

Returning Home

Borrowing Objects from the Collections of the National Museum of the American Indian

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NMAI Mission and Vision Statement

In partnership with Native peoples and their allies, the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) fosters a richer shared human experience through a more informed understanding of Native peoples. NMAI seeks equity and social justice for the Native peoples of the Western Hemisphere through education, inspiration, and empowerment.

NMAI outgoing loans

- Manage 40-50 Loans at any given time.
- Send out about 10-15 new loans a year.
- Average loan of under 20 objects.
- A few large loans of 20-150 objects.





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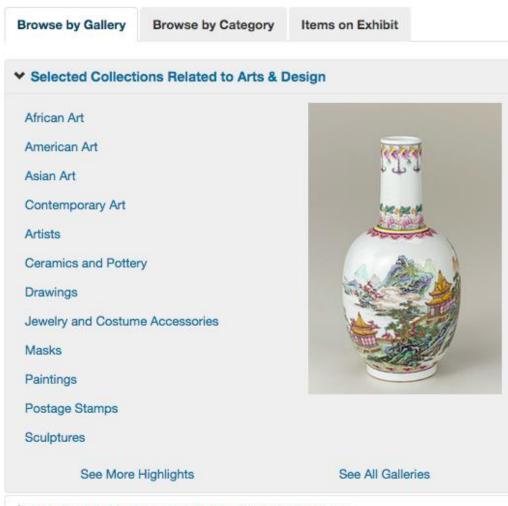


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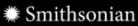


- > Selected Collections Related to History & Culture
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Research

The NMAI object collections are housed at the Cultural Resources Center (CRC), 4220 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland. Research visits to the object collections must be requested at least two months in advance by completing an Object Collections Research Request. Requests are approved on a case-by-case basis contingent on staff availability. Researchers are assisted by Collections Management staff at all times.

Research may be scheduled from 9:30 AM to 12 PM and 1 PM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

Collections Reports

The NMAI Collections Search site provides information on a representative sample of the objects and historic photographs in the collections. Comprehensive collections reports may be requested by completing an Object Collections Report Request.

Tours

The Cultural Resources Center (CRC) is not a public facility. Limited general tours of the CRC for Native groups, visiting museum professionals, scholars, and researchers are limited to 20 adults over the age of 18 years; accommodations may be made for larger groups upon request. Tours must be scheduled at least one month in advance by completing a Cultural Resources Center Tour Request.

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Other Collections-related Inquiries

For appointments to access the object collections for purposes of repatriation consultation, refer to the NMAI Repatriation Policy.







NMAI OBJECT COLLECTIONS

To request a research appointment, collections report, or tour of the object collections, complete and submit the appropriate form via the links below.

Object Collections Research Request »

Object Collections Report Request »

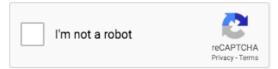
Cultural Resources Center Tour Request »

Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian

NMAI Object Collections Report Request - Cultural Resources Center - Suitland, MD

To complete this form, please be prepared to provide your full contact information, as well as relevant and detailed information for the collection(s) you are interested in.

To proceed, please follow the instructions provided below:



NMAI respects your privacy and does not share your information with other organizations.

<u>Smithsonian Privacy Statement</u> <u>SurveyGizmo Privacy Policy</u>

<u>Smithsonian Terms of Use</u> <u>SurveyGizmo Terms of Use</u>

Loan Request Timeline

Domestic/Small

A request of under 20 objects loaned within the United States requires a **12 month** lead time.

International/Large

International loans, loans with CITES restrictions, or loans of more than 20 objects, requires an **18-24 month** lead time.

Budget

Conservation

Mounts

Packing and shipping

Courier





Grant Funding Organizations

National Endowment for the Humanities:

Institute of Museum and Library Services

National Endowment for the Arts

National Historical Publications and Records Commission

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

Costume Society of America

Council on Library and Information Resources

Luce Foundation https://www.hluce.o

Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts

Museum Association of New York/New York State Council on the Arts

Museums Alaska

Historic New England

www.neh.gov

www.imls.gov

www.nea.gov

www.archives.gov/nhprc

https://mellon.org

http://costumesocietyamerica.com

www.clir.org

https://www.hluce.org/programs/american-art/grant-categories/

https://ccaha.org/services/fundraising-assistance

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https://museumsalaska.org/

www.historicnewengland.org

Requesting a Loan





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Collections-related Inquiries

To request a research appointment, collections report, or tour of the object collections, see Accessing the Object Collections.

Direct inquiries about the NMAI Archive Center collections to nmaiarchives@si.edu.

Search a portion of the NMAI collections, including objects and historic photographs, on the NMAI Collections Search site.

Please note: The NMAI became part of the Smithsonian Institution in 1989. Native American collections associated with the Smithsonian before 1989 are likely at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History (NMNH). The extensive Native American collections of the NMNH are distinct from those of the NMAI—the two collections have not been merged. For information about the NMNH Native American collections, visit the NMNH Anthropology Department site.

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Identification and Appraisal of Objects

Smithsonian staff are prevented by policy from authenticating, placing a value on, or appraising objects.

For identification of archaeological objects from the U.S., the state archaeologist of the state where the object was found is likely able to provide the best information. Visit the National Association of State Archaeologists website for a list of state archaeologists.

Donating or Selling Objects to the Museum

The NMAI accepts donations of items that enhance its permanent collections; not all objects offered for donation are accepted. The NMAI occasionally purchases items for its permanent collections; however, acquisition funds are limited, and most purchases are initiated by the NMAI to meet specific needs. To submit a donation or purchase offer to the NMAI, complete and submit an Acquisition Proposal and attachments for consideration. Please DO NOT send or bring the item(s) to the NMAI unless specifically requested to do so.

Borrowing Objects from the Museum

Direct inquiries about loan procedures to Rachel Shabica, Registration.

Please note: The NMAI requires a minimum of 12 months' lead time for smaller domestic loans (fewer than 20 items) and 18 months for smaller international loans. Larger domestic or international loans typically require a lead time of 24 months. "Lead time" refers to the interval between the museum's receipt of a complete loan application package and the date when objects are shipped to the borrowing institution.

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Cultural Resources Center Tour Request »

Loan Request Package

- Object List
- Loan Request form
- Signed Condition for Loans/Courier Costs form
- Copy of request letter to Director Gover
- AAM's General Facility Report

General Facility Report

(Formerly the Standard Facility Report)

Registrars Committee

of the American Association of Museums

Adopted 1988 . Revised 1998 and 2008

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The AAM Press

Curatorial Council Review

- Group composed of collections, conservation, curatorial, registration, archives, and repatriation staff.
- All loans are brought before this body once all the paperwork has been submitted for review and discussion.
- Curatorial Council meets the last Thursday of the month.
- Council makes a recommendation to the Director.
- The Director reviews the meeting minutes and associated documentation and makes a final decision.
- Registration will contact you 2-3 months after your loan request was put in.

Outgoing Loan Criteria

- 1) the availability of the object (if it is already on display it is usually considered not available to lend
- 2.) the NMAI's plans to exhibit the object in its own programs, or concurrent loan requests.
- 3.) number of objects requested in the loan
- 4.) current workload or capacity of the museum departments processing the loan (i.e., registration, conservation and collections management)
- 5.) cultural and historic importance of the object
- 6.) the object's rarity
- 7.) the object's condition
- 8.) ability of the borrowing institution to provide a secure installation and meet environmental standards
- 9.) scholarly value of, and Native involvement in, the exhibition





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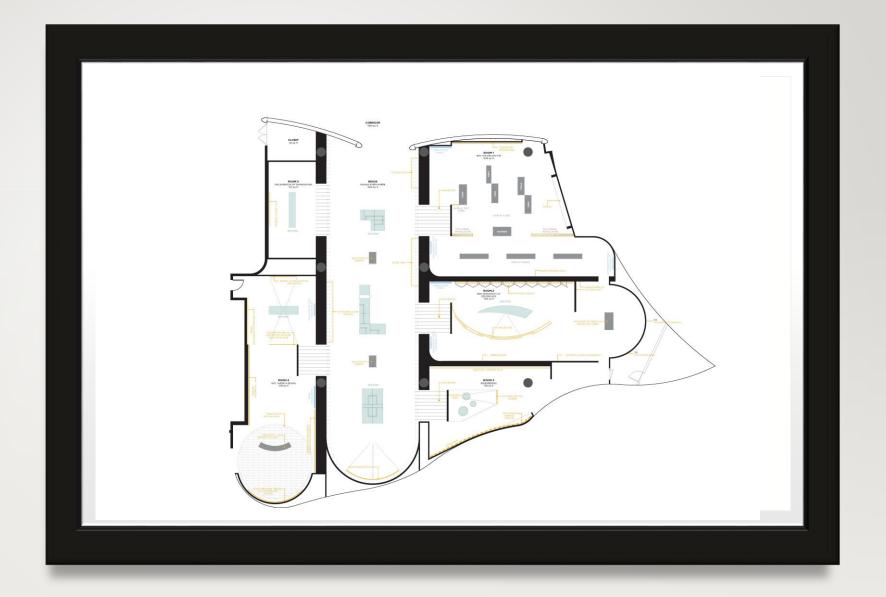
- Photography (if needed)
- Review of exhibition & case designs
- Conservation
- Mount making
- Loan agreement
- Insurance coverage
- Packing & Crating
- Shipping
- Object installation with Courier

Photography

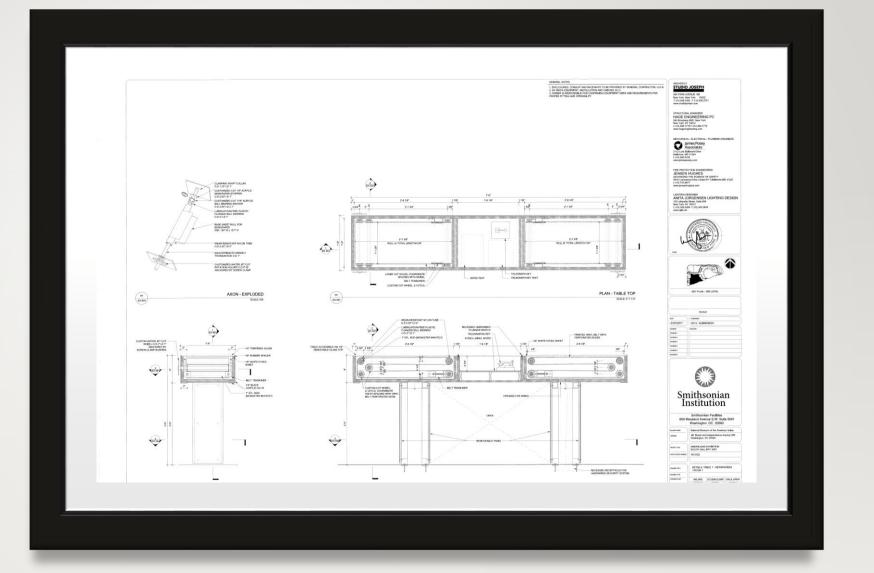
- For high-resolution digital images contact:
- NMAIPhotos@si.edu
- More information can be found on our Digital Image Requests page at:
- https://americanindian.si.edu
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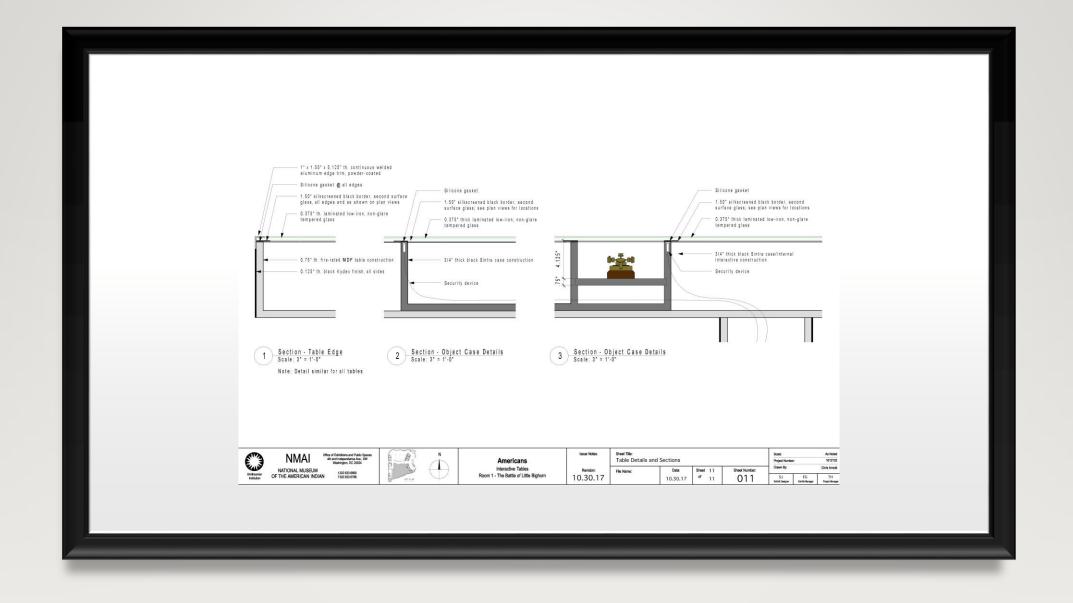


Review of Exhibition & Case designs



Review of case drawings





Database of exhibition case materials

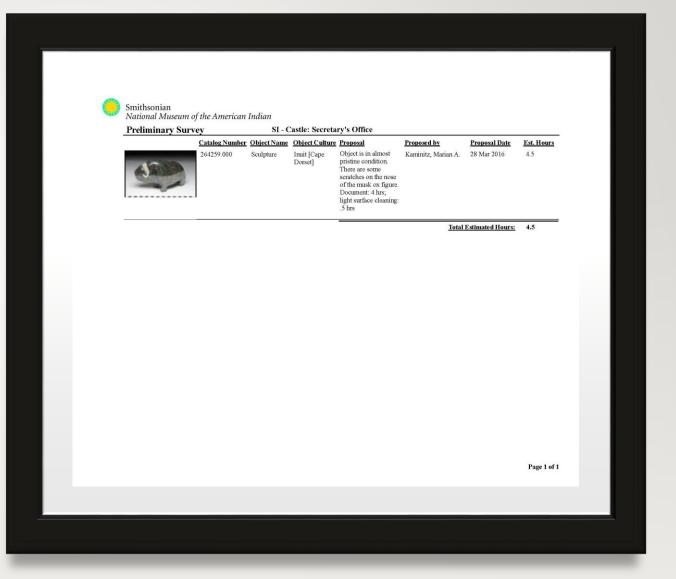
American Institute for Conservation Materials Wiki

http://www.conservationwiki.com/wiki/Oddy_Test s:_Materials_Databases



Preliminary Survey





Conservation





Mount Making









Loan Agreement

OUTGOING LOAN	AGREEMENT			
Office of Registrar Phone: 301-238-1521 Fax: 301-238-3210	Loan Number: OL000537			
The National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonia the object(s) described below, for the purposes stated an				
Borrower: Your Name Here	Contact: John Doe			
Address: 123 Main Street Anytown, USA	Phone: 555-123-4567			
1040 S. 10709 (15 931 50 F)				
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Certificate of Insurance provided by the borrower. I HAVE READ THE CONDITIONS ABOVE	******			

I HAVE READ THE CONDITIONS ABOVE Signature of Borrower: National Museum	Title:	Date:		
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CONDITIONS FOR OUTGOING LOANS

A. Care, Handline, and Security

1. The borrower is responsible for all loan related costs including any conservation and mountmaking costs that may be incurred as a result of

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from authorized NAM staff.

3. Objects must not be removed from exhibit for temporary exhibition elsewhere or reloaned by the borrower.

6. Objects piaced on public exhibition must be in locked or otherwise secure cases or, in the case of large objects, displayed, so as to provide maximum security. Objects must be stored in a locked, limited access area until safely hustaded in cases. Objects not on display must be stored maximum security.

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5. Loaned objects may not be physically handled for lectures, demonstrations, or entertainment or illustrated in print or broadcast media without specific written permission from the NWAI.

6. Loaned objects must be protected from fire, theft, mishanding, dirt, insects, and extremes of light, temperature, and humidity. At

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7. Only adequately trained personnel should be permitted to handle, move, or pack objects. During installation and deinstallation security personnel or other security presumments to be in the exhibit area. At no time during installation may any mounted, loaned objects be left. overnight in an open case.

8. <u>Packing and Transportation</u>
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2. The borrower must return the marketisk in the same or better containers and marketisk are resented, instructions provided by the INNALY or unpacking and repacking must be followed.
3. For international classia existions braker must be retained at the opened of the borrower. Government regulations will be adhered to in.

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D. Insurance

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2. If the insurance is to be carried by the NMAI with the premium billed to the borrower, this agreement will act as proof of or as certificate

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6. <u>Conflict</u> in the event of any conflict between this agreement and agreements of the borrowers, the terms of this agreement shall be controlling. The agreement will be construed in accordance with Federal laws and the laws of the District of Colombia.

Signature
 This document and any attached Appendix have been reviewed and signed by authorized parties.

Insurance Coverage



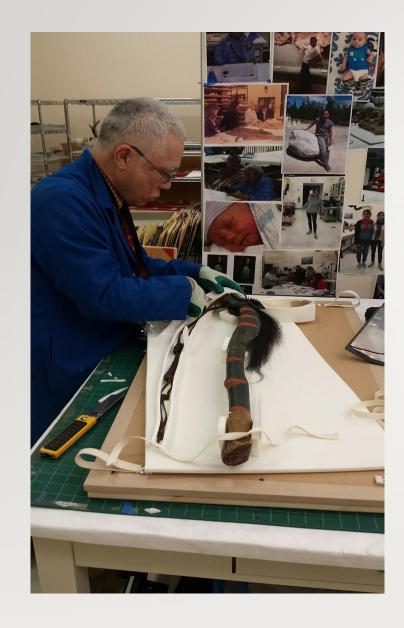
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Packing & Crating









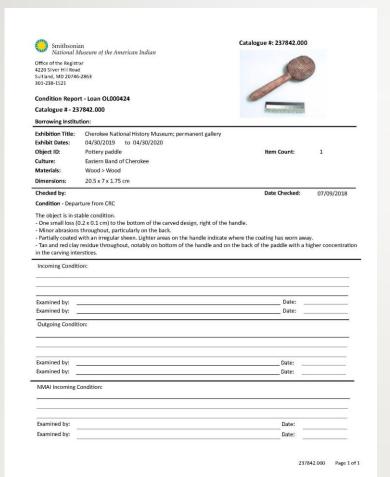


Shipping





Object Installation







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NMAI Loan





Exhibition opened 2002





They are home







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We started about...

- 1993 with a tribal resolution which appropriated funds to construct a cultural center
- Ten years later, in 2013 the tribe's Master Plan prioritizes constructing a facility
- Finally in 2015 an overall design was selected, we can now start our facility





Working with Community

Culture & Historic Preservation Workgroup

- Consisted of 6-12 Community Members engaged in conceptual design of the building since 2015
- Started the exhibit design firm kick-off meeting February 2017







Collections, Collections, Collections with just a few things



- Develop staffing Collections Manager/Registrar & Collections Technician
- Conduct first comprehensive inventory

- Establish policies
- Identify a new collections database
- Begin planning our Collections Move

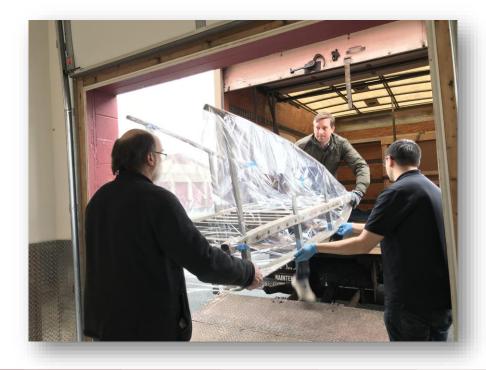
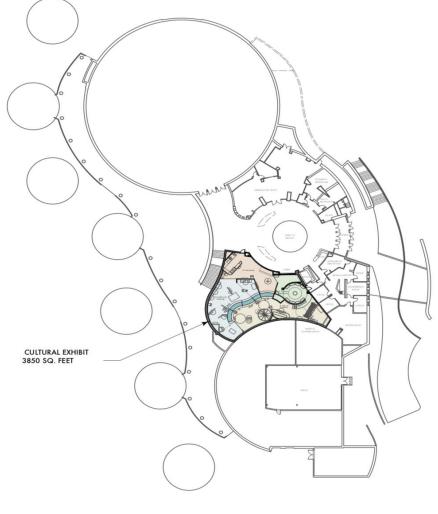




Exhibit Design Development



- Imperative to develop working relationships with members & SRS to begin our schematic design
- Object research which was balanced with beginning inventory of the SMSC collection
- Prioritizing museums that could fulfill our Mdewakanton Dakota Sioux scope



Planning

While the structural development of the exhibit was underway

Scope Determined

Timeline

Budget

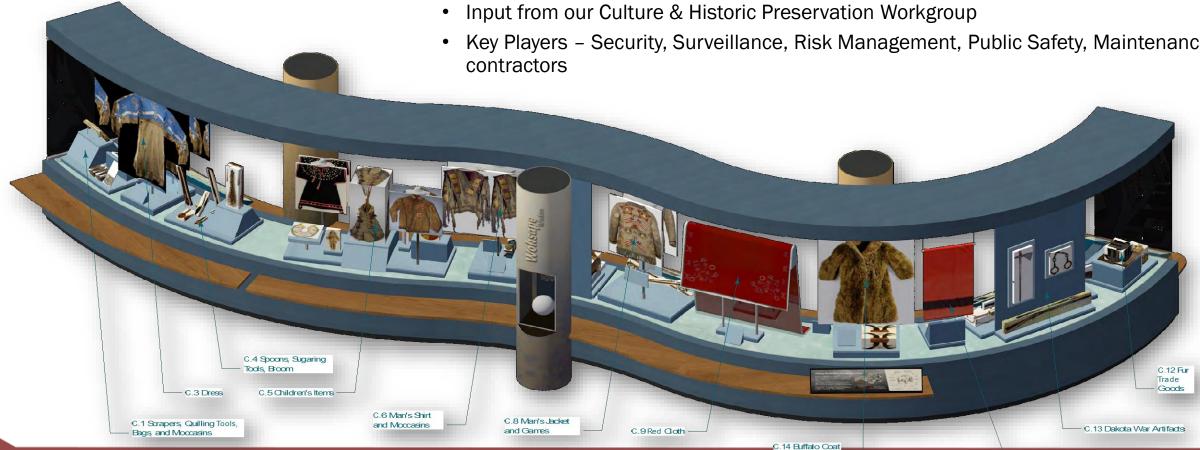
Networking





Constant coordination with

- NMAI designated mount-maker and courier
- NMAI Registration and Conservation Completing Travel to fit deadlines established
- Architects (Structural fit-out & lighting)
- Exhibit Design firm
- Key Players Security, Surveillance, Risk Management, Public Safety, Maintenance & contractors



Implementing











Lessons Learned



Keep Timeline

Start early