

# Criteria for Meaningful Mitigation\*

## Significance of the Property

- Relevant to the area of significance or property type
- Commensurate with the property's significance
- NHLs or properties of national significance warrant greater levels of mitigation

## Public Benefit

- NHPA recognizes that preservation is a public interest
- Developed through dynamic consultation (seek, discuss, and consider)
- Should give back to the community in which the resource is located

## Accommodates the Needs of all Parties

- Consider the needs of those who ascribe value or importance to a property
- Consider the interests and constraints of the agency/applicant

## Enhances Knowledge and Protection of Historic Properties

- Identify broader needs for a resource or property type
- Consider off-site mitigation option that is a benefit to the community

## Cost

- Commensurate with project effects and significance of the resource
- Use of tax payer money must be justifiable

\*Please note not all criteria need to be met