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### **Preservation Grants Not In Stimulus Package - An Unfortunate Omission!**

The conference agreement that passed the House late Friday afternoon (February 13) eliminated a provision that would have provided funding for historic preservation grants for local governments and not for profit organizations. This action is particularly disappointing. A similar, but much smaller, stimulus program in 1983 quickly put people to work on projects that not only provided jobs, but also helped preserve our nation's heritage.

The historic preservation provision would seem to meet all of the guidelines that have been put forth for a stimulus program. Construction projects would have put people to work very quickly—the draft guidelines required groundbreaking within 180 days of the bill's signing. The program had projects ready—we had just gone through a Georgia Heritage Grant cycle for similar projects (with tight dollar limits for each project), and received 37 applicants requesting over \$800,000 for a program which had only a little over \$100,000 available. Those state grant funds were casualties of the required state budget cuts, and so those projects were a logical start for the \$1- \$2 million anticipated by the state. Georgia had the staff, experience, and infrastructure in place so that with very limited additional administrative costs the program could have been implemented, almost immediately.

The money is badly needed for historic courthouses, city halls, libraries, schools, house museums and numerous other resources. For example, a study undertaken a few years ago by Association County Commissioners of Georgia, Georgia Municipal Association, and HPD found that fifty percent of Georgia's courthouses and city halls were in poor or fair condition and needed repair. Seventy-five percent did not meet ADA requirements and sixty-five percent had not been tested for hazardous materials. Similar needs exist in other eligible historic structures. (You may read the executive summary of this report on our

Web site at  
[http://www.gashpo.org/assets/documents/cthouse\\_costestimate\\_summary.pdf](http://www.gashpo.org/assets/documents/cthouse_costestimate_summary.pdf).)

The 1983 Jobs Act Stimulus program, for example, funded 18 projects in Georgia for \$640,000, which was matched locally by \$930,000. The 18 funded projects were selected from 85 projects requesting \$4,346,000. The completed projects included courthouses, depots, schools, and house museums.

A bright spot in this Friday's package was the inclusion of \$15 million for historic preservation projects at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The National Park Service will distribute that money.

We are disappointed that historic preservation grants administered by the states were not included in the current bill, but hope, as all Americans, that the stimulus package will provide needed economic recovery. Historic preservation stands ready to help if some of the designated recipients cannot undertake stimulus projects, or undertake them fast enough.

Sincerely yours,  
W. Ray Luce  
Historic Preservation Division Director & Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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## **HPD Round #2 for its Cemetery Grant Program**

The applications for Round #2 of the Historic Cemetery Heritage Tourism Grant Program, funded in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Economic Development, are now available on HPD's Web site at  
<http://www.gashpo.org/content/displaycontent.asp?txtDocument=426>.

The purpose of the grant program is to assist local communities in promoting their historic cemeteries through heritage tourism. Eligible projects include research and documentation; interpretation and public information; advertising and marketing; or workshops and training. "Bricks and mortar" projects are not eligible for this program. The reimbursable grant funds are 50% state/50% local match and will be awarded on a competitive basis. The maximum grant award will be \$2,500; however, there is no minimum amount, and HPD encourages applications for small projects.

Please contact Carole Moore at 404-463-8434 or [carole.moore@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:carole.moore@dnr.state.ga.us) to receive a paper application in the mail, or if you submitted an application for Round #1 and your project was not funded and you wish to be considered in

Round #2. The application post-mark deadline is March 20, 2009. Grant awards will be announced in May.

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### **National Register news**

The Mauk School, located in rural Taylor County, was listed in the National Register on December 30, 2008. Mauk School is located in the unincorporated town of Mauk approximately 15 miles southwest of the county seat of Butler. Constructed in 1936 with assistance from the Works Progress Administration, it served the white children of the local area as a public school until consolidation in 1956. It also functioned as a gathering place for various community groups. With six rooms (including at least four classrooms), the building was larger than the typical rural school of its time.

The Bartow Historic District, located in Jefferson County, was listed in the National Register on January 13, 2009. The city sponsored the nomination and a consultant prepared the nomination materials. The town of Bartow incorporated in 1887 after growing from a rail stop along the Central of Georgia Railroad line in 1839 to a small town. During Reconstruction, Bartow's economy prospered with the railroad and an agricultural-based economy. Bartow reached the height of its population during the 1910s and early 1920s with 500 residents. After that time, the Great Depression, boll weevil, and decline of cotton took a toll on the community. Population and employment declined and few resources in Bartow were constructed after 1950.

The United States Post Office-Adel was listed in the National Register on January 15, 2009. Located in downtown Adel, construction of the United States Post Office began in 1939 and was completed in May 1940 by the Office of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury under the auspices of the Public Works Administration. The Adel post office is characteristic of post offices built in Georgia between 1932 and 1942 and was built from standardized plans. In Georgia, the Treasury Department provided plans for approximately 65 post offices in small towns between 1932 and 1942. Like the United States Post Office in Adel, most were one-story, five-bay buildings with a standardized floor plan of a full-width workroom, mailing platform at the rear of the building, and an L-shaped public lobby. The vast majority of post offices in Georgia built under the Public Works Administration are brick buildings in the Colonial Revival style.

Read the complete press releases and see maps and photos on our Web site at <http://www.gashpo.org/content/displaycontent.asp?txtDocument=375>

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## **Advisory Council issues handbook on tribal consultation and Section 106**

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has a new publication, Consultation with Indian Tribes in the Section 106 Process: A Handbook. The book gives step-by-step guidance for comprehensive and meaningful tribal consultation on projects off and on tribal lands. The handbook is available for free at <http://www.achp.gov/regs-tribes2008.pdf>.

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## **Save America's Treasures Awards \$10.52 million in Grants**

The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities (PCAH), National Park Service (NPS), National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) jointly announced the awarding of \$10.52 million in federal Save America's Treasures (SAT) grants. With these funds, 40 organizations and agencies will act to conserve some of America's most significant cultural treasures, which illustrate, interpret, and embody the great events, ideas, and individuals that contribute to our nation's history and culture. Through the congressionally-appropriated SAT program, awards were made to 23 historic properties and sites and 17 nationally significant collections of artifacts, documents and artistic works. Save America's Treasures competitive awards preserve the nation's most significant endangered intellectual and cultural artifacts, historic structures and historic sites. For a list of grant recipients and more information, please visit [www.nps.gov/history/hps/treasures/](http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/treasures/)

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## **History Detectives seek NPS items**

PBS is seeking individuals with National Park Service-related items to be profiled on their series "History Detectives" in conjunction with the Fall 2009 Ken Burns series, The National Parks: America's Best Idea. Go to <http://www.pbs.org/opb/historydetectives/> and click on Submit Your Story.

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## **Preservation events calendar**

*Check the Events Calendar at [www.gashpo.org](http://www.gashpo.org) for complete listings by date.*

*Please note that items on the "Preservation Events Calendar" are events and meetings of interest to preservationists. It is not to be used for the detailed scheduling of meetings with HPD staff without contacting those individuals.*

Submit your listings to: [helen.talley-mcrae@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:helen.talley-mcrae@dnr.state.ga.us).

This week's new listings -

February 26 - Gallery Talk by renowned landscape architect, Edward L. Daugherty - Atlanta History Center - contact Staci Catron at 404-814-4046

March 12 - Preservation for Profit Workshop - Historic Augusta Inc. - 706-724-0436 or visit [www.historicaugusta.org](http://www.historicaugusta.org).

National and state conferences and meetings (listed in previous newsletters)-

February 19-20 – Southern Garden Heritage Conference – Athens – contact 706-542-1244 or [garden@uga.edu](mailto:garden@uga.edu)

February 19-21- 6th biennial Savannah Symposium: World Heritage and National Registers in Perspective - Savannah College of Art and Design - Savannah - <http://www.scad.edu/architectural-history/dept/events/symposiums.cfm>

February 23 - Talking Walls: Heritage Education Program information seminar - Georgia Trust - Atlanta - RSVP to Kate Ryan at [kryan@georgiatrust.org](mailto:kryan@georgiatrust.org) by Monday, Feb. 16. - [http://www.georgiatrust.org/whatwedo/talking\\_walls.htm](http://www.georgiatrust.org/whatwedo/talking_walls.htm)

March 1-4 – National Main Streets Conference – Chicago – [www.mainstreet.org](http://www.mainstreet.org)

March 8-11 - 2009 NCSHPO Annual Meeting and Historic Preservation Advocacy Day - Washington DC - <http://www.ncshpo.org> - or contact Giselle Rahn at 202-588-6167

March 11-15 – National Housing and Rehabilitation Association Affordable Housing Developers Conference and Annual Meeting – Key Largo, FL – [www.housingonline.com/events.aspx](http://www.housingonline.com/events.aspx)

March 11-15 – 12<sup>th</sup> US/ICOMOS International Symposium: Preservation in Peril – New Orleans – [www.usicomos.org](http://www.usicomos.org)

March 12 - Georgia Women of Achievement Annual Induction Ceremony with guest speaker author Mary Kay Andrews - Wesleyan College, Macon - [www.georgiawomen.org](http://www.georgiawomen.org)

March 12-14 – Traditional Building Exhibition and Conference – Boston – [www.traditional-building.com](http://www.traditional-building.com)

March 14 - Georgia Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association meeting - lecture by Chris Haveman, Creek Indian specialist - contact Leslie Thomas at 706-635-3864 or [eriehollow@ellijay.com](mailto:eriehollow@ellijay.com) or visit [www.gatrailoftears.org](http://www.gatrailoftears.org)

March 19-21 – 6<sup>th</sup> National Forum on Historic Preservation Practice: A Critical Look at Sustainability and Historic Preservation – Baltimore, MD – [www.goucher.edu/forum2009](http://www.goucher.edu/forum2009)

March 26-27 - 2009 Landmark and Preservation Conference - South Carolina SHPO - Columbia - <http://shpo.sc.gov/conf>

March 26-29 – Conference of the Organization of American Historians – Seattle – [www.oah.org/meetings/2009/](http://www.oah.org/meetings/2009/)

April 8-11 - The Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association annual conference - New Orleans - contact - <http://www.pcaaca.org/conference/national.php>

April 17 – The 25th Anniversary Preservation Ball – Georgia Trust - Atlanta - 404-885-7812 - [www.georgiitrust.org/whatsnew/calendarevents.htm](http://www.georgiitrust.org/whatsnew/calendarevents.htm)

April 22 -26 - Society for American Archaeology (SAA) 74th Annual Meeting - Atlanta - [www.saa.org](http://www.saa.org)

May 5 – Preservation 101: A Georgia Orientation – Historic Preservation Division – Atlanta or Decatur - <http://www.gashpo.org/content/displaycontent.asp?txtDocument=414>

May 7 – 24<sup>th</sup> Governor’s Awards in the Humanities – Georgia Humanities Council – Atlanta – <http://www.georgiahumanities.org/programs/gov/index.html>

May 15-17 - Georgia Trust Annual Meeting and Spring Ramble - Augusta - 404-885-7812 - [www.georgiitrust.org/whatsnew/calendarevents.htm](http://www.georgiitrust.org/whatsnew/calendarevents.htm)

May 29-June 7 – Victorian Society in America’s 29<sup>th</sup> annual American Summer School – Newport, RI – [www.victoriansociety.org](http://www.victoriansociety.org)

June 10-13 - Vernacular Architecture Forum Annual Meeting - Butte, Montana - [www.vafweb.org](http://www.vafweb.org)

August 23-26 - National Scenic Byways 2009 conference: Elevate Your Expertise - Denver, CO - [www.bywaysresourcecenter.org](http://www.bywaysresourcecenter.org) or [center@byways.org](mailto:center@byways.org)

August 26-29 - 2009 AASLH (American Association for State and Local History) Annual Meeting - Indianapolis, IN - <http://www.aaslh.org/2009-annual-meeting.htm>

October 13-17 - 2009 National Preservation Conference - Nashville, TN - <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/>

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