

The mission of the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) is to promote the preservation and use of historic places for a better Georgia.

HPD's Programs Include:



National Register of Historic Places

The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) is our nation's official list of historic properties that are worthy of preservation. NRHP listing places no restrictions on private property; rather, it is an acknowledgement of a property's significance. NRHP listing also may make a property eligible for federal and state tax credits and grants. There are more than 80,000 NRHP-listed properties in Georgia.

Environmental Review

Under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, federal agencies must consult with a state historic preservation office in order to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential damage to cultural resources resulting from their projects. Last year HPD staff conducted more than 3,000 reviews of federal projects as part of a consultation process to help agencies comply with the law.

Federal and State Reinvestment Tax Credit Programs

HPD administers a federal income tax credit equal to 20 percent of rehabilitation expenses for income-producing properties. A state income tax credit of 25 percent of rehabilitation expenses is capped at \$100,000 for personal residences and \$300,000 for income-producing properties. Two new state project categories are available beginning Jan. 1, 2016 that include credits of up to \$5 million and up to \$10 million. Additionally, a state preferential tax assessment program freezes the county property tax assessment for more than eight years.



Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA)

The OSA's duties are set forth in state code. Staff archaeologists work with university partners to identify, assess, and interpret publicly-owned archaeological sites and assist DNR land-managing divisions in their stewardship responsibilities. Training and education are important components of the State Archaeologist's responsibilities.

African American Heritage

Georgia was the first SHPO in the country to launch a dedicated African American Heritage Program. HPD supports local grass-roots organizations to develop and complete rehabilitation and education projects. Currently we focus much of our effort on the rehabilitation of segregation-era schools into community centers.

Community Preservation and Technical Support

HPD is a recognized leader in the national Certified Local Government (CLG) program. CLGs are a partnership between the National Park Service, SHPO, and local jurisdictions. Certification gives local communities a planning tool to control development of their historic downtowns as well as access to federal pass through grants. There are 91 CLGs in Georgia, with several more being added annually. In addition to the CLG program, HPD offers technical assistance and documentation programs such as Centennial Farms to support effective local preservation planning.