



THE ROAD AHEAD PARTNERSHIP

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Road Ahead Appoints Historic Resources Specialist

One of the primary goals of the Route 66 Road Ahead Partnership is the preservation of the buildings, structures, sites, districts, and objects that reflect the historical development and unique character of Route 66. To help achieve this goal, Anne Haaker has been appointed to the newly created position of Historic Resources Specialist [HRS].

Haaker recently retired as Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer [SHPO] for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, a position she held for over 20 years. As Deputy SHPO, Haaker was actively involved in the preservation of buildings, landscapes, and archaeological sites across Illinois. She currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway Program.

Volunteering her time as HRS, Haaker's primary responsibility will be the development, coordination, and implementation of the Road Ahead's review of federal, state, and local construction projects that may affect Route 66 historic resources in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

"I am delighted to collaborate with federal and state agencies as well as preservation partners to develop a manageable framework to preserve the historical essence of the Mother Road. Bringing together diverse goals to preserve the Route 66 and its many facets presents a unique challenge that I look forward to", said Haaker.

The Road Ahead's Preservation Working Group initiated the creation of the HRS position. The HRS job description is available in the Resource section of the Road Ahead website.

"We are fortunate to have Anne Haaker serve in this position. Her accomplished, professional experience in historic preservation, cultural resources management, and knowledge of Route 66 will be great assets to the Road Ahead Partnership", noted David Bricker, Chair of the Road Ahead's Preservation Working Group.

Established in 2015, with the support of the National Park Service and the World Monuments' Fund, The Road Ahead Partnership's mission is to revitalize and sustain Route 66 as a national and international icon through partnerships focused on promotion, preservation, research and education, and economic development.

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