

**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 advocating for funding programs within the Historic Preservation Fund and the cultural and historic programs of federal land management agencies. He is also involved centrally involved in the Trust's efforts to abate the maintenance backlog of the national parks, through annual appropriations, expanded use of historic leasing and legislation to create a dedicated funding source for park maintenance. He has led the Trust's efforts on federal initiatives to designate historic sites, including the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument and the African American Civil Rights Network. He also manages the National Trust's policy agenda to promote the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, the most significant federal investment in historic preservation, including the successful culmination of its 6-year long campaign to ensure inclusion of the historic tax credit tax reform legislation of December, 2017.

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 Administration, Department of the Interior, United States Forest Service and Congress. His principal 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, and numerous legislative, administrative, and judicial actions involving the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system.

Tom has also been an attorney in private practice.

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