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The Indiana Department of Transportation's Cultural Resources Office (INDOT-CRO), in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), designed this manual as guidance on legal requirements and agency procedures, including scoping, identifying, evaluating, and documenting cultural resources on INDOT and Local Public Agency (LPA) projects. This manual is written for both cultural resource specialists and for the many individuals (project managers, engineers, environmental specialists, contractors, and consulting parties) who contribute to the planning and implementation of transportation projects in Indiana. For cultural resource specialists, this manual may be viewed as an outline for the documentation, investigation, and evaluation of cultural resources, with the end result being cultural resource documents of consistent format and quality. For project managers, engineers, and environmental specialists, this manual will serve as a guidance and reference resource to assist in planning transportation projects. In addition, some information herein may be useful to members of the public who wish to be involved in the cultural resource compliance process.