

## House Types: Ranch House

### Resources

- [The Ranch House in Georgia: Guidelines for Evaluation - May 2010](#)  
The guide provides step-by-step procedures for researching, recording, and evaluating Ranch Houses, and identifies sources for future research  
As Ranch style homes reach the 50-year mark, preservationists have struggled to evaluate and identify these houses as eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Through a partnership with New South Associates, the Georgia Transmission Corporation, the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and the Georgia Department of Transportation, a set of guidelines were produced to address issues of context, period of significance, typology, geography and setting of Ranch Houses in Georgia.  
The Ranch House in Georgia is one of the first publications in the nation to address the evaluation of post WWII housing and will no doubt serve as reference for states across the nation facing similar struggles with this important architectural style from our recent past. It received a [2010 Preservation Service Award](#) from The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation.
- [The Georgia Ranch House Initiative: Mid-20th Century Ranch Houses in Georgia - May 2010](#)  
Ranch Houses in Georgia are historic. They are old enough, they are important enough, and they have been studied enough. That is the conclusion of our office's five-year research project to document the history and significance of the Ranch House in Georgia. Take a look behind the scenes to see how it was done.
- **The Ordinary Iconic Ranch House: Mid-20th-Century Ranch Houses in Georgia**  
Summarizes the current findings of our office's on-going ranch-house initiative: to develop a statewide historic context for Georgia's mid-20th-century ranch houses. For ease of viewing, it is presented in six parts. Please keep in mind that this continues to be a work in progress. As we learn more about these mid-20th-century houses, these presentations will be updated to provide the latest information. [Part I](#), [Part II](#), [Part III](#), [Part IV](#), [Part V](#), [Part VI](#)
- [Ranch Houses in Georgia: A Guide to Architectural Styles - May 2010](#)  
Architectural style is defined in two ways: (1) the decoration or ornamentation that has been put on a house in a systematic pattern or arrangement to create a specific visual effect; and/or (2) the overall design of a house including proportions, scale, massing, symmetry or asymmetry, and the relationship among parts such as solids and voids or height, depth, and width.
- [Ranch Houses in Georgia: A Guide to House Types \(Sub-Types\) - May 2010](#)  
House Type = Plan (or plan-shape) + Height (or mass-form)

- [Single-Family Residential Development in DeKalb County, Georgia 1945-1970 - May 2010](#)  
This 136-page report was written by Georgia State University Heritage Preservation Graduate Studies Program students.
- [DeKalb County Ranch House Initiative - April 2010](#)  
Developed by the DeKalb History Center and Commissioner Jeff Rader in an effort to understand the ranch house boom that occurred in nearly every part of DeKalb County beginning in the 1940s.