



INTENT & PURPOSE

This booklet was initiated by the Cedartown Historic Preservation Commission and financed in part by the City of Cedartown on behalf of its current and future citizens. The purpose of this booklet is to provide information on local preservation measures, the design review process, and the visual character which defines Cedartown's historic areas. The remainder of the booklet outlines design guidelines for commercial and residential areas. The guidelines listed and illustrated herein are designed to assist decision makers – property owners, developers, contractors, and commissioners – in developing design solutions which satisfy Cedartown's historic preservation ordinances.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

“In support and furtherance of its findings and determination that the historical, cultural and aesthetic heritage of Cedartown is among its most valued and important assets,” the City of Cedartown adopted a historic preservation ordinance in 1988. The ordinance is designed to preserve the community's identity and historic character, promote harmonious growth in relationship to historic properties, to strengthen community pride and awareness of historic assets, to stabilize property values and encourage investment in historic areas, to capture the benefits of tourism and economic development, and to maintain and protect historic properties. By preserving its unique historic character, the City ensures that future generations will enjoy the benefits of Cedartown's architectural heritage.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Historic Preservation Ordinance establishes the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), the volunteer board which serves as part of the planning functions of the City of Cedartown. The HPC is charged with the responsibility of initiating local designation, conducting the design review process, improving public education and awareness, securing preservation related grant funding, and supporting preservation planning and research. The Commission consists of five appointed members, who serve three-year terms without monetary compensation. Because of the work of the HPC, the City of Cedartown also qualifies as a Certified Local Government (CLG) community. CLG status enables the municipality to apply for a variety of preservation grant and funding opportunities at the state and federal levels.