

South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office



- What is the National Register?
- What does it do?
- What does it not do?
- What is the listing process?
- What happens after that?



National Historic Preservation Act



October 15, 1966



What is in the National Register?



“...the official list of the Nation’s historic places worthy of preservation...”

The National Register in South Carolina

- Over 1,350 individual listings
- Over 160 historic districts
- 12-15,000 cultural resources listed
[commercial and public buildings,
homes, schools, churches, farmsteads,
bridges, cemeteries, designed or rural
landscapes]



Pompon Hill Chapel, Berkeley County



Poinsett Hotel, Greenville



**Robert P. Mayes House, Mayesville Historic District
Sumter County**



**Gervais Street Bridge,
Columbia**



Tobacco Barn, Pee Dee region



Cannon Building, Fountain Inn



**Harriet M. Cornwell Tourist Home,
Columbia**



Archaeology at Fort Motte Site, Calhoun County

National Register Eligibility

- 50 years old
- Local, State, or National Significance
- Significance usually embodied in its architecture and/or association with important people or events in history
- Physical integrity (minimal alterations)

**First Baptist Church,
Columbia**

**Secession Convention
began here in 1860
before moving to
Charleston**

National Significance



Oconee State Park Historic District

Development of the State Park System and
New Deal era work programs.

State Significance



**Senn's Grist Mill, Blacksmith Shop, and
Orange Crush Bottling Plant
Summerton, Clarendon County**

Local Significance



What does it mean to be Listed?

- National Recognition
- Documentation of Significance
- Encourages preservation
- Eligibility for financial incentives
- Requires consultation with SHPO when Federal undertakings will have an “effect” on a listed property

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Dillon Mayor Realizes Dream Of Getting On National Register

Mayor Salley Huggins-Cook has realized her dream of getting 59 properties in the Dillon Downtown Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Historic Research Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Board of Architectural Review (BAR), started the process in December 2000 and have worked on this specific project for almost two years. Don Barclay is chairman of the committee which includes Betty Wallace, Bubba Wilson, Thelma Ann Burns and Mary Lou Parham.

Three members from the S.C. Department of Archives and History, Dr. Tracy Power, Mark Doty and Dan Elswick delivered the news to Mayor Huggins-Cook recently commending her on her efforts toward preservation.

During her first term she spearheaded the effort community wide project of getting the downtown area on the National Register, adopt a Historic District Ordinance, and classify the City of Dillon as a "Certified Local Government" working with the S.C. Department of Archives and History.

Also, while here on Tuesday, January 28th they



MAYOR SALLEY HUGGINS-COOK along with members of the group who visited the Dillon County Theatre. (Contributed Photo)

visited the Main Street United Methodist Church which is being nominated for the interior and exterior for the National Register and the Dillon County Theatre.

Significant historical properties are included on the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places. The list contains over 1,200 listings in South Carolina and over 150 historic districts.

National Register listings make great news stories



National Register as marketing tool



HISTORIC DILLON, SC

National Register
Historic District



Over 500 Great Rooms
22 Restaurants
& Golf

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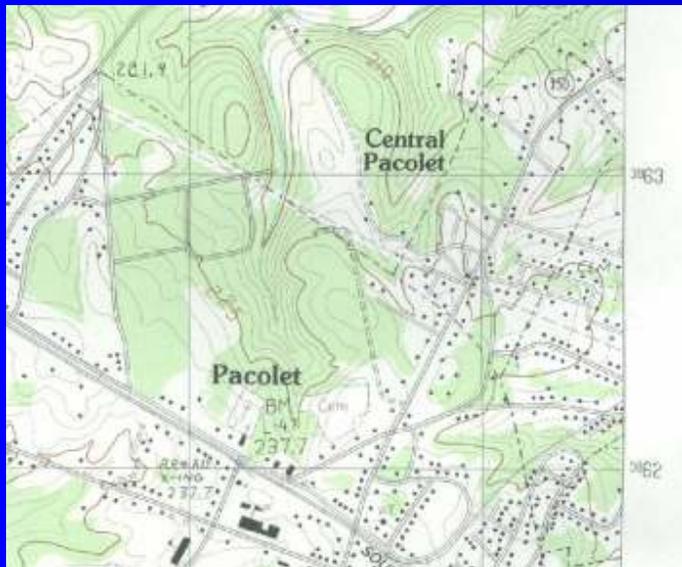
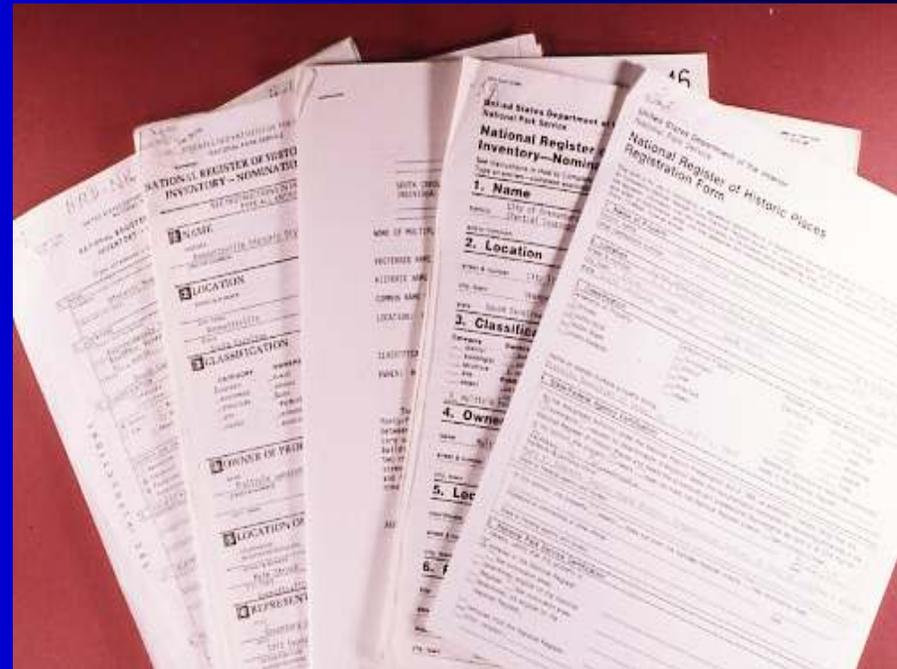
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What is the Listing Process?

- SHPO provides opinion on eligibility - Preliminary Information Form (PIF)
- Prepare and submit nomination for eligible property
- Must be approved by State Board of Review (Meets March, July, November)
- Final approval by National Park Service in Washington
- Entire process can take up to a year

What is a Nomination?

- Completed Nomination Form
- Photographs
- Maps



Who prepares a Nomination?

- Can be prepared by owner of property or other interested person
- Can be prepared by a professional consultant



How does Listing preserve a property?

- Listing, by itself, does not preserve a historic property.
- Owners preserve historic properties.
- The National Register provides incentives to preserve and maintain properties.

What does Listing not do?

- Does not prevent demolition
- Places no requirements or restrictions on property owners



Oakhurst, Newberry
Built 1893-95



**Site of Oakhurst
Demolished and Replaced by
Eckerd Pharmacy, 2002**



**Buffalo Mill,
Union County**

**Summer
2006**



**Buffalo Mill,
Union County**

Winter 2007



**Immanuel School,
Aiken
(ca. 1890)**



**Immanuel School,
Aiken
(1990s)**



**Immanuel School,
Aiken
(2008)**



**National Register
Listing Does Not
Regulate Paint
Color**



**National Register Listing Does Not Regulate
Paint Color**

*South Carolina's
National Register
plaque for listed
properties*



In Summary, National Register is :

- Documentation, recognition and designation
- Requisite for financial incentives
- Limited protection