



**Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program**



**Preserving Our Past
for the Future**



Where and How We Lived

Arkansas has many architectural and historic treasures that grace the rural, downtown and residential districts of communities across the state. These wonderful homes, neighborhoods, courthouses, battlefields, archeological sites and commercial districts are a visible reminder of the heritage and principles we value. The preservation, restoration and protection of these historic and cultural resources is the job of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

Programs and Services That Preserve Our Past

Grants

Each year the AHPP awards over \$1.5 million in grants for the rehabilitation of historic structures. These grants provide assistance to historic properties, county courthouses and downtown areas, as well as help fund projects that further an understanding of Arkansas history and historic preservation.

Preservation Tax Incentive

Millions of dollars in private investment are generated each year in Arkansas thanks to federal tax incentives for adaptive reuse of historic structures. Administered by the AHPP, this 20 percent federal income tax deduction encourages the rehabilitation of historic properties for income-producing purposes.

Certified Local Governments Program

The AHPP works with city governments around the state encouraging preservation at the local level. At least 10 percent of the agency's federal funding each year goes for projects in CLGs or in cities seeking to join the program.

Easements Pay Off Now and in the Future

When owners of National Register-listed properties grant conservation easements to AHPP, the owners gain tax breaks now while guaranteeing the integrity of their historic structures will be protected into the future. In exchange for agreeing not to substantially alter their property, owners are eligible for federal tax deductions.

Outreach Programs Elevate Preservation Awareness

Through educational outreach, the AHPP works with students and teachers in grades K-12 to instill a preservation ethic in young Arkansans. AHPP staff make annual presentations across Arkansas and train teachers in how to include historic preservation elements in their classroom instruction. Visit us on the web at www.arkansaspreservation.org for a complete listing of lesson plans and educational resources available to students and educators.

Preservation outreach, in the form of heritage tourism programs and presentations to organizations around Arkansas, is another important aspect of the AHPP. The agency's programs, including the popular **Walks Through History** and **Sandwiching in History** programs, promote the value of historic preservation and the connection of historic buildings to the past of the state and its communities.

Arkansas Institute for Historic Building Preservation Trades

Restoring and renovating historic buildings presents unique challenges that few contemporary construction firms can meet. This innovative project was developed to provide a ready workforce of skilled

craftsmen well trained in the art of preservation building techniques.

Technical Assistance: Get Help in Preserving Your Historic Structure

Every year the AHPP helps thousands of people and organizations find answers to their questions about preserving their historic structures. Questions from period appropriate color schemes to repairing broken ironwork and stabilizing crumbling walls are all within the purview of the AHPP.

It's All Happening on Arkansas's Main Street

The **Main Street Arkansas** program is a vital element in the state's efforts to combine historic preservation with economic development. Through this very successful program, community leaders are bringing new life to the historic commercial cores of Arkansas's cities and towns.

Section 106 Reviews

Undertakings such as power plant projects, state park projects, golf course developments, bridge relocation plans and timber salvage plans can have profound effects on historic properties. It is the responsibility of the AHPP to examine undertakings funded, licensed, assisted or permitted through federal agencies and assess their impact on historic properties.

The National Register of Historic Places

The AHPP, through the National Register of Historic Places Program, recognizes properties significant at the local, state and national levels for their association with historic themes, significant people or architects, their method of construction, architectural style or their archeological potential.

The **Arkansas Register** recognizes historically significant properties that are not eligible for National Register recognition, usually because of non-historic alterations.

AHPP historians travel thousands of miles across the state each year, recording information on historic structures for use in nominating buildings to the National Register of Historic Places or for the agency database of more than 25,000 properties.

The AHPP maintains an architectural resource form, black-and-white photographs and negatives and color slides on each of the properties it surveys.

A Valuable Resource for Arkansas Business

Historic preservation makes sense in boosting economic development as well. Structures that were once seats of power and community pride represent viable solutions for responsible urban growth.

Infrastructure already exists in many of our old commercial districts. Restoring those districts and attracting new business and industry allows us to preserve our past while building a prosperous future for coming generations.

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