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## US/ICOMOS at Work

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Welcome to “US/ICOMOS at Work” e-news blast, a monthly update on what US/ICOMOS is doing to preserve and promote world heritage and international knowledge exchange on preservation topics. We share these brief communications monthly with our members and supporters.

Above: Roger Clark of the Grand Canyon Trust points to the proposed site of the highly controversial Escalade development project at the confluence of the Colorado and Little Colorado Rivers.

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### — LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

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## *Heritage in Times of Conflict and Disaster*

As deeply as the US/ICOMOS family is concerned about the many heritage resources impacted by the recent natural disasters in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Mexico, the Caribbean island nations and territories, and around the world, we care most about the people affected by these events. Working with the [Heritage Emergency National Task Force](#) (HENTF), the [National Park Service](#) and other partners we hope to stay as informed as possible and to communicate what you can do to best assist relief and rehabilitation efforts. Communications with Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands have been particularly difficult. We encourage you to monitor the following sites, relevant social media feeds, and to add #us/icomos\_drr to your posts.

Texas SHPO <http://www.thc.texas.gov/news-events/press-releases/some-thc-sites-closed-indefinitely-due-hurricane-harvey>

Florida SHPO <http://dos.myflorida.com/historical/>

Puerto Rico <http://www2.pr.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

US Virgin Islands <http://www.informusvi.com/>

ICOMOS Mexico <http://icomos.mx/>

National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers <http://ncshpo.org/>



## *Trustees Meet at Grand Canyon National Park, a U.S. World Heritage Site*

From September 18-20, the US/ICOMOS Board of Trustees met at Grand Canyon National Park with representatives of park management, tribal and friends groups, to better understand the challenges and opportunities confronting the U.S. World Heritage Site. Framed by the humans in this view is the Colorado River and the site of the Escalade project. Pictured (l to r) are Cherylyn Widell, John Fowler, Kak Slick, Bill Pencek, Archer Harvey, Willy Longreed, Doug Comer, Brenda Barrett, Roger Clark, Jan Balsom, Barb Pahl, Thom McDonald, Leslee Keys and Sarana Riggs.

## **KEEPING HISTORY ABOVE WATER**

*Conference Alert: Program and Speakers Announced for [Keeping History Above Water: Annapolis](#), October 29 - November 1, 2017*

US/ICOMOS encourages members and friends to attend *Keeping History Above Water: Annapolis*, an international gathering on a very timely topic. Organized by US/ICOMOS trustee and Annapolis Chief of Historic Preservation Lisa M. Craig, this conference brings together [national and international leaders](#) in the fields of historic preservation, business, culture, tourism, economics, urban planning, environment, sustainability, design, engineering and public policy. Speakers and attendees will participate in lectures, workshops, roundtables and tours that focus on practical solutions and community engagement. The [conference program is available here](#).

*Keeping History Above Water: Annapolis* kicks off with a plenary address by Phil Dyke, Coast and Marine Advisor for the UK National Trust and Jeff Goodell, author and investigative journalist, who will sign copies of his book *The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Reshaping of the Civilized World*. [Registration closes October 16 and there will be no onsite registration, so please sign up now!](#)



## LEADERSHIP FORUM AND BENEFIT

November 29–30, 2017  
Washington, DC

*Register before October 1st to Receive Early Registration Discounts for the [2017 US/ICOMOS Leadership Forum and Benefit](#)*



Sign up now for the [2017 US/ICOMOS Leadership Forum and Benefit](#). The Leadership Forum will take place in Washington, D.C. at the U.S. Department of the Interior Headquarters, November 29-30. We will provide conferees a common understanding of the World Heritage Program and the principal activities of U.S. actors engaged in world heritage stewardship. Conferees will then help refine the strategic path and priorities for US/ICOMOS in 2018 and beyond, and provide a clearer picture of the U.S. role in world heritage in this time of global transition. [Read the tentative schedule here](#). Among the many distinguished presenters featured will be Marie Laure Lavenir, Director General of ICOMOS, pictured at left.

The US/ICOMOS Benefit Gala: Reception, Dinner and Awards serves as the principal fundraiser of US/ICOMOS to sustain the important work of the organization and will be held at the venerable Cosmos Club. This year, we are providing more opportunities to participate than ever before. Guests may choose to purchase tickets for the Cocktail Reception only (6:00-7:30 pm), or for the reception and dinner (dinner, 7:30-10:00 pm).

Register for the 2017 Forum and Benefit before October 1st to take advantage of early registration discounts. We are offering significant discounts for Members (see below) and Young Professionals. Anyone who is a 2017 or 2018 member of US/ICOMOS is eligible for the member discount. [Please make plans now to join us!](#)

**2018 MEMBERSHIP ALERT:**  
*join or renew now!*

*Receive the Lowest Rates for the Forum and Benefit by  
Joining or Renewing Now*

2018 membership registration is now open! Individuals and Institutions who join or renew before

October 1st will enjoy discounted member rates for the 2017 Forum and Benefit (not to mention the many other benefits of membership!). [To learn about membership options, read here.](#)

- **Current** members: [rejoin here.](#)
- **Past** members: [rejoin here.](#) If you don't know the email address that you registered with initially, please contact [jspreitzer@usicomos.org](mailto:jspreitzer@usicomos.org) for assistance.
- **New** members: [join here.](#)

For those of you who work for larger organizations, we encourage Institutional membership. For more information about institutional membership benefits and options, please [click here and scroll down to the "Institutional Membership" section.](#)

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