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May is Preservation Month

Each May is celebrated as Preservation Month. This year's theme has been "Harnessing the Power of Place". To learn more visit the National Trust for Historic Preservation's [Preservation Month 2025](#) web page and take a moment to reflect on how preservation has impacted your community. Local communities and organizations have been hosting Preservation Month events including the [City of Columbia](#), [Preservation Society of Charleston](#), and [Middleton Place Foundation](#).

State Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony: June 18, 2025

The 2025 Historic Preservation Awards will be presented by Governor Henry McMaster on June 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm at the South Carolina State House. For more information about the event, contact Joanna Rothell with Preservation South Carolina at 803-729-7782 or joanna@preservesc.org.

Tax Credit Project Spotlight

This month's project spotlight features one of the few remaining large, antebellum plantation houses in lower Richland County. Over nine years the owners undertook a comprehensive rehabilitation of the property. This included significant structural repairs, stucco repairs, masonry repointing, preservation of character-defining historic finishes such as wood flooring, plaster, and wood trim, replacement of non-historic features with more compatible materials, such as the replacement of asphalt shingles with a traditional, hand-crimped, standing-seam metal roof, and sensitively installed new MEP upgrades. Over \$350,000 of the \$600,000 total



project cost were eligible rehabilitation expenses, earning a State income tax credit of more than \$87,000 (25% of eligible rehabilitation expenses).

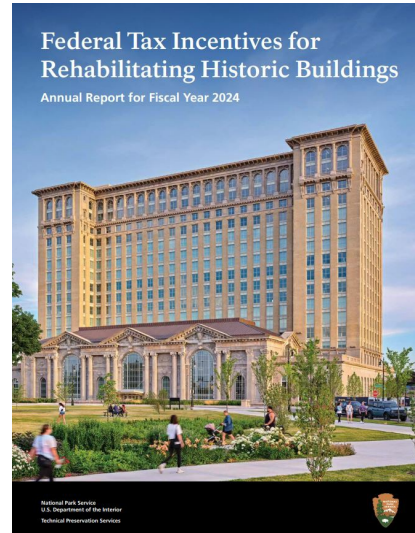
For more information about the homeowner tax credit program, please visit [this link](#).

Federal Historic Tax Credit Impacts

The National Park Service has issued two reports highlighting the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program.

[Federal Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024](#) focuses on the program's accomplishments in the last fiscal year. Estimated rehabilitation costs totaled \$10.70 billion for preliminary certifications and \$6.15 billion for final certifications. In the past 5 years South Carolina has 103 completed projects representing over \$550 million in qualified rehabilitation expenses.

[Annual Report on the Economic Impact of the Federal Historic Tax Credits for Fiscal Year 2023](#), was prepared in collaboration with the Rutgers University Center for Urban Policy Research. The Center analyzed the economic impacts of the historic tax credits on the national economy, and, as the report identifies, the level and breadth of the economic impacts resulting from the credits are quite significant.



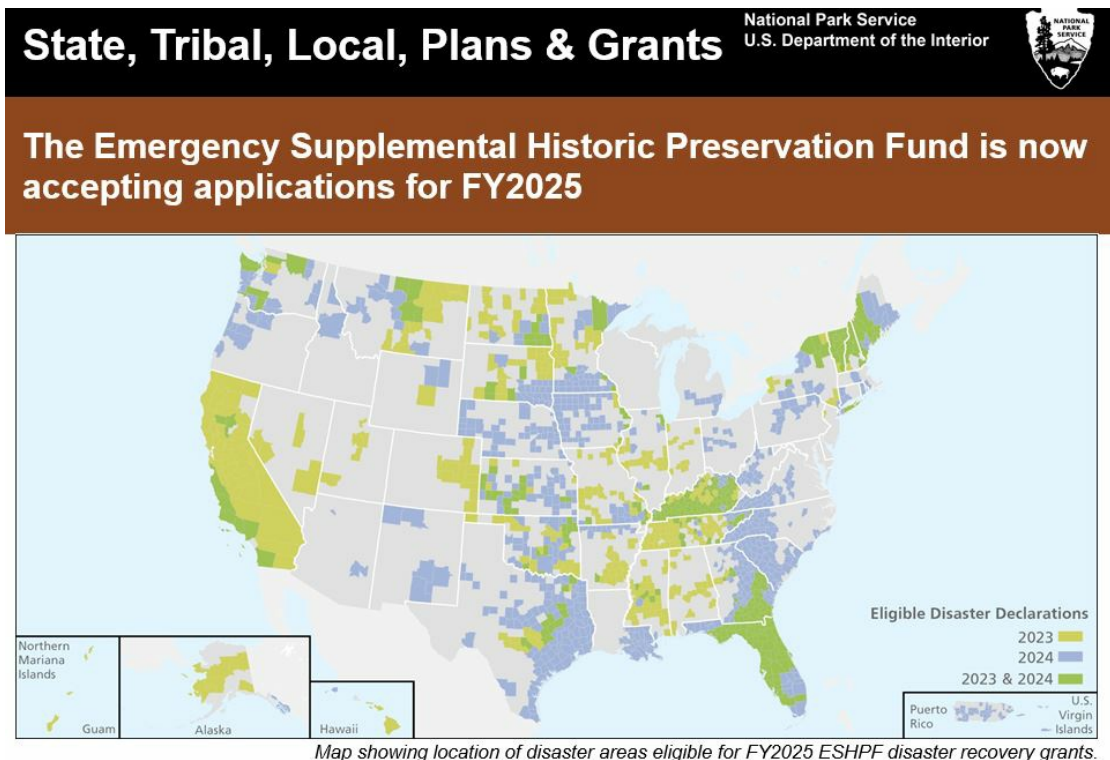
The Federal Tax Incentives Program is administered by [Technical Preservation Services](#), National Park Service and the [Internal Revenue Service](#) in partnership with State Historic Preservation Offices. The program promotes historic preservation and community revitalization through historic rehabilitation.

2025 Historic Preservation Conference Presentations Online

Presentations from the 2025 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference are now available online at [this link](#). Thank you again to all of the presenters for sharing their expertise and insights with us. And please mark your calendar for the 2026 conference to be held Friday, April 24, 2026 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. Please email Donna Foster at dfoster@scdah.sc.gov to be added to a list to receive information about future conferences.

Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Grants

The National Park Service's [Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund \(ESHPF\)](#) grant program is now accepting applications. Authorized by Public Law 118-158, NPS will award \$48 million for repair and recovery of historic and cultural resources in areas that have received a major disaster declaration in calendar years 2023 and/or 2024. Most but not all South Carolina counties are included, see the map below. Grants will be awarded through a competitive process and do not require non-Federal funding match. See the Grants Notice [Funding Opportunity \(P25AS00489\)](#) to learn more about physical preservation grants. **State agencies, Tribes, local governments, and nonprofits should apply directly to the National Park Service via grants.gov by the deadline of July 15, 2025.**



NAPC Virtual Summer Short Course



Every other year, the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions hosts the [Virtual Summer Short Course \(VSSC\)](#)—a two-day online training designed to explore emerging topics and preservation fundamentals. This year's VSSC will be held **August 20–21, 2025** and will feature six expert-led sessions:

- Understanding and Updating Local Preservation Ordinances
- Community Outreach Strategies
- Tough Cases: Applying the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation
- Setting Preservation Priorities: What's Essential and Where Can You Be Flexible?
- Conservation Districts, Easements, and Other Preservation Tools
- Best Practices for Meeting Procedures, COAs, and Staff Reports

Participants will be eligible to earn 9 AIA/AICP continuing education credit hours.

Registration opens Monday, June 2! NAPC members receive discounted pricing.

- Members: \$65
- Non-members: \$130

America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places

The National Trust for Historic Preservation recently released the 2025 annual list of America's eleven most endangered historic places.

To read more about the properties on the list visit [this webpage](#).



Upcoming Conferences/Workshops & Training/Events

SC Historical Marker Program Exhibit - "Know Your State and Make it Known: The South Carolina Historical Marker Program". The [exhibit is on display](#) at the SC Archives & History Center, 8301 Parklane Road in Columbia. It is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM, except on official state holidays.

NEW SC Historical Society "Record Ready" Programs. The SC Historical Society is offering free public programs on how to get started with preserving historic family and organizational archives. Programs will be held June 1 in Orangeburg, June 5 in St. Matthews, June 10 in Allendale, and June 10 in Ridgeland. For more information [visit this link](#).

NEW Webinar on Engaging Local Decision-Makers to Support Historic Preservation, May 29, 2025, online. The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions is offering a free webinar that will feature preservation professionals sharing insights and strategies to build stronger connections with elected officials and local leaders. To learn more and to register [click here](#).

Training on the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation, June 10-11, 2025, Washington, DC. The National Park Service will hold a in -person training for frequent users of the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program who are familiar with the program requirements and Standards for Rehabilitation. Pre-registration is required to attend. To register, email Technical Preservation Services at NPS_TPS@nps.gov by **Thursday, May 22, 2025**, with your contact information (name, company, address, email address, and phone number) and whether you require any special accommodations. Questions may be directed to the same email address.

NEW Historic Preservation Awards, June 18, 2025, Columbia. The 2025 Historic Preservation Awards will be presented by Governor Henry McMaster at 2:00 pm at the South Carolina State House. For more information about the event, contact Joanna Rothell with Preservation South Carolina at joanna@preservesc.org, 803-729-7782.

NEW State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places, July 25, 2025, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. The board will meet to consider proposed nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. The public is welcome to attend the meeting. Draft nominations will be posted two weeks prior to the meeting at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Virginia Harness at vharness@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6179 or Edwin Breeden at ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6182.

Association of African American Museums Conference, July 23-25, 2025, Charleston. Conference details will be posted on [this website](#).

NEW NAPC Virtual Summer Short Course (VSSC), August 20-21, 2025, online. This 2-day online training offered by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions will focus on emerging topics and preservation fundamentals. For more information about the VSSC visit [this link](#). Registration will open June 2, 2025.

National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers Annual Conference, September 8-12, 2025, Reno, NV. More information will be posted on the [NATHPO conference website](#).

American Association for State and Local History Conference, September 10-13, 2025, Cincinnati, OH. The theme of the 2025 annual conference is "The American Experiment". More information is on the [conference website](#).

2025 International Preservation Trades Workshop, September 11-13, 2025, St. Paul, MN. The 27th annual workshop will feature hands-on demonstrations from experts in the traditional building arts including carpentry, timber framing, stone and brick masonry, plastering, and roofing. More information will be available on the [IPTW 2025 conference website](#).

PastForward 2025, September 16-18, 2025, Milwaukee, WI. Sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the conference will celebrate 75 years of the National Trust by exploring cutting-edge innovation, ground-breaking creativity, and experimentation in the dynamic field of preservation. Information will be available on the [conference website](#).

ASALH 110th Annual Conference, September 24-28, 2025, Atlanta, GA. Sponsored by the

Association for the Study of African American Life and History, the conference will feature panels, workshops, roundtables, papers, posters and more. Information about the conference and proposals for conference sessions and posters, is on the [conference webpage](#).

NEW North Carolina Preservation Conference, October 5-7, 2025, Asheville, NC. Information will be posted on Preservation North Carolina's [conference webpage](#).

Georgia Statewide Historic Preservation Conference, November 5-7, 2025, Athens, GA. The conference is hosted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Historic Preservation Division and the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

APT Annual Conference, November 11-15, 2025, Providence, RI. The Association for Preservation Technology International conference includes workshops, field sessions, exhibits, awards, and educational sessions. For information visit the [conference website](#).

Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines

NEW June 2, 2025 National Trust Preservation Funds. Grants are intended to encourage preservation at the local level by supporting on-going preservation work and by providing seed money for preservation projects. These grants help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for preservation projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector. Grants generally start at \$2,500 and range up to \$5,000. Visit [this webpage](#) to learn more about eligible applicants, eligible grant activities, and grant conditions.

NEW July 15, 2025 Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Grants. The National Park Service [Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund \(ESHPPF\)](#) grant program is now accepting applications. Authorized by Public Law 118-158, NPS will award \$48 million for repair and recovery of historic and cultural resources in areas that have received a major disaster declaration in calendar years 2023 and/or 2024. Most but not all South Carolina counties are included. Grants will be awarded through a competitive process and do not require non-Federal funding match. See the Grants Notice [Funding Opportunity \(P25AS00489\)](#) to learn more about physical preservation grants. State agencies, Tribes, local governments, and nonprofits should apply directly to the National Park Service via grants.gov by the deadline.

Monthly, The SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250) is accepting applications for FY25 Monthly Grants (up to \$15,000). Information about specific grant programs and requirements can be found at <https://southcarolina250.com/sc250grants/> or email: info@southcarolina250.com.

Online sources of grant information:

[Historicfunding database](#)

[National Park Service State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division](#)

[National Trust for Historic Preservation Grant Funds](#)

[State Library](#) Grants Research Assistance including online webinars

[SC Grantmakers Network](#)

[Federal grants](#) Grants.gov

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