

Objective

The mission of the Historical Resources Commission of Henderson County is to promote knowledge and appreciation of the historical, architectural, archaeological and cultural heritage of the County. The Commission, as the official historical advisory board, assists in identifying properties, researching their significance, and thereby safeguarding the heritage and legacy of the County.

Program Highlights

- This is a *voluntary* program. No property will be listed without the full support and backing of the property owner.
- The property must be of historical, prehistoric, architectural, or cultural importance.
- Property can be tied to the lives of persons who influenced the economic, social, educational, or cultural conditions of Henderson County.
- Property becomes eligible for a 50% property tax abatement with the Henderson County Tax Office - filed by property owner.

Importance of Heritage Tourism

- Tourism spending within Henderson County totaled \$391.28 million in 2021.
- The travel and tourism industry directly employs more than 2,500 people in Henderson County.
- The landmark program would spur economic growth in the Henderson County area.
- Studies have demonstrated that those interested in heritage tourism spend more per visit than other tourists.



"Meadows"/Blake House (1860), Fletcher



St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1910), Edneyville



"Bryn Avon" (1884), Bowman's Bluff/Big Willow

Why institute a Landmark Program?

- The spirit of Henderson County is reflected in its historic heritage.
- Historic preservation provides a sense of vitality and orientation to county residents.
- The preservation of irreplaceable cultural heritage facilitates the promotion of local and regional heritage tourism.

Without a sense of
place,
a community loses
its *roots*
and the link to its
past.

Angelique Academy (1865), Laurel Park
Photo Credit: Knox Crowell

The HRC meets the fourth Monday at 1:30 PM (unless otherwise noted) in the King Street Meeting Room, located at 100 North King Street, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792.

The commission is comprised of volunteers with an interest and/or expertise in historic preservation from fields such as archaeology, history, architecture, museum administration, oral history, tourism, or other similar backgrounds.

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