR Part 58 and 24 CFR Part 50). The PA will cover review of HUD-assisted projects in CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. The purpose of the PA is to improve the efficiency of Section 106 review of HUD projects while fostering the protection of historic properties that might be affected by the projects.

As the Responsible Entity for Part 58 reviews, we would like to invite interested parties and the public to provide feedback and participate in the development of this PA, as part the Section 106 consultation process.

To review a draft of the PA visit the Town's website at:

<https://www.tonawanda.ny.us/departments/planning-development.html>

and scroll down to the "For Public Review" section.

Written comments may be submitted to the Town of Tonawanda Planning & Development Office at 169 Sheridan Parkside Drive, Tonawanda, N.Y. 14150 or electronically via e-mail to [kvanbrunt@tonawanda.ny.us](mailto:kvanbrunt@tonawanda.ny.us). **All comments must be received by October 31, 2021.**

The PA will cover projects that involve community and economic development as well as housing rehabilitation. The PA exempts from Section 106 review a list of types of activities that do not cause effects to historic resources, like refinancing of existing buildings without any rehabilitation, replacement of heating systems, bathroom and kitchen remodeling, and repair of roofs and windows. Projects that include activities other than those types of exempted activities, like substantial rehabilitation and new construction, will still undergo a complete Section 106 review, including consultation with SHPO, tribes and other consulting parties.

The streamlined process outlined in the PA will apply to HUD offices and Responsible Entities (units of state and general local government and tribes) that conduct Section 106 review of HUD projects and that have signed the PA as Signatory Parties.

More information on the Section 106 review process is available at

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/historic-preservation/>

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