

features of the Center underscore the importance of the Section 106 consultation process, which, although “limited” in “reach,” is “aimed” at “discouraging” federal officials from entirely “ignoring preservation values” in their construction projects. Lee, 877 F.2d at 1056. The possibility of under-informed but irreversible alterations to historic property also highlights why preservation review should happen “*before*” the responsible officials “undertak[e] a course of action.” Solenex, LLC v. Haaland, 626 F. Supp. 3d 110, 115 (D.D.C. 2022) (emphasis added); see also City of Grapevine, Tex. v. DOT, 17 F.3d 1502, 1509 (D.C. Cir. 1994) (recognizing the “desir[e] for the § 106 process to occur as early as possible in a project’s planning stage”).