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Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Highlights

For the state fiscal year that ended June 30, programs administered by the State Historic Preservation Office recorded the following accomplishments:

- **Statewide Survey of Historic Places:** added 1,106 properties, total recorded 83,020
- **National Register of Historic Places:** 20 nominations approved by State Board of Review; 30% with significance in African American history
- **Federal and State Project Comments:** 1,719 reviews; average review time of 11.7 days (compared to 12.4 days last year), 96% reviewed in 30 days or less
- **Tax Credit Project Plans Reviewed:** 38 federal (income-producing), 18 state (homeowner)
- **Investment in Completed Tax Credit Projects (federal and state):** \$124.6 million
- **Historical Marker Texts Approved:** 72 approved (compared to 42 last year), which represented 61% of counties; 65% recognized African American history, including 21 markers sponsored by the WeGOJA Foundation with funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture
- **Certified Local Governments:** Online training offered through the National Association of Preservation Commissions for 67 individuals representing 16 CLGs in March 2021, and 23 individuals representing 12 CLGs in August 2020

Tax Credit Spotlight

This month's spotlight is located in downtown Myrtle Beach, a ca. 1948 one-story brick and concrete block store building that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Myrtle Beach Downtown Historic District. Mashburn Construction Company invested approximately \$880,000 to rehabilitate the building as office space while retaining its mid-20th century character defining features such as original stack-bond brick bulkheads, single pane display windows, a fluted aluminum awning, and cracked terracotta tile flooring. (See the before image below, provided by Mashburn Construction Company, and after image provided by Keen Eye Photography.) For its rehabilitation, the company earned state and federal income historic rehabilitation tax credits. The Mashburn Construction Company's Executive Committee says that, "Utilizing Historic Tax Credits to renovate the former Darden Jewelers building into our office in downtown Myrtle Beach was absolutely critical and allowed the project to be successful. The credits allowed us to restore a historic building and the work has spurred even more interest in historic preservation in Myrtle Beach. The entire process, including working with our partners, consultants, and the team at SHPO, was smooth and straightforward. Our team is excited about continuing to utilize historic tax credits across the state and we believe historic preservation fits into our motto of building better communities." For more information on income-producing historic rehabilitation tax credits, please visit <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/tax-incentives/income-producing>.



SC Archives and History Foundation Fall Speaker Series

The SC Archives and History Foundation has announced a virtual fall speaker series. The programs will be held virtually using Webex from noon – 1:00 pm.

- September 14: Highway 25 in the Carolinas, Speakers: Anne Peden and Jim Scott
- October 12: Only Death: Tragedy in Williamsburg, Speaker: David Brown
- November 9: topic to be announced, Speaker: John Sherrer, Historic Columbia

Each lecture is free for Foundation members and \$5.00 for non-members. For more information visit <https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/2021/08/13/virtual-fall-speaker-series-2021/>.

NPS Announces Grant Recipients

Congratulations to several South Carolina preservation projects that have recently been awarded grants from the National Park Service. For more information about these grant programs visit <https://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/>.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities Grant Program:

- South Carolina State University was awarded a \$500,000 grant for Historic Wilkinson Hall HVAC System Schematic Design and Replacement.
- Benedict College was awarded two \$500,000 grants, one for Antisdel Chapel Renovation Project and one for Duckett Hall Preservation Project.

African American Civil Rights Grants Program:

- Edisto Island Open Land Trust was awarded \$171,512 for the Historic Hutchinson House Final Phase of Restoration on Edisto Island.
- The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc. was awarded \$487,088 for a project on Hilton Head Island, "Three Properties, Three Lenses: Reconnecting with Critical Aspects of the African American Struggle for and Achievement of Civil Rights During the Reconstruction Era".
- Trinity United Methodist Church in Orangeburg was awarded \$500,000 for the Preservation and Repair of Historic Trinity United Methodist Church: Phase III.
- Brookland Center for Community Economic Change was awarded \$321,226 for the Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center (BLEC) - Roof Replacement Project in West Columbia.
- The Center for Creative Partnerships was awarded \$500,000 for the Preservation of All-Star Bowling Lanes in Orangeburg.
- The University of South Carolina was awarded \$500,000 for the Booker T. Washington High School Auditorium Building in Columbia.
- The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association was awarded \$500,000 for the Lincoln High School Civil Rights Preservation Project in Sumter.

SC Midcentury Modern Architecture Preservation Group Forming

Anyone interested in Midcentury Modern architecture preservation is invited to consider joining a new group, MidModSC, South Carolina's organization for the identification and preservation of Modernist architecture. To sign up for an email mailing list go to <https://midmodsc.wordpress.com/>.

New Guidebook for Historic and Older Sacred Places

Partners for Sacred Places has created a new guidebook, *Transitioning Older and Historic Sacred Places: Community-Minded Approaches for Congregations and Judicatories* that provides a practical guide for clergy and religious leaders about community-minded options and alternatives that can help retain the civic value of historic sacred places even if they change use or ownership. The guide includes: Guidance on evaluating viability as it relates to property; a process for discerning what the future could look like; inspiring case studies that cover the range of options available to congregations; and practical advice for congregations that have made the decision to sell property. Digital and print versions are available at www.sacredplaces.org/transitionguide. For more information about Partners contact them at 215-567-3234 or partners@sacredplaces.org.

Conferences / Workshops & Training / Events

National Preservation Institute Online Training Courses. The National Preservation Institute has launched a series of online training courses on a wide range of topics ranging from Section 106 to GIS to Historic Wood Windows to Streetscape Designs. Visit <https://training.npi.org/> for more information and listings, including several free offerings.

Georgia Statewide Historic Preservation Conference, September 20-24, 2021, online. The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, the Georgia Historic Preservation Division, and the Georgia Alliance of Preservation Commissions are sponsoring a virtual conference featuring 2 to 3 virtual sessions per day. The conference will offer topics ranging from general preservation to economic incentives and tools for historic preservation communities. Full registration is \$35. For more information and to register click on [this link](#).

NEW Sacred Sites Summit, September 22-23, 2021, online. The National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) is planning the [First Annual NATHPO Sacred Sites Summit](#), which will be held online. Registration is Free to Tribal Members, Staff, and Representatives and will be \$100 for all other participants.

American Association of State and Local History Annual Meeting, September 22-25, 2021, Little Rock, AR, and online October 12-15, 2021. AASLH will have two conferences this fall. In addition to the AASLH/Arkansas Museums Association 2021 Annual Meeting held in Little Rock on September 22-25, the [AASLH 2021 Online Conference](#) will be October 12-15. For more information visit <https://aaslh.org/annualmeeting/2021annualmeeting/>.

NEW 5th Bi-Annual Window Preservation Standards Summit, September 26-October 1, 2021, Pine Mountain Settlement School, Bledsoe Kentucky. This event is sponsored by the Window Standards Preservation Collaborative (WPSC), a group of nationally recognized window preservation specialists who assemble and present national standards for the repair and weatherization of older and historic windows. For more information and to register visit <https://www.pinemountainsettlementschool.com/events/2021/9/25/windows-summit-v-4azx2>.

Slave Dwelling Project National Conference, September 30-October 2, 2021, online. The all-digital 6th annual Slave Dwelling Project National Conference will feature more than 40 presentations by historians, preservationists, community activists and others on the topic "Changing Narratives in Changing Times." [Conference registration is now open.](#)

Association for Preservation Technology International Conference, October 25-29, 2021, online. For details about the conference and registration visit [this website](#). Registration for the online sessions is now open.

Past Forward National Preservation Conference, November 2-6, 2021, online. Visit <https://savingplaces.org/conference#.YANAAuhKiF4> for more information and to sign up for conference updates.

American Revolution Symposium "State of Rebellion: South Carolina's Place in the American Revolution", December 4, 2021, Columbia. This annual symposium is sponsored by the SC Archives & History Foundation. The complete schedule is available at [this link](#), and registration is online at [this link](#).

National Council on Public History Conference, March 23-26, 2022, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. For more information visit <https://ncph.org/conference/2022-annual-meeting/>.

NEW National Alliance of Preservation Commission's Forum 2022 "Bridging the Divide", July 13-17, 2022, Cincinnati, OH. FORUM is the only national conference focused on the issues facing local historic preservation boards and commissions. For more information visit <https://napcommissions.org/forum/>. Session proposals will be accepted through October 6, 2021.

Grant Application Deadlines

September 15, 2021 SC Humanities Growth Grants. SC Humanities will provide funding to humanities organizations facing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. Awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 will be awarded to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the coronavirus pandemic. Upcoming application deadlines are Monday, August 16, 2021 and Wednesday, September 15, 2021. For more information go to <https://schumanities.org/growth-grants/>.

Monthly, SC Humanities Council Mini Grants. SC Humanities awards Mini Grants to support public humanities programs of modest cost, with awards of \$2,000 or less. Mini Grants are reviewed monthly with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information visit <https://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply/#minigrants>.

Monthly, SC Humanities Council Planning Grants. SC Humanities awards Planning Grants to support preliminary work in designing a project that warrants detailed planning because of its length, scope, or cost. Awards are \$2,000 or less. Planning Grants are reviewed monthly with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information visit <https://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply/#planninggrants>.

Open for Applications, USDA - Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grants. This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area. [Learn more & apply here](#).

Online sources of grant information:

[National Park Service State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division](#)

[National Trust for Historic Preservation Special Grant Funds](#)

[Preservation Directory](#) Grants & Funding Resources

[State Library](#) Grants Research Assistance

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The South Carolina Department of Archives and History is an independent state agency whose mission is to preserve and promote the documentary and cultural heritage of the Palmetto State. The department houses one of the most comprehensive state archival collections in the nation, spanning more than 325 years of South Carolina history. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), a program of the SCDAH, encourages and facilitates the responsible stewardship of South Carolina's irreplaceable historic and prehistoric places.

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