

Guidelines for Above Ground Cultural Resource Search Buffers for Section 106 Submissions

Project Type	Suggested search buffer(s)
Cell Tower, new	Follow FCC Guidance
CRAN/Small Cell, new	Follow FCC Guidance
Exterior Building Modifications	Building + adjacent buildings
Building(s), demolition	1 mile
Building (), new construction	Project footprint and resources in adjacent parcels
Building Complexes, new	1 mile from project footprint
Fiber Optics	500 feet
Exterior Generator, new installation	500 feet
Grain Bin, new installation	0.5 mile
HRSA (Healthcare)	Building + adjacent buildings
Park Improvements	0.5 mile
Buried lines with above ground components	1 mile
Solar Farms, new construction ¹	1 mile
Roadwork, County or State level	500 feet
Rooftop or small commercial solar, new	500 feet
Sidewalk installation	500 feet
Substation	0.5 miles
Trails	500 feet
Transmission Lines	0.5 miles

¹ Solar Farms are large-scale solar installations of ground-mounted panels installed across large areas, as well as any associated infrastructure including transmission facilities, conduit, equipment pads, and substations. These are different from rooftop solar systems and commercial solar power systems that provide power to individual homes or businesses. [cite PA SHPO]

No Site Check Required

- Building Acquisition Only (no additional construction activities)
- Building Mortgages/Refinancing
- HUD/CDBG-CV Utility Forgiveness Projects
- Divestment of Building(s), Property from Federal Ownership
- Any projects that have no above ground elements
- Any projects that the landscape will remain unchanged after project completion
- Projects within abandoned mine lands

Project Type Not Listed?

If your Section 106 project description does not fit within parameters listed above, you may provide the results of a site check for one mile from the centerpoint or centerline of your project area for consideration with the remainder of your Section 106 documentation.

If you are the representative of a lead federal agency and would like to consult on your Area of Potential Effect prior to conducting your site check, or if you are unsure of your recommended buffer based on the information provided, please contact the Site Protection Team by emailing Nicole.Konkol@ky.gov.

The buffers recommended in this document do not supersede any recommended buffers established in agreement documents with our agency.

For site checks on archaeological resources, please contact the [University of Kentucky-Office of State Archaeology](#).