

Some Facts and Figures on Georgia's Certified Local Governments 2003

As of today, Georgia has 109 local governments that have passed a historic preservation ordinance and have appointed a historic preservation commission to inventory, designate and review changes to properties within their jurisdiction. Of these 109 communities, 69 are Certified Local Governments – recognized by the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service as meeting a national standard for incorporating historic preservation into their local planning efforts.

In its annual survey of the Certified Local Governments (CLGs), the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office seeks to learn from their preservation partners at the grassroots level and ascertain what their activities and needs are. Sixty percent (60%) of CLGs responded in 2003. The State Historic Preservation Office is happy to report the following facts and figures on Certified Local Governments for 2003:

- ❖ 97% of CLGs reporting meet on a regular, monthly basis.
- ❖ 88% of CLGs reporting have completed a survey of their historic resources.
- ❖ Based on figures from CLGs reporting, there are over 449 individual historic landmarks and 86 historic districts locally listed in Georgia.
- ❖ Based on a total given by the CLGs reporting, 96% of all Certificates of Appropriateness were approved.
- ❖ 17% of CLGs reporting were involved in National Register nominations.
- ❖ 63% of CLGs reporting had a Historic Preservation Commission member or staffer attend a preservation-related training during the year.
- ❖ When asked what was perceived to be the greatest threats to local historic preservation efforts:
 - 59% said demolition by neglect
 - 44% said lack of funds available
 - 24% said substandard housing
 - 22% said an apathetic community
 - 17% said sprawl and apathetic elected officials
 - 10% said the subdivision of large properties and an abandoned Downtown
 - 5% said speculative demolition

To learn more about the Certified Local Government program and how a preservation ordinance can protect communities, please visit the following websites:

Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office: www.gashpo.org

The Georgia Alliance of Preservation Commissions: www.uga.edu/gapc

The National Park Service CLG site: <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/clg/index.htm>