Protecting Community Character: The CLG Program in SC

State Historic Preservation Office
SC Department of Archives & History

Historic buildings face many threats...

Look what can happen:

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Look what can also happen:
**Look what can also happen:**

- Overlay Zoning
- Local Designation
- Architectural Review

**So what can we do?**

- Benefits of CLG status in SC

**What are Certified Local Governments (CLGs)?**

- Established in National Historic Preservation Act.
- A partnership between local governments, state preservation offices, and the National Park Service.

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- Recognizes communities that have taken responsibility for protecting their historic properties.

**What are Certified Local Governments (CLGs)?**

- Requirements:
  - Establish a local preservation program
  - Adopt a preservation ordinance
  - Appoint a qualified board of architectural review
  - Maintain an inventory of historic properties
  - Encourage public participation

- Historic preservation fund grant money set aside for CLGs, usually $50,000 - $60,000. Can use these funds for “bricks & mortar” projects as well as planning projects like surveys, design guidelines, educational publications, feasibility studies.
Benefits of CLG status in SC

- Networking, training and information sharing with other CLGs, SHPO, NPS.
- Comment on National Register nominations from the community.
- Participate in statewide preservation planning

How to become a CLG

- Submit application to SHPO.
- If meet the requirements, SHPO sends a certification agreement for chief elected official to sign.
- SHPO sends signed agreement and a letter requesting certification to National Park Service.
- If NPS concurs, the local government is certified.
- File annual reports.

South Carolina’s CLG Communities

- Abbeville
- Aiken
- Anderson
- Beaufort
- Bennettsville
- Bluffton
- Blythewood
- Charleston
- Cheraw
- Chester
- Chesterfield
- Columbia
- Conway
- Darlington
- Dillon
- Fort Mill
- Georgetown
- Greenville
- Greer
- Horry Co.
- Laurens
- Lexington
- McClellanville
- McCormick
- Mount Pleasant
- Rock Hill
- Seneca
- Spartanburg
- Sumter
- York

* Certified Local Governments as of September 2010