

CHARLESTON COUNTY PROPOSED SURVEY

Areas: All of Charleston County except:
City of Charleston
City of North Charleston
Mt. Pleasant
Edisto (except Raccoon Island, Baileys Island)
Sullivans Island
James and Johns Island

Resources: All above ground - Buildings
sites, structures, objects - approximately 1200
sites
Archeology - Level I - approximately 400 sites

Time Table Phase I - West Ashley - October 1989
Phase II - East Cooper - October 1990

End Product Maps
Cards with Tax Map Numbers
Survey Report and Recommendations

Notes: Archeology will be conducted by the Institute of
Anthropology and Archeology.

CHARLESTON COUNTY CLG

This will be applied for in January 1990.

- Historic Protection Ordinance
- Historic Protection Commission
- Protect existing National Register Properties and those
determined to be eligible

ASSISTANCE FROM PUBLIC

- Participation in preparation of protection ordinance
- Volunteer labor to coordinate with Towns to obtain support for
survey
- Financial assistance in making match for survey

OUTLINE FOR SOUTH CAROLINA STATEWIDE SURVEY OF HISTORIC PLACES SURVEY REPORT

1. Name of Survey.
2. Boundaries of Survey Area.
3. Number of Properties Surveyed.
4. Number of Square Miles Surveyed.
5. Surveyors.
6. Beginning and Ending Dates of Survey.
7. Objectives of Survey.
8. Methodology of Survey.
9. Historical Background of Survey Area.

The background narrative will provide a historical overview of the development of the survey area and should emphasize and logically interpret the circumstances under which the area was shaped and developed. It must include a description of the historic resources identified. It should be brief, concise, and based on scholarly research with sources identified. It should also cover the following topics:

- A. geographic setting and characteristics (location, topography)
- B. background history (Indians, early settlers, origin of name)
- C. establishment (incorporation, population, original development)
- D. government (government buildings such as county courthouses, city halls)
- E. economic history (agriculture, industries, and commerce)
- F. transportation (roads, railways and waterways)
- G. military history
- H. religion (churches)
- I. education (schools, libraries)
- J. ethnic or minority heritage (immigrants, blacks)
- K. entertainment and recreation (theaters, fairgrounds)
- L. social activities (organizations, newspapers)
- M. landscaping (parks, tree-lined streets, medians)
- N. important builders or architects
- O. events peculiar to the area (celebrations, anniversaries, festivals)

10. Footnotes and Bibliography.
11. Properties in the Survey Area that are Listed in the National Register.
12. Evaluation of Survey Data.

This should include properties potentially eligible for the National Register and the National Register areas of significance as specified in "National Register Bulletin 16: Guidelines for Completing National Register of Historic Places Forms." Eligibility will be based upon National Register criteria. The list of potentially eligible properties will be reviewed by the SHPO before becoming part of the final survey report.

13. Data Gaps.
14. Compiled Inventory.

The compiled inventory should include the topographical quad number, site number, address or location, the historic name or common name of the site, the type of resource, and the date of construction.

15. Recommendations.

The Survey Report concludes with recommendations for future historic preservation activities in the area and the identification of potential threats.



August 25, 1989

Mr. Burnet R. Maybank, Vice Chair
Charleston County Council
1880 Houghton Drive
Charleston, SC 29412

Dear Burnet:

This letter is an attempt to relieve some concerns and misconceptions which Council members may have concerning the requirements for the substantial grant offered by the S.C. Department of Archives and History. This grant would cover a significant part of the cost of an architectural and archaeological survey of rural Charleston County.


The process involved includes qualifying the County Government as a Certified Local Government and creating an historic district or landmarks commission. If there is concern on the part of Council that this commission would have to be granted power and authority comparable to that given the City of Charleston's Board of Architectural Review, such is not the case. On the contrary, the commission would have only such power and authority as Council allotted it. While there are state and federal regulations relating to such commissions, they are broad and leave considerable latitude for Council to design its own package. The primary regulations are that:

1. The Commission must consist of a minimum number of members
2. Where available, one member must have a background or interest in local history and a second member should meet the same qualifications in archaeology
3. The commission must have the right to comment on sites within its jurisdiction that are nominated for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, and
4. The commission must operate within a set of guidelines prescribed by County Council.

Geographically, the County encompasses an area rich in pre-Columbian, Colonial, Revolutionary, post-Revolutionary, and Civil War sites which are an important record of our past. Many of these sites are not a matter of public record; as a result, some have been lost -- most recently the Revolutionary fort at Stono Ferry. Unless all remaining sites are identified and catalogued, others surely will disappear. We urge Council to take advantage of the opportunity to accomplish this and to do so at a bargain rate. If Archives and History were to come in at their maximum grant level, as they appear willing to do, and if Historic Charleston Foundation were to contribute toward the cost, which they are willing to do, the County's share could be as little as 15% of the total. In return, the County Planning Staff would have information on hand that would enable it to respond constructively to land use proposals whether they be for public rights-of-way, utility easements, commercial or residential development, recreational areas or public parks.

Charleston County would not be the first to receive designation as a Certified Local Government. Horry County, which probably is under as much developmental pressure as any area in the state, is one of several counties that already have qualified as Certified Local Governments. Charleston County is the oldest governmental entity in the state and one of the most enlightened, and as such, it would be entirely appropriate to add its name to the list of Certified Local Governments. We request that you support this effort to save what survives of our past.

Sincerely,


Lawrence A. Walker
Executive Director

LAW:bg



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

August 28, 1990

Mr. Lawrence Walker
Executive Director
Historic Charleston Foundation
51 Meeting Street
Charleston, S.C. 29401

Dear Lawrence:

This letter is written to solicit input from The Historic Charleston Foundation on the selection of a consultant for the upcoming county-wide historic resources survey. Attached is the RFP for the project, which will be sent out within a month.


As Charleston County undertakes this project, we feel the involvement and input of our sponsors and grass roots citizens groups will be essential to our success throughout the process. As we initiate the request for proposals, we are now attempting to form a selection committee with representation from all geographic areas across the County. The Committee will evaluate proposals and choose a consultant.

This process will commence with staff shortlisting the proposals and establishing selection criteria. A meeting of the selection committee will then be convened to evaluate the "best" (shortlisted) proposals. Consultants may be asked to make brief presentations at the meeting, which will be followed by committee questions. After presentors leave the meeting, the committee will then discuss proposals and select the consultant deemed most qualified.

Please write or contact me by phone concerning an individual from The Historic Charleston Foundation who would be willing to serve on this selection committee. I would like to receive a contact name, address, and work and home telephone numbers by Friday, September 24. Staff will mail or deliver a list of criteria and the shortlisted proposal packages to committee members as soon as they are available. We will also contact the members with a meeting date as soon as it is established (most likely, mid-October).

I thank you for the interest of The Historic Charleston Foundation in the historical resources of the Lowcountry and look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,



J. Steven Dykes, AICP
Senior Planner
Advanced Planning/Operations

JSD/smn

Enc. Request for Proposals
Countywide Historic Survey



August 31, 1990

J. Steven Dykes, AICP
Senior Planner
County of Charleston
2 Court House Square
Charleston, SC 29401-2206

Dear Steven:

Thank you for your August 28 letter inviting the Foundation to sit on the selection committee to choose a consultant for the county-wide historic resources survey.

Historic Charleston Foundation nominates as its representative Jonathan Poston, Director of Preservation Programs. I have discussed this with him and he is anxious to assist. He may be reached at 108 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401, Work No. 724-8486, Home No. 723-3448.

The County Planning Department and County Council are to be congratulated for undertaking this county-wide survey to record above-ground historic sites and identify archaeological areas of importance. The Foundation is pleased to lend its support.

Best regards,

Lawrence A. Walker
Executive Director

LAW:bg

CC Mr. Jonathan Poston ✓



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

November 27, 1990

Mr. Jonathan Poston
Historic Charleston Foundation
108 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Dear Jonathan:

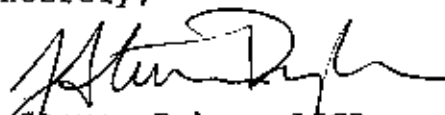
I'd like to thank you in advance for agreeing to serve on our consultant selection committee for the upcoming county-wide historical resources survey. We are excited about what we feel is truly a broad-based effort, combining the funding resources and expertise of all levels of government, the historic preservation community, and community groups from across Charleston County.

Enclosed you will find proposals submitted by two firms, along with samples of other studies they have undertaken. Also enclosed is the RFP, along with a score sheet which we suggest you utilize in your examination and evaluation of the packages.

We have scheduled our selection meeting for Monday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the offices of the Deputy County Administrator/Operations (Room 301) located on the 3rd floor of the County Office Building at 2 Courthouse Square in Charleston. At this meeting, we will hear brief presentations from both consultants, after which you will have the opportunity to question their representatives. We will then ask the consultants to leave, and the committee will be able to freely discuss the proposals. We will then attempt to reach a consensus on the group felt to be most appropriate to undertake this project. We anticipate the meeting will end by 8:00 - 8:30 p.m.

We will look forward to meeting all of you on December 11. If you have questions or we can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Steven Dykes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "J" and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

J. Steven Dykes, AICP
Division Chief
Advanced Planning/Operations

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E. E. FAVA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: E. E. FAVA, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR *EEF*

SUBJECT: SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR COUNTY-WIDE INVENTORY OF HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

DATE: DECEMBER 18, 1990

In September, 1989, Council authorized staff to seek a matching grant from the S.C. Department of Archives and History (SCDAH) for the purpose of hiring a Consultant to conduct an inventory of historic, architectural and archaeological resources in Charleston County. The grant application was submitted in February 1990, and we received a \$50,000 grant award from SCDAH in April 1990. Project design, methodology and timetable were then developed, and a broad-based citizen committee, representative of the project sponsors and other county-wide land use community and preservation groups, was selected to choose a consultant.

The RFP was issued in October with two responses received prior to the November 15, 1990 deadline, - Preservation Consultants, Inc., of Charleston (\$68,500), and New South Associates of Stone Mountain, Georgia (\$57,791). On December 10, 1990, the Selection Committee heard presentations from both Consultants. The Committee's choice, by a vote of 10-3 (with two absent), was Preservation Consultants, Inc. (see attachment for Selection Committee and Selection factors).

Unless there are any objections, we will now begin contract negotiations with Preservation Consultants, Inc., with an anticipated project start-up date of January 15, 1991.

EEF/rha/5877

cc: Mack Canterbury, DCA-OPS
Bill Crocker, DCA-Support
Harold Bisbee, Controller
✓ Bill Miller, Planning Director
Steve Taylor, Procurement Director

Attachment

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Ms. Betty Stringfellow
of Johns Island, S.C.
representing the Town
of Seabrook Island

Mr. Lewis Hay of
Wadmalaw Island, S.C.
representing the Wadmalaw
Island Land Planning
Committee

Mrs. Ann Bridges of
McClellanville, S.C.
representing the Town
of McClellanville

Ms. Millicent Brown
Avery Research Institute
College of Charleston

Ms. Etta June Williams of
Ravenel, S.C.
representing the Town of
Ravenel

Mr. John H. Boineau
of Meggett, S.C.
representing the
Edisto Island
Historical Society

Mr. Marion L. Burn, Jr.
of Kiawah Island, S.C.
representing the
Town of Kiawah Island

Ms. Cheves Leland of Mt.
Pleasant, S.C.
representing the Awendaw
Land Use Planning
Committee

Mr. Jonathan Poston
Director of the
Preservation Programs
Historic Charleston
Foundation

Mr. Charles Chase
Chief Preservation
Officer
City of Charleston

Mr. John Hildreth
Program Associate
National Trust for
Historic Preservation

Ms. Brenda Colvin
Procurement Department
Charleston County

Ms. Elizabeth Haygood
Executive Director
Lowcountry Open Land
Trust

Mr. Norman Haft of
Charleston, S.C.
representing the
Preservation Society of
Charleston

Mr. Joe Heard
Planning Department
Charleston County

SELECTION FACTORS

- 1) Existing previous knowledge of geographic area to be surveyed.
- 2) Existing previous knowledge of available sources for research.
- 3) Existing local contact to facilitate "reaching the people" during the field work phase.
- 4) Demonstrated ability to complete projects in a satisfactory manner.
- 5) Size and strength/experience of research team.
- 6) Prior favorable experience in City/County.
- 7) Favorable recommendations from other nearby locales.
- 8) Cost savings experienced with no lodging expenses incurred.
- 9) Greater accessibility throughout project as local firm; and
- 10) Realistic proposal in terms of manpower hours and fixed costs.



South Carolina Department of Archives and History

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State Records (803) 734-7914; Local Records (803) 734-7917

December 20, 1990

Mr. Joe Heard
Charleston County Planning
Department
2 Court House Square
Room 317
Charleston, S.C. 29401

Dear Joe,

Attached are the staff comments we discussed on Tuesday. We have considered the pros and cons of each consultant. Based upon the proposals, it is our opinion that both consultants can do the job. Some clarification of New South's budget is necessary to see if mylar topos and card stock survey cards were included in their budget for supplies. Modification of the analytical component of Preservation Consultant's proposal will be necessary. As New South is the low bid, should the county choose Preservation Consultants, we will require clear and concrete justification for the decision. Nancy Pittenger will be happy to advise you about these procedures.

Let me know what the council decides. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Parramore
Survey Historian
State Historic Preservation Office

PRESERVATION CONSULTANTS, INC.NEW SOUTHBudget

More realistic budget
Includes every expenditure

Card stock survey cards and
mylar topos not specified in
"Supplies and Documents;"
this needs clarification

Time

Reasonable time allotments

Time in field may be
insufficient, but if staff is
well-seasoned, then time
allotted is reasonable.

Method of Field Work

Link between history and field work
not explicit - may require modification.

Priority and intensity of
field work directed by
historic context - this
approach is better.

Use of Volunteers

Use in field work? SHPO has
reservations about using volunteers
do survey cards. May require
modification.

Efficient use of volunteers
to collect oral history, to
transfer tax map numbers,
light clerical, etc.

Research and Historical Overview

Adequate, but not analytical -
requires modification.

Comprehensive; creative;
historic maps and photographs
(visual aids) very good.

Photographs

4/site more than adequate (1200x4-
4800).

2/site may not be adequate;
but are prepared to survey up
to 1400 buildings (1400x2-
2800).

Coordination with Archaeology Component

SHPO concern about integration of
archaeological component because no
training in archaeology/anthropology;
PC is less aware of these types of
features in field work.

Interdisciplinary training;
sensitive to/will survey
features as part of above
ground sites; Complementary to
SCIAA activities.

Familiarity with Study Area

Already surveyed parts of county;
Involved in damage assessment of
area following Hugo.

Worked in S.C. and
Charleston; training and
demonstrated experience
in evaluation of rural
resources - especially
vernacular; ethnic; maritime.

Public Involvement

Experience in facilitating public
meetings; meets requirements.

Experience in integrating
public in creative ways:
tours, lectures, slide shows
- exceeds requirements

Evaluation of Survey Data

Propose an inventory with
classification based on historical
and architectural significance; meets
requirements.

Propose inventory and
analysis with a typology;
of building types, including
items such as set-backs,
landscapes, building
materials; exceeds
requirements

Products

Based on our previous experience,
survey maps, photos, and survey
cards are very good.

Exceeds requirements (slides,
education/outreach; more
historical and building
related analysis)

Time Table

Begin in January

Activities of consulting
team staggered (Henry, Jan.;
Havens, Feb.; Reed, March);
Question: will historian work
on context from the outset?



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

May 6, 1991

Mr. Jonathan Poston
Historic Charleston Foundation
108 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Dear Mr. Poston:

I hope this finds you well. This letter is written to update our sponsors on the progress of the Countywide historic survey, and to solicit your participation and support in upcoming meetings.

After receiving the nod from our blue-ribbon citizen selection committee, Preservation Consultants Inc. of Charleston began work in January. Thus far they have done preliminary archival research, and have begun field survey work on Wadmalaw and Edisto Islands. The remainder of Phase I (through September) will be spent in field work on Edisto, Kiawah, and Seabrook Islands, and along Ashley River Road (Hwy 61). Phase II, commencing in October, will include: the St. Pauls area, including Hollywood, Ravenal, and Meggett; Ladson/Lincolnville; the eastern portion of the County, including McClellanville; and Folly Beach.

We call your attention to the upcoming series of public meetings concerning the project. At these meetings community leaders will explain the purpose of the survey, and we will introduce the public to the survey team. The consultant will explain how such a survey is conducted, and solicit assistance in locating and identifying sites through interested and knowledgeable area citizens. The schedule for meetings will include:

Wadmalaw Island
Tuesday, May 7, 1991
7:00 P.M.
Wadmalaw Island Community Center
5605 Katy Hill Road
Wadmalaw Island, S.C.

Edisto Island
Thursday, May 16, 1991
7:00 P.M.
Edisto Island Community Center
8070 Indigo Hill Road
Edisto Island, S.C.

Hwy 61
(Ashley River Road)
Thursday, May 30, 1991
7:00 P.M.
Middleton High School
1776 William Kennerty Drive
Charleston, S.C.


Kiawah/Seabrook Islands
Tuesday, June 4, 1991
7:00 P.M.
Kiawah Island Town Hall
7 Beachwalker Drive
Kiawah Island, S.C.

Additional public meetings will be held after September in the St. Pauls, Ladson/Lincolntonville, Awendaw/McClellanville, and Folly Beach areas to kick-off Phase II. You will be informed of times and locations as soon as they are available.

We appreciate your continued interest and support on the survey, which will conclude in September 1992. Prior to that time, we plan to schedule several post-survey public meetings to update you and other interested citizens on the consultant's findings. There will also be an opportunity for comment by sponsor organizations on the final report.

We look forward to seeing you at the public meetings!

Sincerely,


J. Steven Dykes, AICP
Division Manager
Advanced Planning/Operations

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cc: Lawrence Walker

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July 30, 1992

ATTN: Mr. Jonathan Poston
HISTORIC CHARLESTON FOUNDATION
108 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Dear Mr. Poston:

We appreciate your recent assistance in reviewing the draft report for the County-wide historic survey provided by the Preservation Consultants, Inc. Your comments have helped us produce a final report which will be both an interesting document on the history of Charleston County and an invaluable asset for future historic preservation efforts.

I am writing again to solicit your comments and guidance on a proposed landmarks protection approach for the County's historic structures and sites. The document was drafted by our staff after reviewing similar laws across the Southeast and with extensive consultation with the County Legal Department. It is our belief that the approach strikes a reasonable balance between individual property rights and the public's enjoyment and appreciation of historic sites.

We are anxious to know your feelings on the subject. Protection of our historic resources can only succeed with widespread public support. Please contact either myself or Steve Dykes by phone or letter with your questions or comments by September 30, 1992.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Heard
Joseph H. Heard,
Planner I

Enclosure
JHH/bfn

P.S. Sorry for the mistake. This time, we decided to enclose a copy of the draft ordinance for you to review.

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October 8, 1992

Mr. Jonathan Poston
Historic Charleston Foundation
108 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Dear Jonathan:

In 1990, as part of a special steering committee, you helped us select a consulting firm to undertake a two year survey of historic and archaeological sites. Many of you have also advised us over the past two years regarding public meetings and other survey matters. We'd like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks for all your efforts.

You obviously made a great decision in choosing Preservation Consultants, Inc. The firm recently completed its work, with which we are delighted! The results of the survey include survey cards describing each site, photographs and slides of each site, maps locating every site, and a survey report showing how the existing historic sites fit into the development of Charleston County throughout history.

Now, we would like to share the results of the county-wide historic survey with you. You are invited to attend a presentation about the results of the survey on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:00 P.M. in the Planning Department's conference room (Room 317 - County Office Building).

We hope to see you there. Thank you once again for your participation in the survey process.

Sincerely,

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J. Steven Dykes
Division Manager, AP/O

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph H. Heard".
Joseph H. Heard
Planner I

JSD/kjg

Post & Courier 11-4-92

Survey may help protect rural sites

■ HIDDEN HISTORY: A new list of 700 local sites will help county officials and residents know what's worth preserving.

By ROBERT BEHRE
Of the Post and Courier staff

A new survey of Charleston County's countryside lists more than 700 sites of historical importance, and experts said the list may help the significant locales survive.

"This is a real cause for celebration," senior county planner Steve Dykes said. "We have heard about historic sites in jeopardy, but it's been hard to respond to those concerns because we had such a murky idea of what was out there."

Much of the county — including peninsular Charleston, Mount Pleasant, Sullivan's Island, James Island and John's Island — already has been surveyed for historic and architecturally significant sites.

The new survey — recently released to County Council — concentrates on the more rural areas. It includes 38 properties already on the National Register of Historic Places, and it found another 70 properties that may qualify for the register.

The survey also includes the historic districts of McEllanville and Rockville, and it found that Adams Run, Meggett and parts of Edisto Island also may qualify as historic districts.

Of the approximately 770 sites found, most are residences of some sort. However, schools, cemeteries, churches, farm houses, roads and other sites also made the list. Approximately three-fourths of the sites are in the unincorporated area, while 189 of the 770 sites are inside towns or cities.

The survey was more than two years in the making and began after residents in several rural areas asked the county for help protecting their historic sites, Dykes said.

The continued sprawl of Charleston County's urban and suburban areas poses the greatest threat to many historic sites, the survey found. "Increased population in rural areas tends to result in widened roads, new commercial zones and ostentatious architecture, and the principal threat to historic resources is usually defined as development," the survey says.

Having the list of historic sites will help planners and property owners know what's worth preserving, said Lawrence Walker, president of the Historic Charleston Foundation.

"I think as a planning tool, it can save embarrassment, it can save time, and it can save sites," Walker said. "We've had problems already with some Civil War fortifications we've mangled and done away with."

Given the importance of historical preservation to the tourism industry, Walker said, it makes sense to protect historically significant areas outside the city of Charleston. "I think preservation can only increase its importance economically. It's clean and it provides a considerable job base."

Being listed in the county survey is strictly an honor and does not restrict the property owner. Even a listing on the national register doesn't offer much protection, although it becomes relevant if a federally funded project may affect the site.

However, Walker said, "people like to have their possessions recognized as having historic value, and a listing on the register is something very many people would be very pleased to have."

Please see SURVEY, Page 4-B

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Charleston County's historical survey	
What Was Found	
Residences	459
Cemeteries	89
Roads	35
Church buildings	28
Stores	27
Barns, farm buildings	18
Railroad buildings	16
Domestic outbuildings	14
Landscapes	13
Buildings	13
Schools	11
Bridges	10
Other	29
Total	772
How Old the Sites Are	
Period	Number of Sites
Pre-1789	37
1790-1820	38
1821-1860	66
1861-1877	33
1878-1900	127
1901-1917	120
1918-1940	328
1941-present	9
Unknown	12
Source: Historical & Architectural Survey, Charleston County S.C.	

SURVEY

from Page 1-B

The survey recommends that the county notify the owners of historic sites to inform them that they may qualify for the National Register. And beginning next week, the county also is planning a series of six public hearings to show the survey results to the public.

The first of those hearings is set for Nov. 10 at McEllanville Town Hall; the second for Nov. 17 at Edisto Island Community Center; and the third for Nov. 23 at St. John's High School. All hearings will begin at 7 p.m.

The county also plans to hold hearings in the St. Paul's area, in the Highway 61 area, and in the Mount Pleasant-Awendaw area, county planner Joe Heard said.

"We'll hope to learn what people feel about these historic sites — how much they value them and what they want to do to protect them," Heard said.

Dykes said the planning staff will look at new ways to give additional protection to the sites.

However, he said it's premature to speculate on what kind of preservation ordinance County Council may be asked to consider. "We've been asked to look at the full gamut of those kinds of things," he said. Preservation Consultants Inc., a private consulting firm, handled much of the \$102,500 survey.

The Historic Charleston Foundation, County Council and the municipalities of Charleston, Ravenel, Kiawah and Seabrook each contributed funding or services to match the state grant of \$51,250.

Also, the Preservation Society of Charleston and the S.C. Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology donated technical help.

Plans to be unveiled to protect historic buildings, sites

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The Charleston County Planning Department will unveil its efforts to protect historic structures and sites at upcoming meetings of citizen's groups from Wadmalaw, Edisto, Kiawah and Seabrook islands.

The county has hired Preservation Consultants Inc. of Charleston, which will attend the meetings, to survey about 1,200 sites in 736-square miles. But the county needs to meet with citizen groups to best determine if new laws are needed to protect the sites, said J. Steven Dykes, senior planner with the county.

Laws may not be needed to protect historic sites. Rather, review boards may determine whether a developer can disturb a historic site, Dykes said.

"I think the mere knowledge of where



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they (sites) are will protect them from people who might upset them inadvertently," he said.

"We want to get a good sense at each one of these meetings of what kind of issues are on the community's mind in terms of historic resources and the protection of them," he said.

After the meeting, Preservation Consultants will ask residents to share information about historic sites in their neighborhoods. The consulting firm will use various techniques, such as archival research, site inspections and resident interviews to identify and rank the sites by importance.

The firm began its research in January and moved to the field, starting on Wadmalaw Island, in March. In phase one of the project, which will continue through September, the firm will survey the western part of the county including Kiawah, Seabrook and Edisto islands and the Highway 61 Corridor.

Phase two, which will end a year later, will focus on the eastern and northern parts of the county. Meggett, Hollywood, Ravenel, Lincolnville, McEllanville, Folly Beach and the eastern portion of the county from S.C. Highway 41 east to the county line will be studied in phase two.

Upon completion, the firm will provide the county with topographical maps that identify historic structures and sites by parcel, state documentation cards with photographs of each site, a written report that categorizes sites and highlights major

trends in county history and their relationship to the structures and sites.

The survey is the upshot of various citizen land-use groups that advocated as early as 1983 the preservation of historic sites, Dykes said.

By 1989 "the local historic groups threw their weight behind it also," he said, and Charleston County Council instructed its staff to seek grants for a historical survey.

In April 1990, the S.C. Department of Archives and History granted the county \$50,000 to be disbursed over two years. County Council Historic Charleston Foundation, City of Charleston, Town of Ravenel, Seabrook Island, and Kiawah Island contributed \$52,500. The Preservation Society of Charleston has donated technical assistance.

James and John's islands' historical sites were surveyed by the same firm for the

county in 1989. St. Andrews Public Service District will be included in the archival map-and-plot research because of its old suburbs, such as Byrnes Downs and The Crescent, Dykes said.

"They're going to do enough research on the St. Andrews area to give a future consultant a starting point to actually do a detailed survey," Dykes said.

"There are certainly some things to be looked at there, but it was beyond the scope of this project in terms of time and resources," he added.

Upcoming community meetings are:

- Wadmalaw Island Community Center on Katy Hill Road at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.
- Edisto Island Community Center on Indigo Hill Road, 7 p.m. on May 16.
- Kiawah and Seabrook islands at Kiawah Island Town Hall on Beachwalker Drive, 7 p.m. on June 4.