

Brief Biographical Statement
Thomas J. Cassidy, Jr. – National Trust for Historic Preservation

Tom Cassidy is Vice President of Government Relations and Policy for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a position he has held since August, 2011. He is responsible for the overall direction and management of the National Trust's government relations agenda, including its campaign to preserve and enhance the federal historic tax credit and advocacy for the cultural and historic programs of the National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management. Key priorities include ensuring funding for the Historic Preservation Fund, funding to abate the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Tom has also been deeply involved in efforts to secure several National Monument designations and defend the Antiquities Act from legislative threats.

Prior to joining the National Trust, Tom worked for The Nature Conservancy as its Director of Federal Land Programs for more than 12 years. In that capacity, he was responsible for representing the Conservancy on a variety of conservation issues before the Department of the Interior, United States Forest Service and Congress. His responsibilities included securing federal funding for priority Conservancy land acquisition projects through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Forest Legacy and other programs.

Prior to joining the Conservancy, Tom spent nearly a decade with American Rivers where he served as General Counsel. He was responsible for a number of national campaigns, including successful efforts to protect Yellowstone National Park and Glacier Bay National Park from large mining proposals. The later campaign led to the creation of British Columbia's 2.3 million acre Tatshenshini – Alsek Provincial Park, a designated World Heritage Site.

Tom has also been an attorney in private practice.

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