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Historic Preservation Plan Survey: We Want to Hear from You!

Please help shape South Carolina's next historic preservation plan by answering a brief 10-question survey. Your feedback will help identify threats and opportunities for historic places and shape the plan's goals and objectives.

Please take a few minutes to answer the [survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2CNFGJH), and please forward the link to colleagues and friends.

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The National Historic Preservation Act gives the SHPO the responsibility to develop and revise the statewide historic preservation plan. The plan guides the work of the State Historic Preservation Office, but it also provides a vision for historic preservation in the state. Here is a link to the [current state plan](#).

Preservation Plan Survey

Job Opening at the South Carolina SHPO

The SC Department of Archives and History is recruiting for the African American History Consultant position within the State Historic Preservation Office. The Consultant serves as the agency's liaison to the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission, a 15-member state commission with the mission to identify and promote the preservation of historic sites, structures, buildings, and culture of the African American experience in South Carolina. The ideal candidate will have experience in historical research, public history, and program management, as well as the interpersonal skills to thrive in a collaborative setting. This position is eligible for generous benefits offered by the State of South Carolina, including health and dental insurance, retirement and savings plan options, and paid vacation and sick leave.

Click the Job Posting button below to access the full job announcement on the [South Carolina Careers website](#). The application deadline is October 3, 2026.

African American History Consultant Job Posting

Applying the Standards Webinar: Mills, Industrial Buildings, and Warehouses

A new webinar on mills, industrial buildings, and warehouses has been added to a series offered by the National Park Services' Technical Preservation Services on meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. This webinar focuses on mills, industrial buildings, and warehouses, including the identification of character-defining features, the preservation of the building's industrial character, meeting code requirements, and other common issues associated with reusing or converting this building type to housing and other new uses. To access the webinar visit [this link](#).

2027 SCAAHC Annual Conference Call for Proposals



Call for Proposals

The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission invites interested individuals and groups to submit proposals for the 2027 SCAAHC Annual Conference, "Uplifting Voices," scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2027, at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. Panels will cover a wide array of topics related to African American history, culture, and heritage across South Carolina. This year's planned thematic panels are:

- Black Artistic Expression
- Black Leisure and Recreation
- HBCUs in South Carolina
- Historic Black Cemetery Preservation
- Student Research

To learn more about the themes and how to submit a proposal click on the [Call for Proposals link](#). **Proposals are due October 5, 2026.**

Liberty Day at State House: Applications Open

SC 250 is now accepting applications for Liberty Day at the State House on February 19, 2027, a one-of-a-kind educational experience for fourth grade students. As part of South Carolina's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, 250 selected fourth graders will visit the State House each year for an immersive event to deepen their understanding of U.S. and South Carolina history. All SC public school teachers currently teaching 4th grade social studies are eligible to apply. The deadline for applications is October 2, 2026. For more information visit the [Liberty Day webpage](#).

Upcoming Conferences/Workshops/Training/Events

NEW Public Engagement in Disaster Planning and Recovery Webinar, September 15, 2026, online (live and on-demand). The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions presents a webinar that explores practical approaches to public engagement to help communities prepare for and respond to a wide range of disasters. The webinar is free for members of NAPC and open to the general public for a \$15 fee. AIA/AICP continuing education credit available. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

NEW National Preservation Partners Network Upcoming Webinars

- *Practical Preservation Fundraising 101: Engineering the Environment for Philanthropy to Thrive*, September 30, 2026. For more information and to register click [here](#).
- *Preservation for All Roundtable: Working with African American Preservation Organizations and Places*, October 28, 2026. For more information and to register click [here](#).

The **Advisory Council on Historic Preservation** offers a variety of Section 106 training opportunities, both in-person and online via Zoom, as well as on-demand webinars. Check out the [Classroom Training Courses](#) and [Section 106 Webinars Curriculum](#) webpages for more details.

National Preservation Institute Seminars and Webinars. For more information about both in-person and online training opportunities in 2026 visit the [NPI website](#).

National Preservation Summit, September 22–24, 2026, Washington, DC. This event will bring together leaders from the preservation community - in person and online - alongside national, civic, business, and community figures from across the nation to help chart a course for preservation's future. For more information visit the [event webpage](#). **In person registration has reached capacity, but registration is still accepted for FREE virtual admission.**

NEW Catawba & Cherokee American Revolution Symposium, September 25-26, 2026, Lancaster. This two-day event examines Native American experiences, perspectives, and communities during the Revolutionary era, bringing together experts and scholars from the Catawba Nation, Clemson University, the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Western Carolina University, UNC Chapel Hill, and many more. For more information or to register visit the [Catawba & Cherokee American Revolution Symposium](#) webpage.

Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians Annual Conference, September 30–October 3, 2026, Savannah, GA. The annual conference features tours, paper sessions, a keynote address, and networking opportunities. Visit the [2026 conference link](#) for more information.

9th Annual Slave Dwelling Project Conference, October 1–3, 2026, North Charleston. The conference theme is "250 Years and Counting: Reckoning, Resilience, and Remembrance." For more information visit [this link](#). **Registration will close September 16, 2026.**

National Preservation Law Conference, October 19, 2026, Washington DC. For more information visit the [event website](#).

Keeping History Above Water Symposium, October 21–23, 2026, Newport, RI. This year's theme is "Looking Back, Moving Forward," and the event features 14 educational sessions and 8 site visits. Registration is now open; [click here](#) for more information.

Preservation North Carolina's Annual Conference, October 25–27, 2026, High Point, NC. Registration is now open; visit [this link](#) for more information.

Association for Preservation Technology (APT) Annual Conference, October 26–30, 2026, Indianapolis, IN. The conference theme is "The Crossroads of Preservation: Where Industry and Craft Come Together." For more information, visit the [conference webpage](#).

Georgia's Statewide Historic Preservation Conference, November 4–6, 2026, Decatur, GA. Visit the [conference webpage](#) for more information.

8th Annual American Revolution Symposium: State of Rebellion, November 14, 2026, Columbia. This day-long program will feature informative and entertaining speakers on the American Revolution in South Carolina. The symposium schedule and registration is available at the [Foundation's Events webpage](#).

NEW 3rd Biennial American Historic Trades Summit, February 10-13, 2027, Denver, CO. Hosted by the Campaign for Historic Trades, in partnership with Colorado Preservation Inc.'s annual Saving Places conference, the Summit will bring together tradespeople, educators, preservationists, and advocates. More information will be available at [this link](#).

SC African American Heritage Commission Annual Conference, February 27, 2027. Join the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission for their 4th annual conference "Uplifting Voices". The Call for Proposals is now open; visit the [Commission's website](#) to learn more.

Landmark Conference, April 15-17, 2027, Aiken. The South Carolina History Network (formerly the Confederation of South Carolina Historical Societies) will be sharing more information about this event on their new [website](#).

NEW South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference, April 23, 2027, Columbia. Please save the date for the 2027 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference, co-sponsored by the State Historic Preservation Office and the South Carolina Archives &

History Foundation. The one day event at the SC Archives & History Center features educational sessions and opportunities for networking. A Call for Proposals for speakers will open in October. Watch this newsletter for more information about the Call for Proposals, schedule, and registration information.

Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines

FY 2027 SC 250 Grants

- Monthly Grants are now called Community Impact Grants (up to \$15,000) and are reviewed Quarterly (no match required). **The deadlines are: September 1, 2026, December 1, 2026, March 1, 2027, June 1, 2027.**
- The range for Major & Premier Project Grants has changed. Major Projects are now \$15,001 through \$50,000. (Requires 20% of total budget match.) Premier Projects now \$50,001 through \$125,000. (Requires 25% of total budget match.)

Check out the updated grants website [SC250 Grants | South Carolina American Revolution Funding](#) for information on the 7 project types, funding priorities, funding levels, and how to apply. Questions? Email grants@southcarolina250.com.

September 26, 2026 IMPACT Fund. The Municipal Association of South Carolina launched the IMPACT Fund ("Innovative Municipal Projects Advancing Change and Transformation") in 2025. There are two types of grants: Problem Solver (\$25,000) and Big Idea Grants (\$100,000). For more information visit the grant webpage at [IMPACT Fund | MASC](#). In 2025, an IMPACT grant was awarded to the Town of Pacolet to assist with the restoration of its Depression-era stone amphitheater.

NEW October 15, 2026 Moe Family Fund for Statewide and Local Partners. Eligible applicants are current dues-paying members of the [National Preservation Partners Network](#). Grants focus on strengthening preservation organizations and addressing pressing issues in the field. For more information visit the [Moe Fund webpage](#).

Partners for Sacred Places Intervention Fund is an emergency grant under the umbrella of the [National Fund for Sacred Places](#) that supports historic sacred places with building repair and recovery funds after an unanticipated emergency from extreme weather, property destruction, or urgent health and safety hazards. To learn more about the program and its grantees, please refer to the [Intervention Fund information flyer](#) or contact the Fund Director, Rachel Galton, at rgalton@sacredplaces.org.

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](#)

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