**Appendix A: Society for American Archaeology Task Force Charge**

**Task Force on Incorporating Archaeological Resources in Regional Land-Use Plans**

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Charge: Development pressure is increasing on public and private land in the United States, particularly in response to energy exploration and development. These pressures are expected to increase in the next several decades. In response, federal land managing agencies are investigating alternative approaches to traditional Section 106 compliance that shift from a project-by-project methodology to more programmatic approaches that consider the nature and distribution of cultural resources, and the potential impacts on those resources, on a regional or landscape-scale. While cultural resource managers have been using regional tools to assist them with planning for decades, no standards or best practices have ever been established by the SAA. The purpose of this task force is to:

1. Conduct a literature search to develop a core set of case studies that illustrate the types of planning tools that currently exist for incorporating cultural resources into regional plans?
   1. Objectively based predictive models
   2. Expert knowledge approaches
   3. Blended approaches
   4. Identify key documents for all task force members to be aware of
   5. Identify key strengths, weaknesses, potential “fatal flaws”
2. Address how we use cultural resource planning tools?
   1. How does spatial scale affect the utility of planning tools?
   2. How does existing data quality and availability affect the utility of planning tools?
   3. Can planning tools effectively focus inventory and evaluation efforts?
   4. What is the role of planning tools in consultation with stakeholders?
   5. Are there differences between the uses of such tools in different jurisdictions?
      1. Between different types of public land?
      2. Between public and private land?

The task force will be composed of a chair and no less than 5 members. A report of the task force is due to the board of directors no later than February 1, 2015. Because the report will be of great interest to the membership, the board recommends that the task force consider submitting either the report or a revised version for publication to the Society’s journal, *Advances in Archaeological Practice*.