

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 31: Heritage and Culture

Chapter 7: Cherokee Nation Registry of Historic Places

§ 1003. Definitions

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As used throughout this Act, the term:

A. **"Act"** means the Cherokee Nation Registry of Historic Places Act.

B. **"Cultural Property"** means any cultural resource deemed to be important enough to warrant listing in the Cherokee Register.

C. **"Cultural Resource"** means any product of Cherokee activity, or any object or place given significance by Cherokee action or belief

D. **"District"** means any discrete area comprising buildings, objects, sites, or structures.

E. **"Lands in Which the Cherokee Have a Historical Interest"** means all lands historically or traditionally used by the Cherokee.

F. **"Cherokee Lands"** means those lands held in trust for the benefit of the Cherokee Nation and those lands which the Cherokee Nation holds a possessory interest.

G. **"Cherokee Register"** means the Cherokee Nation Register of Historic Properties.

H. **"Object"** means a product of Cherokee activity or an item given significance or meaning by Cherokee activity or belief.

I. **"Place"** refers to an identifiable location at which an event occurred or a location given significance by Cherokee action or belief.

J. **"THPO"** means the Cherokee Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

K. **"Secretary"** shall refer to the Cherokee Nation Secretary of Natural Resources or such other person as may be designated by the Principal Chief to carry out duties and obligations under the Act.

L. **"Site"** means the location of the physical remains of Cherokee activity.

M. **"Sponsor"** means the government official or the official in a private capacity who has decision-making authority over a particular undertaking and who has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Cherokee Nation concerning an undertaking.

N. **"Structure"** means construction resulting from Cherokee activity.

O. "**Undertaking**" means any project, activity, or program that can result in changes in the character or use of a culturally significant property. The project, activity or program must be under the direct or indirect jurisdiction of a Sponsor. Undertakings include new and continuing projects, activities, or programs not previously considered under the authority of this Act.

P. "Historic Places Preservation Fund" or "Fund" means the Fund established to support restoration and maintenance of properties listed on the Cherokee Nation Register of Historic Places.

Historical Data

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