



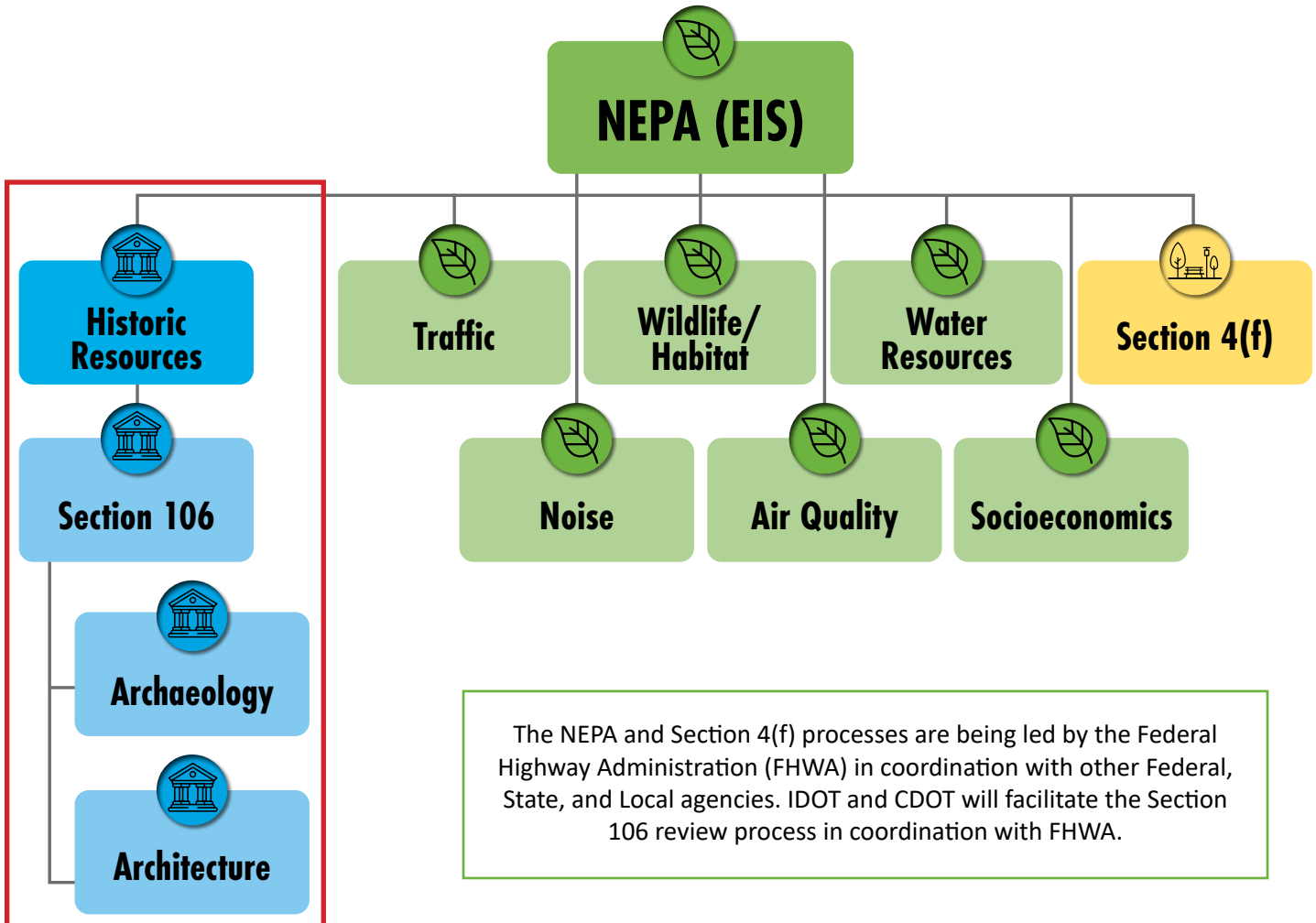
The North DuSable Lake Shore Drive (NDLSD) Phase I Study is currently evaluating the [five remaining NDLSD Build Alternatives](#) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as part of Level 3 Screening. Nearly 30 different criteria are being considered in this evaluation, including effects on properties and features protected by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). This Study Spotlight provides an overview of the Section 106 process and describes the project’s Section 106 coordination to date. For additional details regarding the overall Phase I Study, please visit the project website at [northdusablelakeshoredrive.org](http://northdusablelakeshoredrive.org).

## HOW DOES THE SECTION 106 PROCESS RELATE TO THE NDLSD STUDY?

To be eligible for federal transportation funding, the NDLSD Phase I Study includes three separate but parallel environmental review processes:

- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 requires federal agencies to consider the impacts of their actions on the human and natural environment. This includes historic resources among many others, including but not limited to natural resources, air quality, or noise.
- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their projects on historic properties. NDLSD is located within Lincoln Park which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 provides for consideration of effects on public park and recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites during transportation project development.

The relationships among these federal reviews are shown in the diagram below:



## WHAT IS THE SECTION 106 PROCESS?

Section 106 requires that federal agencies take into account effects on historic resources from the proposed project and afford the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) a reasonable opportunity to comment. Four key milestones in the Section 106 process are outlined in the graphic to the right. Additional resources regarding the Section 106 Process can be found on the project website: [northdusablelakeshoredrive.com/section106process](http://northdusablelakeshoredrive.com/section106process).

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF NDLSD'S SECTION 106 PROCESS?

Step 1 of the Section 106 process has been completed and Consulting Parties have been identified. Consulting Parties include individuals or organizations with a demonstrated interest in the project's potential effects on historic properties and will be asked to provide input at key decision points. Input that is received from Consulting Parties will aid state and federal agencies with identifying important cultural landscape features, architectural and archaeological resources, and potential effects on these resources.

On April 19, 2021, the NDLSD project team held the first Consulting Parties meeting marking the start of Step 2. The meeting provided an overview of the Section 106 process as well as a history of NDLSD and Lincoln Park. The meeting also discussed maps of the draft Area of Potential Effects (APE) limits and historic resources evaluated in the draft Historic Properties Identification (HPI) report. An overview of the contents within the draft HPI was also provided. The Consulting Parties were requested to provide input on the draft APE and draft HPI during the meeting and were given the opportunity to provide comments after the meeting. Based on comments received from Consulting Parties, the APE and HPI were revised and submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for concurrence. SHPO concurrence is currently pending and will mark the completion of Step 2 in the Section 106 process.

Preliminary field work for identifying archaeological resources was completed in July 2021. Further coordination regarding archaeological resources will occur as the project continues through the Section 106 process. Following the completion of identifying historic resources, the Section 106 process will continue into assessing effects of the proposed action (Step 3). This evaluation will be completed for the preferred alternative identified by the Level 3 screening process.

## HOW WILL HISTORIC FEATURES BE CONSIDERED IN LEVEL 3 SCREENING?

As noted, the Level 3 screening process will consider how the five remaining build alternatives may affect historic features. Following concurrence from the SHPO on identified historic features, a comparison of features affected by the remaining build alternatives will be completed. This will include quantifying the number of historic features either permanently or temporarily affected by each alternative. Additional assessments of effects to historic resources will be completed for the preferred alternative.

If you have any comments on the information in this handout, or any other project materials, please email the project team at [info@ndlsd.org](mailto:info@ndlsd.org).

### 1 INITIATE THE PROCESS

- Determine the undertaking
- Coordinate with other reviews
- Identify Consulting Parties

*Who is interested in historic properties in the project area?*

### 2 IDENTIFY HISTORIC RESOURCES

- Determine "Area of Potential Effect" (APE)
- Identify historic resources
- Determine National Register eligibility
- Review input from Consulting Parties
- Publish Historic Properties Inventory (HPI) for public review

*What historic properties are present?*

### 3 ASSESS IF ADVERSE EFFECTS

- Apply criteria of adverse effects
- Gather input from Consulting Parties
- Publish Assessment of Effects (AOE) for public review

*Are historic properties affected by the project?*

### 4 RESOLVE ADVERSE EFFECTS (IF NEEDED)

- Develop alternatives to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects
- Notify ACHP
- Gather input from Consulting Parties
- Publish Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for public comment

*Is there agreement or further discussion needed?*

