

Protecting Community Character: The CLG Program in SC



State Historic Preservation Office
SC Department of Archives & History

Historic buildings connect us...

To the generations before us ... and to a specific place



Summerville

Historic buildings are where we live ...



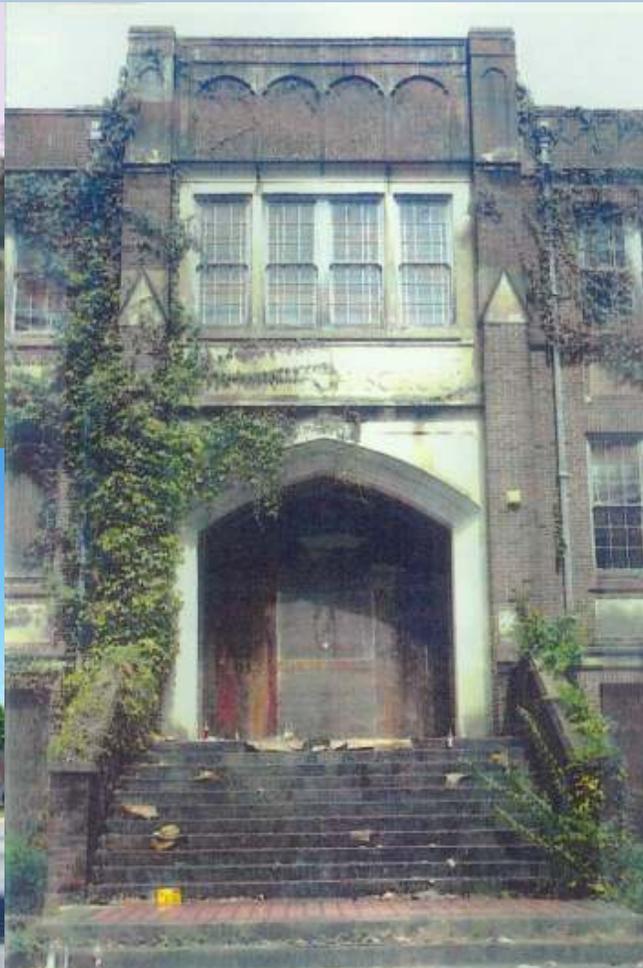
Historic buildings are economic assets...



Fire Station to mixed use (above), school to restaurant (above right) and train station to museum and visitor's center



But, historic buildings face many threats...



Look what can happen:

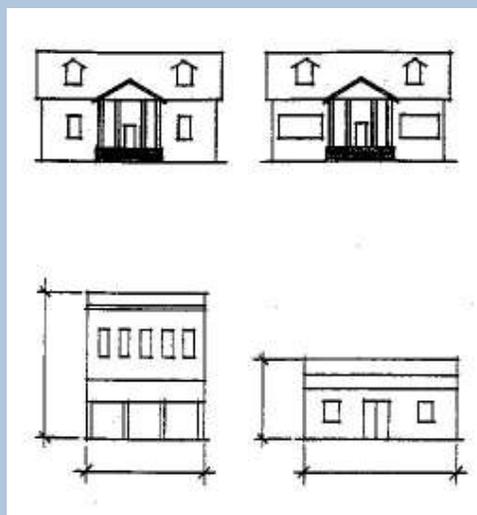
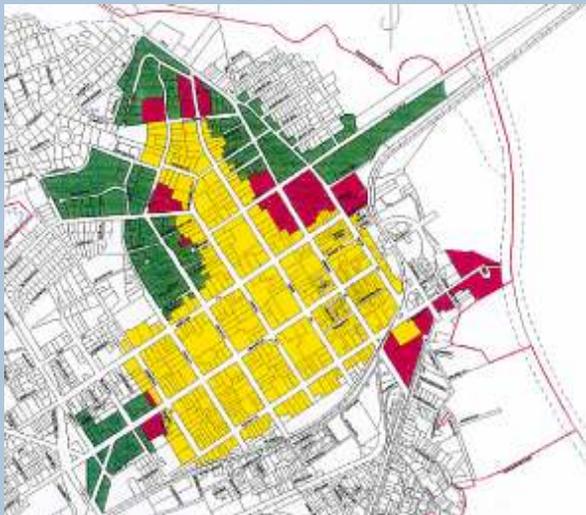


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So what can we do?

- Local Designation
- Overlay Zoning
- Architectural Review



What are Certified Local Governments (CLGs)?

- Established in National Historic Preservation Act.
- A partnership between local governments, state preservation offices, and the National Park Service.



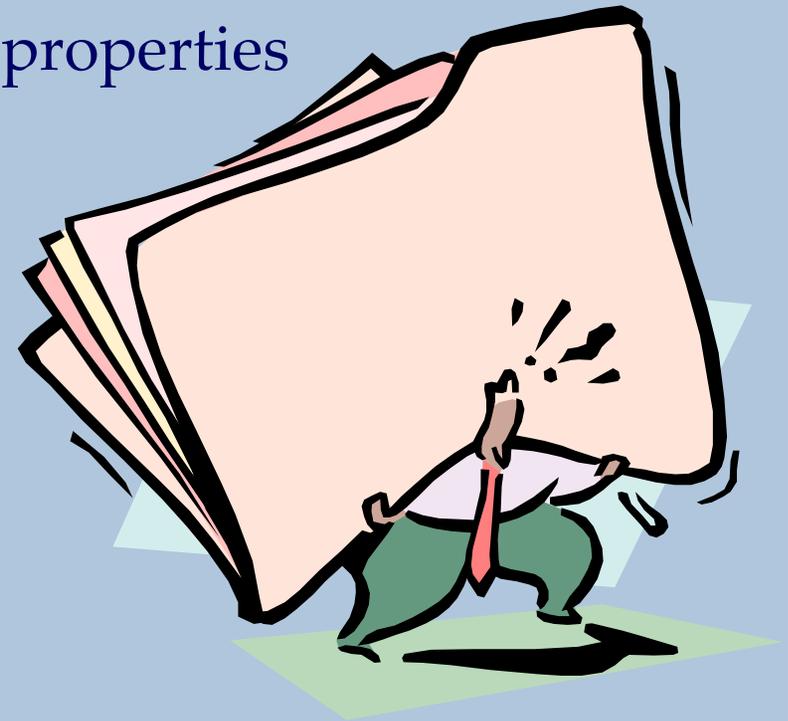
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- Recognizes communities that have taken responsibility for protecting their historic properties.



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- Requirements:
 - Establish a local preservation program
 - Adopt a preservation ordinance
 - Appoint a qualified board of architectural review
 - Maintain an inventory of historic properties
 - Encourage public participation



Benefits of CLG status in SC

- Historic preservation fund grant money set aside for CLGs, usually \$50,000 - \$60,000. Can use these funds for “bricks & mortar” projects as well as planning projects like surveys, design guidelines, educational publications, feasibility studies.



Benefits of CLG status in SC



- Networking, training and information sharing with other CLGs, SHPO, NPS.
- Comment on National Register nominations from the community.
- Participate in statewide preservation planning

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*South Carolina
Planning Education Advisory Committee*



How to become a CLG

- Submit application to SHPO.
- If meet the requirements, SHPO sends a certification agreement for chief elected official to sign.
- SHPO sends signed agreement and a letter requesting certification to National Park Service.
- If NPS concurs, the local government is certified.
- File annual reports.



A historical black and white photograph of a street scene in South Carolina, likely from the late 19th or early 20th century. The street is lined with multi-story brick buildings, some with arched windows. There are horse-drawn carriages and people walking on the sidewalks. The scene is slightly faded, giving it a vintage appearance.

South Carolina's CLG Communities

Abbeville

Aiken

Anderson

Beaufort

Bennettsville

Bluffton

Blythewood

Charleston

Cheraw

Chester

Chesterfield

Columbia

Conway

Darlington

Dillon

Fort Mill

Georgetown

Greenville

Horry Co.

Laurens

Lexington

McClellanville

Mount Pleasant

Rock Hill

Seneca

Spartanburg

Sumter

York

* Certified Local Governments as of March 2009