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# ANNUAL REPORT 2012

Welcomed **350,695 visitors** to our historic sites to learn and experience Alabama history at the places it was made.

**Acquired \$658,647 in private and public funds** to develop and interpret AHC historic sites.

**Listed 139 cemeteries** in the **Alabama Historic Cemetery Register**.



## Connecting People to Alabama's Heritage

*Re-enactor enthralls thousands of children during Frontier Days.*

*This five-day annual event at Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson captured the imagination of nearly 14,000 people.*

Provided **learning opportunities for 43,206 people** at lectures, conferences, workshops, public presentations, hearings, or special programs.

## Received a Top National Trust for Historic Preservation Award

for the Freedom Rides Museum—Montgomery Greyhound Bus Station.



**Freedom Rides Museum Won Major National Preservation Award.**

**Acquired \$658,647 in private and public funds** to develop and interpret AHC historic sites.

**Assisted land owners to protect 89 historic properties** with easements.

**Responded to 16,527 requests for information;** assisted in understanding, protecting, and interpreting Alabama's historic and prehistoric treasures.

**Attracted 111,658 visitors** to our website for information on protecting, preserving, interpreting, and visiting Alabama's historic places.

Garnered **370 media stories** on AHC programs, events, historic sites, and staff.

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

**Assisted owners** of four historic buildings to **invest \$4.39 million in rehabilitations** that qualified for the federal rehabilitation tax credit.

**Informed approximately 5,800 people** about AHC activities and preservation issues with 37,142 copies of Preservation Report.

Provided guidance and **assistance to 29 cities with historic preservation ordinances** protecting over 13,942 historic places.

**Responded to 122 requests about endangered properties** and monitored 345 properties on the Preservation Watch List.

**Added 2,048 new** historic buildings, sites, and structures **to the Alabama Inventory** and **digitized 14,225 existing records.**

**Listed nine nominations**, with 4,025 properties, in the **National Register of Historic Places**, a nationwide listing of America's places worth preserving.

Educated more than 400 people from 22 states at an AHC supported **National Rosenwald Schools Conference** in Tuskegee.

**Listed 30 nominations** with 244 related resources in the **Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.**

**Reviewed 2,025 federal actions** for impacts on historic resources.

**Reopened Restored General Joe Wheeler Home at Pond Spring**, returning nearly 10,000 newly cleaned and conserved artifacts to the house.

