

NATURE CONSERVANCY CELEBRATES NEW CANOE LAUNCH SITE ON THE CAHABA RIVER NEAR SELMA

Partners join in effort to get the public involved in canoeing the beautiful Cahaba River.

The Nature Conservancy announced Nov. 1 the acquisition of property at the Alabama Highway 22 bridge east of Selma for a new canoe launch site on the lower Cahaba River. The site is seen as a key link in emerging efforts to develop a Cahaba River Canoe Trail that will one day stretch from Birmingham to Selma.

The Conservancy will work with local partners to improve the site over the next few months, with plans that it will be ready for use this coming spring.

Alabama Power Company funded the acquisition. The Alabama Historical Commission will provide assistance and the Ala-Tom RC&D Council has pledged grant funding toward improvements, including providing a gravel access road and parking area. The Conservancy will approach the Alabama Department of Transportation for assistance in providing traffic access to the site.

"We provided this funding to the Conservancy to lay the groundwork

for the development of natural heritage tourism as an economic development engine in the Black Belt counties along the lower



Cahaba River" said Willard Bowers of Alabama Power Company.

The concept of a canoe trail on the Cahaba River has been discussed for many years. Over the past six months, there has been a renewed commitment among a wide array of nonprofit, corporate, and citizen interests to establish a formal trail. One of the obstacles to a canoe trail has been the lack of sufficient sites along the length of the river that provide safe, easy access for the public.

The Highway 22 site is occasionally used as an unofficial canoe launch by people who want to float the lowermost portion of the Cahaba River down to the

confluence of the Alabama River at Old Cahawba Archaeological Park. "As a result of this acquisition, the Alabama Historical Commission is exploring the idea of providing a shuttle service and canoe rentals for the run from the new launch to Old Cahawba" said Site Director Linda Derry. "We feel that it is most appropriate that visitors will now be able to experience and enjoy one of Alabama's finest natural wonders, the Cahaba River, while paddling their way towards one of Alabama's best historical treasures, the historic ghost town of Old Cahawba".

The park, managed by the Alabama Historical Commission, is one of the most heavily visited locations in the entire Black Belt region of Alabama, and is seen as an important resource in current efforts to boost tourism based on the rich natural and cultural heritage of the area.

"This project brings us one important step closer to making the unique natural resources of the Cahaba River available to all people to enjoy and appreciate" said Jim Hodo, CEO for Selma-based

American Apparel, and a strong supporter of efforts to conserve the Cahaba River and develop heritage tourism opportunities in Dallas County and other parts of the Black Belt.

Other Nature Conservancy lands along the Cahaba River which provide access to the Cahaba River include the Bibb County Glades Preserve (on the Little Cahaba River) and the Pratt's Ferry Preserve, both in Bibb County, and the Barton's Beach Preserve in Perry County. The Barton's Beach site is part of the Perry Lakes Park, which has an extensive network of hiking trails, boardwalks and the tallest bird observation tower in the nation.

The Nature Conservancy is a leading international, nonprofit organization that preserves plants, animals, and natural communities representing the diversity of life on earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. Visit their web site at nature.org/alabama.

NATIONAL TRUST HONORS VULCAN PARK

On November 2, the National Trust for Historic Preservation presented Birmingham's Vulcan Park its prestigious National Preservation Honor Award. The project was one of 21 national award winners honored by the National Trust during its week-long 2006 National Preservation Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Every year, thousands of people visit the mountaintop where the newly-buff Vulcan stands atop a

vein of the red ore from which he was made," said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The National Preservation Awards are bestowed on distinguished individuals, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and corporations whose skill and determination have given new meaning to their communities through preservation of our architectural and cultural heritage.



2006 PRESERVATION AWARDS

U.S. Rep Artur Davis served as the master of ceremonies for this year's annual preservation awards presented on October 13 during the Alabama Preservation Conference in Birmingham. Held annually by the Alabama Historical Commission, the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Black Heritage Council, this year's conference celebrated two preservation anniversaries: the National Historic Preservation Act and the Alabama Historical Commission, both created in 1966.



Front row, Tina Naremore Jones representing the Sumter County Historical Society. Second row, Debbie Quinn of Fairhope and Marjorie White who received a Lifetime Achievement Award. Back row, U. S. Rep. Artur Davis of Birmingham; Darlene Negrotto and Barbara Kelley of Vulcan Park; and Audrey Hendricks who accepted the Idella Childs Award for her mother, Lola Hendricks.

Lifetime Achievement Award **MARJORIE L. WHITE**

Marjorie White received the Alabama Historical Commission's highest honor—the lifetime achievement award.

“One simply cannot talk about preservation in Birmingham without talking about Marjorie White,” said Davis.

White, who serves as director of the Birmingham Historical Society, published an architectural walking tour and guide in 1977. Many publications and educational programs have followed.

“A whole generation has come of age participating in the Downtown Discovery tours and, as children, dressing as their favorite building for the annual downtown Preservation Week parade,” said Davis.

In the 1980s, White turned her sights to promoting Birmingham's industrial past and its nationally significant civil rights sites. “When told by the National Park Service that Bethel Baptist Church did not qualify as a National Historic Landmark, Mrs. White commandeered historians, published a book, and secured landmark designation for Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth's church,” said Davis.

Distinguished Service Award **VULCAN PARK**

A \$15.5 million campaign, begun seven years ago by the Vulcan Park Foundation, helped save one of our

nation's most memorable works of civic art.

The giant statue of Vulcan—the god of the forge—was conceived by business leaders as a way to promote Alabama's premier industrial city. Cast from local iron in 1904 and set atop a tower on Red Mountain in 1937, Vulcan has been a powerful “symbol of place” to generations of Alabamians.

“Today Vulcan Park serves as a major gateway to Birmingham's history and sites—a place to discover local history and celebrate urban revitalization,” said Davis. “The groundswell of public affection and pride the rehabilitation evoked reflects the renewed spirit of a once industrial and now diversified city.”

Darlene Negrotto accepted the award on behalf of Vulcan Park.

Distinguished Service Award **DEBBIE QUINN**

“Although she did not work alone, no one has worked as long, as hard, or has taken a greater role as a leader in Fairhope's preservation as Debbie Quinn,” said Davis.

In 2003 Fairhope's entire downtown was listed to Places in Peril as one of Alabama's most endangered sites. “Today because of the dedication and perseverance of Debbie Quinn, not only is the

downtown less endangered, but it listed in the National Register of Historic Places,” Davis said.

Quinn, along with a fellow city council member, founded The Fairhope Historic Committee bringing preservationists together to educate the public and city council about the benefits of preservation.

Credited with starting the historic preservation program in Fairhope, Quinn's accomplishments include founding the historic homes tour (now in its eighth year), leading two hard-fought efforts to have a protective ordinance passed, restoring Fairhope's old city hall, expanding the Bayfront Historic District, and the prestigious listing of Fairhope's downtown in the National Register.

Always making preservation a platform in her campaigns for city council, Quinn is currently working to obtain plaques for downtown historic buildings to increase awareness of Fairhope's unique history.

Distinguished Service Award **SUMTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

“Under the tutelage of Dr. Richard Holland, the Sumter County

Historical Society is one of the strongest in the state,” said Davis. “The society has balanced their efforts between hands-on restoration, public education, and public awareness in a way that generates results.”

Established in 1963, the society has promoted the preservation of sites, structures, and artifacts of historic interest to Sumter County and the Black Belt. Their track record on restoration is impressive—Livingston's Spence-Moon House, Callaway Schoolhouse, and Choctaw Tavern; and Gainesville's Adustan Hall. Their most recent success was the last-minute rescue and relocation of Coatopa's Christian Valley Baptist Church.

A full schedule of lectures, programs, and walking tours promotes awareness of community history and landmarks, as well as attracts and engages members. Society publications, which range from a Civil War memoir to former slave narratives, will help future generations understand and appreciate the landmarks and artifacts of this history-rich county.

Dr. Tina Naremore Jones, an associate professor at the University of West Alabama, accepted the award on behalf of the historical society from AHC Chairman Bill Drinkard.

(LOLA HENDRICKS, *next page*)

Rare example of a raised Creole cottage

*Black Heritage Council
Idella Childs Award*
LOLA HENDRICKS

PLATTENBURG HOUSE SEEKS NEW OWNER

As assistant secretary for the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, Lola Hendricks helped make an important chapter in American history. Now she is working to see that history preserved and interpreted.

In the 1950s and '60s, the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights laid the groundwork for the Birmingham civil rights marches that resulted in the 1963 Civil Rights Act. This national legislation outlawed racial segregation in public accommodations.

Working evenings as a volunteer, Hendricks ran the movement office at Bethel Baptist Church for the Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth using her extraordinary faculties for detail and organization to advance civil rights in Birmingham.

In recent years she channeled her talents into helping record the oral histories of movement participants and documenting the places where movement events occurred. Her work was crucial to the Birmingham Historical Society's effort to get Birmingham's civil rights churches listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

"Because of Mrs. Hendricks, Birmingham is a much better place for all of us who live and work here," said Congressman Davis. Accepting the award for Mrs. Hendricks was her daughter Audrey Hendricks, who in 1963 was one of the youngest children to march in the Children's Crusade in Birmingham.

The Selma and Dallas County Historical Preservation Society and the Alabama Historical Commission are seeking a new owner to help save an important Selma landmark.

The historic Plattenburg house, located at 601 Washington Street, is now deteriorated, but many believe it is a diamond in the rough just waiting to be transformed into a jewel. Preservation will not only save a historic building but help rejuvenate the neighborhood and invest in Selma's future.

Plans that show how the Plattenburg House could look if restored are available. These plans include a proposal to adapt the house and its adjoining outbuilding into three apartments, but other uses may work as well. Although acquisition of these buildings will require accepting a protective covenant, preservationists are open to some modifications and alternative plans.

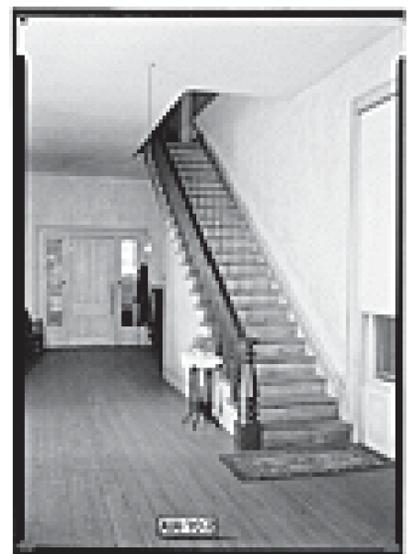
Historically and architecturally significant, the Plattenburg House is a rare example of a raised Creole Cottage with a bracketed cornice, balustrated porch, and Greek Revival detailing. The 1842 building was the center of Wesley Plattenburg's 2200-acre plantation just beyond the northern outskirts of Selma, although today there is no physical evidence of the plantation



aside from the house itself. The property was recorded in an 1865 Union map before the Battle of Selma.

Bids to purchase and rehabilitate the structures are being accepted. Proposals must include a cash price, a proposed plan for the exterior rehabilitation with a timetable of 18 months from purchase (or sooner), and a plan for the interior rehabilitation with another timetable by which it will be completed. A recent credit report or proof of pre-approval for financing will also need to be submitted with the proposal.

For information, contact Nancy Reynolds Bennett (334-874-6600) or Melanie Betz (334-230-2645).



ABOVE: 1935 Historic American Buildings Survey photographs.

DEADLINE FOR 2007 PLACES IN PERIL NOMINATIONS IS MARCH 1

Is there an irreplaceable historic building or site in your area that is highly threatened by demolition or neglect? This is your opportunity to help save it! *Places in Peril*, a joint program of the Alabama Historical Commission and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, recognizes Alabama's most endangered historic resources. Each submission is to be evaluated for its significance and threat.

Please provide clear photographs of the site. Nominations will not be considered without at least one visual representation.

Mail to: Melanie Betz, Alabama Historical Commission
P. O. Box 300900, Montgomery, AL 36130-0900

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip Code/
County: _____

Date Built: _____

Ownership: Public Private
Designation: National Register State / Local Designation

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of other local contacts/nonprofit organizations: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

On a separate page, briefly answer the following questions:
Why is the site significant? Is it architecturally significant? Historically significant? Contributes to a district? What makes it unique or different? What is the history of the site? Provide a brief (1-3 lines) historical summary. Why is the site threatened? For example, is it poor maintenance, improper development, proposed demolition, lack of funding? How imminent is the threat? Who are the property owners and what is their attitude towards the property? Provide their contact information. How well known is the site? Is it private or open to the public?

AT THE HISTORIC SITES

FRIENDS OF GAINESWOOD— CHARLES AND MARY ANN GOODSON HONORED

On Friday evening, September 29, Gaineswood and the staff of the Alabama Historical Commission provided about 50 guests a rare glimpse into how Nathan Bryan Whitfield, the mansion's owner-architect, may have celebrated at Gaineswood in 1860. One of the pocket jib doors leading into the ballroom of the National Historic Landmark was opened for guests to wander amidst the candlelight and enjoy the ambiance of Marengo County's finest mansion.

The primary reason for the occasion was to honor Friends of Gaineswood Board Member Charles Goodson and his wife Mary Ann, a Whitfield descendant, for their key role in helping the Friends of Gaineswood raise \$660,000 over the past ten years.

U.S. Rep. Artur Davis sent a congratulatory letter to the couple.

John A. Neubauer, executive director of the Alabama Historical Commission, also congratulated the Goodsons on their Award of Merit. "They very much deserve this award. They have been dedicated to the preservation of Gaineswood, and want to see it taken care of for future generations to be able to enjoy this part of Alabama's past," said Neubauer.

"I have wanted to do as much as I can to preserve this home. It is a part of my family that has stood for generations. I want future generations to be able to enjoy Gaineswood and its history as much as I have," said Mary Ann Goodson. "I do what I do for the Friends of Gaineswood, not only because I want to honor the Whitfield name, but also because it is some-thing I enjoy doing. Preservation of history is something I enjoy being a part of."



AT GAINESWOOD--Front row: Mary Ann Goodson, Charles Goodson, and Elizabeth Brown of the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC). Back row: Gaineswood Site Director Matt Hartzell, Friends of Gaineswood Chair John Northcutt, and AHC Executive Director John A. Neubauer.

GAINESWOOD SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES GRANT UPDATE—

In 2005 the Friends of Gaineswood won a \$260,000 Save America's Treasures matching grant for restoration work at Gaineswood—AHC staff assisted in applying for the grant. The funds are to be used to address moisture problems of the roof and exterior walls.

An official Project of Save America's Treasures, Gaineswood is one of 61 projects in 29 states and the District of Columbia to receive funds. By law, each award requires a nonfederal match.

The City of Demopolis has contributed \$10,000 to the Friends of Gaineswood to be part of their \$65,000 match. The Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel is contributing \$25,000, and the Alabama Historical Commission is matching the remaining \$174,000. The total match amount is \$264,000.

The Friends of Gaineswood and Gaineswood Site Director Matt Hartzell were instrumental in securing the funds donated by the city of Demopolis.

FROM THE COMMISSION

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

David Ray, a native of Mobile, joined the AHC staff on October 2 as the National Register coordinator. Ray replaces Christy Anderson who is now employed by the City of Montgomery.

Ray, who holds a master's in historic preservation from the University of Georgia, worked for a private civil engineering company conducting Section 106 environmental review primarily for road projects. "Having spent the last ten years in Georgia, I am very excited to be back in Alabama," said Ray who grew up in Mobile's Oakleigh Historic District.

Sherrie Barker joined the staff on November 16 as senior accountant. Barker, who has been with the State of Alabama for 16 years, was previously with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. She is a native Alabamian. Barker's duties include working with the budget and managing funds for the AHC and historic sites.

The Alabama State Capitol has a new site director. **Christy Carl** is a graduate of Texas Tech University. She has a masters' in museum science with an undergraduate degree in history. Before joining the



AHC in December, Carl served as director of the Galveston County Historical Museum for five years.



NEW STAFF, top left clockwise: At the Commission's main office are David Ray and Sherrie Barker. Christy Carl is at the Capitol.

PRESERVE AMERICA UPDATE

Cindy S. Yarbrough Alabama HUD Field Office Director

Congress approved \$5 million dollars to support a variety of activities related to heritage tourism and innovative approaches to use historic properties as educational and economic assets. Access to the **Preserve America** grant program is just one of the many benefits of becoming a **Preserve America** Community, which three Alabama cities have already done. These cities are **Birmingham**, **Chickasaw**, and **Mobile**.

Preserve America designation recognizes cities that: protect and celebrate their heritage, use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs. In addition to access to the grant program, designated cities receive White House recognition, signage,

listing on the web site, inclusion in national and regional news releases, and enhanced community visibility and pride.

Preserve America also offers **technical and financial assistance** from federal agencies, including HUD, that can be used to: bolster local heritage preservation efforts, support better integration of heritage preservation and economic development, and foster and enhance intergovernmental and public-private partnerships.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act. Through the **Preserve America** program, Alabama cities are learning that historical landmarks attract visitors and business. To learn more about **Preserve America**, visit <http://www.preserveamerica.gov>. Four application and designation cycles occur each year. The next

2006 application deadline is December 1, 2006. Please visit the **Preserve America** web site and click on "Communities" for more information on the application process.

Preserve America is a White House initiative in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and in partnership with the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, and Transportation; National Endowment for the Humanities; President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities; and the President's Council on Environmental Quality.

There are a number of eligible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities that may support historic preservation and heritage tourism. Consult your community development directors if



you are a HUD-designated entitlement community, or for the balance of the state, contact the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Community Development Office for more information and to inquire about CDGB Grants.

Alabama has the fewest designated **Preserve America** communities and neighborhoods in the Southeast. With your interest in preserving Alabama's wonderful cultural and natural heritage and with your help in becoming a **Preserve America** community or neighborhood, we can change that.

LEE ANNE WOFFORD HONORED FOR HISTORIC CEMETERY WORK

On October 13 the Booker T. Washington Insurance Company presented Lee Anne Wofford with a plaque in recognition and appreciation for her continued support and involvement in the preservation of Zion Memorial Gardens and New Grace Hill Cemetery in Birmingham.

A few months ago, Brian Powell with the State of Alabama Insurance Department contacted Wofford. Powell is working to rehabilitate the Booker T. Washington Insurance Company, as the company is in court-ordered receivership. Zion Memorial Gardens and New Grace Hill Cemetery are two subsidiaries of BTW, Inc.

"Brian realized these cemeteries were important but didn't really know what to do or where to start," said Wofford. "Dorothy Walker and I went to Birmingham to meet with Brian and tour the cemeteries."

Wofford worked with Powell advising him on how to best preserve and restore these cemeteries. Wofford suggested holding a cemetery workshop at Zion Memorial Gardens as part of the Alabama Preservation Conference in October. "We did and it was a great success," said Wofford.



Charles Thomas, a stone mason from Pinson, has been working in Zion to repair markers. "Zion looks completely different than when we started a few months ago," said Wofford.

Wofford has registered both cemeteries on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register and helped write the text for a historical marker at Zion Memorial Gardens. She is currently assisting Powell with New

Grace Hill. "The project is definitely ongoing," Wofford said.



RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Birmingham Civil Rights Historic District

(Civil Rights Movement in Birmingham, Alabama, MPS)
Birmingham, Jefferson County
Roughly bounded by 9th Avenue, Richard Arrington, Jr.,
Boulevard, First Avenue and 14th Street
Listed: 10/19/06

The Civil Rights Historic District is nationally significant for its association with the mid-20th century civil rights struggle.

Significant activities in the district began in 1956 when the Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth founded the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR), a faith-based movement of ordinary people to "press forward persistently for Freedom and Democracy, and the removal from our society any forms of Second Class Citizenship." The district's significance extends to April-May 1963, when ACMHR joined forces with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Southern Christian Leadership Conference to sponsor the Birmingham campaign and rid the city of segregation.

In May 1963, thousands of black people demonstrated in the streets of Birmingham as hundreds went to jail for freedom. The protests won world condemnation of American domestic politics, galvanized the nation's press against segregation, and hastened the coming of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The Civil Rights Historic District contains three groups of resources and the streets that connect them. The westernmost section, Northside, contains a fine collection of historic African American

commercial and cultural resources. The Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, the A. G. Gaston Building, and Kelly Ingram Park were previously individually listed in the National Register.

The second area includes resources previously listed as part of the Downtown Birmingham Retail and Theatre Historic District. Businesses within this district were targets and destinations for the various marches and boycotts launched from the Northside section.

The Government Complex includes the city-county government complex and adjacent buildings, including the Greyhound Bus Station, forming the third pivotal area.

Significant landmarks, as well as the historic grid of streets, alleys, and sidewalks, remain to convey the sense of place, association, design, location, and setting of the period of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s.



Stuart, Henry, House

Montrose, Baldwin County
22787 Alabama 98
Listed: 10/27/06

Fort McClellan Ammunition Storage Historic District

Anniston, Calhoun County
Pappy Dunn Boulevard
Listed: 11/8/06

Fort McClellan Industrial Historic District

Anniston, Calhoun County
Jimmy Parks Boulevard,
Transportation Road and Idaho Avenue
Listed: 11/8/06

Fort McClellan Post Headquarters Historic District

Anniston, Calhoun County
Buckner Circle, Headquarters Avenue and Drennan Drive
Listed: 11/8/06

Fort McClellan World War II Housing Historic District

Anniston, Calhoun County
Breman Road, Bachelor Drive, Iron Mountain Road, and Micron Way
Listed: 11/8/06

The National Register is administered by the National Park Service, which is part of the U.S. Department of the Interior. The AHC oversees the National Register program in Alabama.

The Sixteenth Street Baptist Church (above) and the A. G. Gaston Motel (left) are two buildings included in the Civil Rights Historic District.

Nominations Sought-- NATIONAL PRESERVATION AWARDS

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is accepting nominations for the 2007 National Preservation Awards.

Individuals who have been involved in an outstanding preservation project completed in the past three years, or those who know of a corporation, nonprofit organization, public agency, or individual who has helped save a part of America's local or national heritage are encouraged to submit a nomination.

The coveted annual awards recognize singular success in preserving, rehabilitating, restoring, or interpreting America's architectural and cultural heritage.

Winners will be honored at the Twin Cities National Preservation Conference in Saint Paul, Minnesota, October 2-6, 2007. Nominations for all awards must be postmarked by **March 1, 2007.**

The National Trust/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation recognizes organizations and agencies for their success in advancing the goals of historic preservation while providing affordable housing and expanding economic opportunities in the community.

The National Trust/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation celebrates an exemplary federal/private partnership that results in the preservation of an important historic resource. The John H. Chafee Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement in Public Policy honors an outstanding contribution to historic preservation in the field of public policy.

The Trustees' Award for Organizational Excellence recognizes a nonprofit organization that has demonstrated sustained and superlative achievement in historic preservation.

The Trustee Emeritus Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites recognizes sustained commitment to restoring a historic property, and excellence in the preservation, management, and interpretation of the historic site.

In addition, the **National Preservation Honor Awards** recognize the efforts of individuals, nonprofit organizations, public, and corporations whose skill and determination have given new meaning to their communities through preservation.

This year, the nomination form and accompanying materials are only available online. To download the nomination form, visit the website at www.nationaltrust.org/preservation_awards.

For additional information contact Caroline Healey at (202) 588-6236 or by email at awards@nthp.org, or write to Preservation Awards, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036.



ALABAMA NATIONAL REGISTER REVIEW BOARD MEETING

March 8, 2007

Montgomery

2007 WORK PLAN FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS

The annual work plan for our federal programs is listed below. These activities are designed to assist the state in meeting goals and objectives for historic preservation. Comments on these activities are welcome.

To comment on the work plan, contact:

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OUTREACH

Maintain and update web site content; produce and distribute bimonthly *Preservation Report* newsletter and three issues of the Advocate. Develop and promote preservation awareness in general and specialized media through workshops, publications, presentations, events, audience development, and historic markers. Assist preservation partners in development of annual 2007 Alabama Preservation Conference. Develop long-range plan, including funding sources, for delivering leadership and board training to local nonprofit boards. Assist with technical assistance through workshops, publications, and web-based information.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Make presentations to the public on the environmental review program and Section 106 requirements. Attend meetings with project contacts to assist with review and compliance issues. Make site visits to assess National Register eligibility, consult on mitigation measures, and to address rehabilitation issues. Review Phase I archaeology reports, Phase II archaeology reports, and Phase III reports. Review development projects for compliance with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation. Respond to inquiries on environmental review projects by mail, phone, and email. Conduct biweekly Section 106 meetings to coordinate review and maintenance of projects. Prepare Memorandum of Agreements and Programmatic Agreements. Maintain database to track projects.

HISTORIC CEMETERY PROGRAM

Provide consultations on cemetery preservation and relocation requests

and issue cemetery permits. Provide archaeological consultation on burial bill issues. Make site visits to assess cemetery preservation issues and/or conduct cemetery spot surveys. Hold workshops on cemetery laws and preservation issues. Maintain cemetery register program. Process cemetery survey forms completed by public and cemetery marker and certificate applications. Participate in workshops on cemetery preservation, maintenance, and permitting issues. Respond to requests for information.

PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Provide presentations to public and public officials on general significance of archaeological sites. Respond to requests for information on archaeological projects.

NATIONAL REGISTER PROGRAM

Provide National Register information at workshops. Enter data into NR Access Database. Submit nominations to state review board and forward to National Park Service. Prepare public notices and NR certificates. Respond to inquiries on the NR program. Hold three NR review board meetings. Write inhouse NR nominations. Review Preliminary Information Forms on historic properties. Review draft and final Alabama Register nominations. Make site visits to assess eligibility. Present nominations to staff review board and prepare certificates.

REHABILITATION TAX INCENTIVES PROGRAM

Respond to requests for general information on tax incentives program and communicate with project contacts. Make public presentations on program and distribute information. Communicate with active tax credit project contacts and make site visits to review potential and active projects. Review applications and Final Certification applications and forward to National Park Service.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES SURVEY PROGRAM

Make site visits to monitor archaeological grant projects and provide consultations on archaeological resources and survey efforts from state grant projects and contracted projects.

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY PROGRAM

Respond to requests for information on the architectural survey program. Make site visits to assess architectural survey issues. Digitize architectural survey data and provide to public in web-accessible format. Monitor architectural survey grants and perform in house spot structure surveys. Provide for public involvement with architectural survey projects.

MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Respond to requests for information from interested communities. Support existing programs with educational opportunities and communications. Conduct planning sessions with statewide Main Street stakeholders to reorganize program and secure operating funds. Submit grant application for program resources. Communicate with program participants on design issues. Review plans and specifications for projects in Main Street project area.

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

Make site visits to provide technical assistance, training, and grant assistance to participating CLG programs. Provide information on CLG program and grants to interested communities by phone, email, and packets. Make site visits to interested communities committed to the process. Review CLG applications from communities applying to the program. Review annual reports from CLGs and recommend re-certification or decertification. Conduct annual CLG training workshop. Manage CLG grant program to insure project is in accordance with federal program standards. Provide regular e-news to CLG contacts. Attend state planning workshops.

EASEMENT PROGRAM

Provide information on historic preservation easements to the public. Assist property owners with developing preservation easements. Review development proposals on properties with easements

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON PRESERVATION/ CONSERVATION ISSUES

Assist the public with technical preservation issues, particularly as

they deal with old houses and cemeteries. Respond to requests for information. Make site visits to provide assistance.

ARCHAEOLOGY SUPERVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES

Review contract reports on resources at AHC sites. Participate in master planning and field archaeology at AHC sites. Coordinate maritime council activities.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLANNING

Solicit input from statewide constituents on federal historic preservation programs for use in updating the statewide historic preservation plan. The draft plan will be submitted to National Park Service for approval. The approved plan will be distributed to statewide constituents. Seek opportunities to speak at regional planning commission meetings and other organizations to reach new audiences.

PRESERVATION TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT

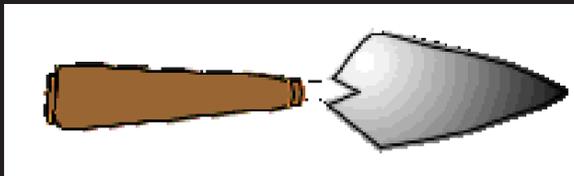
Continue to monitor active trust fund grant project. Review and approve products.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMPONENT IN MAJOR STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

Participate with Alabama Communities of Excellence community assessments and programs to coordinate preservation objectives with statewide community development initiatives. Participate in regular state scenic byways council meetings and assessment of proposed state byways to adequately address cultural resources. Participate with Your Town Alabama workshop and organizational meetings to educate local activists on preservation tools and programs.

As we update our state historic preservation plan, we would like your opinion.... Look in the next issue of *Preservation Report* for our **PUBLIC SURVEY.**

Current Research in Alabama Archaeology



Sponsored by the Alabama Historical Commission with the support of the Council on Alabama Archaeology

Saturday, February 10
Montgomery
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Alabama State Capitol Auditorium
(enter Union Street entrance)

PUBLIC FORUM

- Significant projects presented by Alabama archaeologists
- FREE ADMISSION

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