

# How Our Office Works

## How we operate:

Georgia's historic preservation office receives financial assistance through the Historic Preservation Fund of the National Park Service (NPS), and matching state funds to carry out the nation's preservation partnership programs.



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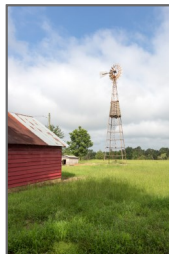
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# About Georgia HPD



# How HPD Can Help Your Community

*The Historic Preservation Division collaborates with federal agencies to comply with environmental review requirements, administers economic incentive programs, and promotes a community-wide understanding of the value of historic buildings, neighborhoods, and heritage.*

## Who are we?

The Historic Preservation Division is Georgia's state historic preservation office. Our mission is to promote the preservation and use of historic places for a better Georgia. Our goals are to preserve historic resources and build a preservation ethic among all Georgians.

## Why Preserve?

Historic and archaeological resources are tangible evidence of our past. Throughout Georgia, communities use historic preservation as a tool for planning, community revitalization, and economic development. Preservation activities result in historic sites gaining recognition for their significance and being returned to active use within their communities



## Archaeology

- **Identify and protect** archaeological resources on land owned by the Dept. of Natural Resources.
- **Assist with planning and policy making**, with allied organizations in the preservation fields, to benefit ecological resources.
- **Provide public education**, technical advice, and educational opportunities related to archaeology.



## Outreach Programs

- **Certified Local Governments** receive technical assistance and qualify for grants through a federal partnership program.
- **African American Programs** provide assistance and information to anyone interested in preserving African American historic resources.
- **Centennial Farm Program** honors farms for their contributions to our agricultural heritage and encourages preservation of agricultural resources.



## Historic Resources

- **Environmental Review and Compliance** provides a framework to balance historic preservation values with the needs of federally or state-sponsored projects (road construction, cell towers, etc.). HPD's role in this process is advisory, with a final determination of project implementation made by federal or state agencies.
- **Historic Resources Surveys** allow cities to identify and document existing historic properties — an essential first step in preservation planning.
- **National and Georgia Registers of Historic Places** provide recognition of significant properties, identify historic properties for government planning purposes, and encourage preservation through public awareness and preservation incentives.
- **State and Federal Grants** are available to local governments and nonprofit organizations for preservation planning and to projects that aid in the preservation of historic properties.
- **State and Federal Tax Incentives** are available to property owners to encourage the adaptive use of historic buildings and the revitalization of historic neighborhoods and commercial areas.