

Georgia African American Historic Preservation Network: Preserving Georgia's African American Heritage



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The Georgia African American Historic Preservation Network (GAAHPN) is composed of representatives from neighborhood organizations and preservation groups throughout the state. Established in January 1989, GAAHPN was formed in response to a growing interest in integrating economic development and community stabilization with the preservation of Georgia's cultural and ethnic diversity. In 2000 GAAHPN received funding for staff support through the Historic Preservation Division. Working in partnership with HPD's various programs as well as non-governmental organizations such as the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, the Georgia Humanities Council, the St. Simon's African Heritage Coalition, and many others, HPD's African American Programs Coordinator and the GAAHPN Steering Committee plan and implement historic preservation projects that foster economic development and community revitalization.

The Network consists of over 3,000 people from around the state who have an interest in preservation. Working with HPD, members develop projects and are encouraged to offer ideas, comments and suggestions. The award-winning GAAHPN publication, *Reflections*, is a primary communications tool for the GAAHPN membership.

Long Term Goals

- Increase the use of historic preservation as a tool to stabilize historic African American communities by promoting economic development, neighborhood conservation, and heritage tourism.
- Develop a comprehensive program to train and educate African Americans about historic preservation tools and techniques.
- Seek funding for the protection of historic African American communities.
- Cultivate stronger ties with local educational institutions and take a leadership position by providing education and training activities to the citizens of Georgia.
- Foster participation of Georgia's African American communities in the statewide historic preservation movement.

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