

How our office works

Georgia's state preservation program encourages regional and local planning, neighborhood conservation, downtown revitalization, economic development, heritage tourism and archaeological site protection.

Each state's historic preservation office receives financial assistance through the Historic Preservation Fund of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, and provides matching state funds to carry out the nation's preservation partnership programs.

The National Park Service establishes broad policies, programs and standards for state and local participation in the national program. Preservation incentives, such as the National Register of Historic Places, tax credits and grants, as well as compliance requirements established through the National Historic Preservation Act and other federal legislation, encourage preservation activity.

States enact programs and services that complement the national program and address the special character and needs of their state. In Georgia, the General Assembly mandates a number of specific preservation programs such as a state property tax freeze, state rehabilitation grants, archaeology protection and stewardship of state-owned buildings.



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Our Mission

To promote the preservation and use of historic places for a better Georgia.

Why preserve

Historic and archaeological resources are tangible elements of our past. Throughout Georgia, communities use historic preservation as a tool for planning, community revitalization and economic development. Preservation activities result in historic buildings, districts and archaeological sites being recognized for their significance and returned to active use within the community.

Who we are

The Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources serves as Georgia's state historic preservation office. We are historians, archaeologists, planners, architectural historians and administrative support staff.

Our mission is to promote the preservation and use of historic places for a better Georgia. Our goals are to preserve Georgia's historic resources and to build a preservation ethic.



How our programs and services can help your community

Historic Resources Surveys identify existing historic properties. This is an essential first step in a community's preservation efforts and facilitates wise decisions about preserving individual buildings and neighborhoods.

National and Georgia Registers of Historic Places listing provides recognition of a property's architectural, historical or archaeological significance. It also identifies historic properties for local, state and federal planning purposes and encourages their preservation through public awareness and preservation incentives, including preferential tax treatments and grants.

State and Federal Grants are available on a statewide competitive basis to local governments and nonprofit organizations for projects that aid in the preservation of historic properties and for preservation planning.

State and Federal Tax Incentives are available to private property owners to encourage the adaptive use of historic buildings and the revitalization of historic neighborhoods and commercial areas.

Architectural Technical Assistance provides guidance on rehabilitation issues by distributing technical information, participating in project consultations, making presentations and undertaking site visits.

Archaeology Protection and Education programs provide technical advice, information, and educational opportunities related to all aspects of archaeology. We strive to protect sites throughout Georgia by reviewing development projects that are required under state and federal laws to consider their impacts to archaeological resources.

Environmental Review and Compliance process provides a planning framework that balances historic preservation values with the needs of federally and state funded projects, as well as federally licensed, or permitted projects. HPD's role in these review processes is advisory as outlined in the relevant legislation, with the final determination of project implementation being the decision of the federal or state agency involved.

Certified Local Governments Any city, town, or county that enacts a historic preservation ordinance enforced through a local preservation commission and has met other outlined requirements is eligible to become a CLG which qualify for federal grants.

Historic Preservation Planning ensures that Georgia's historic resources are promoted and included in planning activities throughout the state by coordinating with other agencies and organizations.

African American Programs provide technical assistance to anyone interested in preserving Georgia's African American historic resources. The coordinator also provides staff support to the Georgia African American Historic Preservation Network volunteer Steering Committee and produces their quarterly publication, *Reflections*.

