2012 STATE PLAN SURVEY

Our online State Plan survey is closed. Thank you for your participation; we collected 785 responses from throughout the state. We will begin analyzing the responses in the upcoming weeks. Please stay tuned for more updates as we take the next steps in crafting the new statewide preservation plan for 2012-2017. The plan will assess the current status of historic resources and preservation efforts in North Carolina, examine needs and issues affecting preservation, and articulate goals and objectives to serve as a general guide for the continued preservation of the state’s historic resources over the next five years.
IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED?

Considering a roof replacement, a kitchen or bathroom remodel? Need to spruce up your commercial property? Send Lucille.Pittman@ncdcr.gov an email requesting an information packet on state and federal historic preservation tax credits for your historic property.

WELCOME RAMONA BARTOS

On September 1, 2011, Ramona Murphy Bartos assumed duties as the new Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer of North Carolina and administrator of the State Historic Preservation Office. A southeast Georgia native, Bartos was previously an attorney in private practice, concentrating in civil litigation, real estate, and municipal law. As a former city attorney and historic preservation consultant, she has a particular interest in local preservation commissions and programs.

Since 2008, Ramona has also served as a speaker and legal trainer for the Commission Assistance Mentoring Program of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and International Studies from Emory University, and a joint Master of Historic Preservation from the School of Environmental Design of the University of Georgia and Juris Doctor from the School of Law of the University of Georgia.

Join us in welcoming Ramona to North Carolina’s State Historic Preservation Office!

SUNSET THEATER NATIONAL REGISTER

We are proud to announce the Sunset Theater in Asheboro has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The new certification provides property owners the opportunity to utilize historic preservation tax incentives. Rehabilitated theaters often catalyze greater downtown development in historic and vacant spaces. For a great example in Washington, DC read more here.
The State Historic Preservation Office (HPO) is now accepting applications for FY 2012 federal Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) pass-through grants.

- Eligible projects include architectural and archaeological surveys, nominations of eligible districts and properties to the National Register of Historic Places, survey publication manuscripts, local preservation design guidelines and preservation plans, educational programs, and restoration of National Register properties.

- Eligible applicants include local governments, local historic preservation commissions, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions.

- Privately owned historic properties may be eligible for federal and/or state rehabilitation investment tax credits, not HPF grants, which might be considered an indirect "grant" in the form of savings on federal and state income taxes.

Applicants must contact the HPO staff asap to discuss their potential projects and the grant standards and requirements. February 17, 2012 is the final postmarked date for applications.

We encourage your participation!

For more information, contact Michele Patterson-McCabe, Grants Coordinator michele.patterson-mccabe@ncdcr.gov, 919-807-6582

Learn more about the certified local government program here.
SHOW ME THE MONEY

Curious as to how you can get some extra grant money to fund your project or just some money to continue your project’s upkeep? Checkout the National Park Service’s updated Federal Funds explanation sheet, “Show Me the Money” The manual will explain what funds are out there and what you might qualify for.

SECRETARY LINDA CARLISLE APPOINTED TO THE US TRAVEL AND TOURISM BOARD

Secretary Linda Carlisle was appointed to the 32 member board on January 19th, 2012. The U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, advises the U.S. Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the travel and tourism industry in the United States. Here in North Carolina visitors traveling to and within the state spent a record $17 billion in 2010, supporting more than 40,000 North Carolina businesses and directly supporting 183,900 jobs all across the state. State and local tax revenues generated as a result of visitor spending totals more than $1.5 billion annually. North Carolina ranks as the 6th most visited state in the United States.