

# ANNUAL REPORT 2011

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*To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the Alabama Historical Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office.*

**Helping Alabamians protect, preserve, use, and interpret our historic buildings and archaeological sites.**

### In Fiscal Year 2011, the Alabama Historical Commission:

Welcomed **375,724 visitors** to our historic sites to learn and experience our history at the very places it was made.

Acquired **\$865,654 in private and public funding** for the development and interpretation of AHC historic sites.

Attracted **91,784** visitors to our web site.

Responded to **18,206 requests for information and assistance** in understanding, protecting, and interpreting Alabama's historic and pre-historic treasures.

Reached **5,800 people** with the Preservation Report newsletter.

Garnered **308 media stories** on AHC programs, events, historic sites, and staff members. The Freedom Rides Museum opening generated positive stories in over **500 media outlets worldwide**.

Organized, sponsored, cosponsored or presented at lectures, conferences, workshops, public presentations, hearings, or special programs at our historic sites, **reaching 40,100 people**.

Responded to **126 requests about endangered properties** and monitored 251 properties on the Preservation Watch List.

### Connecting people to Alabama's heritage



Visitors at the Freedom Rides Museum view a sculpture that the Freedom Riders inspired. The museum opened in May 2011 and is located in the historic Greyhound Bus Station in Montgomery.

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Added **2,301 historic buildings, sites, and structures** to the Alabama Inventory.

Listed **10 entries in the National Register of Historic Places**, a nationwide listing of America's places worth preserving.

Assisted owners of **4 properties** qualify for federal rehabilitation tax credits, resulting in over **\$5.6 million in private investment** in Alabama's historic places.

Listed **47 entries in the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage**.

Listed **52 cemeteries in the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register**.

Provided guidance and assistance to **29 cities** with historic preservation ordinances protecting over **13,526** historic houses, schools, community buildings, commercial buildings and places of worship.

Reviewed **8 permits** for actions that affect cemeteries.

Reviewed **1,917 federally funded, licensed, or permitted projects** for impacts on historic resources, clearing 1,611 on first review.

Engaged **1,223 volunteers in 13,338 hours of assistance** at AHC historic sites.

Protected **87 properties with easements**.

Educated **244 people** about the national Main Street small town, downtown economic development program.

## Helping revitalize historic downtowns



Historic preservation creates high-skill, high-wage jobs and develops local economies. Above, construction workers restore steel windows on the historic Lincoln Mill in Huntsville, a mixed-use development.