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Historic Preservation Tax Incentive project certified in Huntsville

On May 27, the National Park Service (NPS) certified a building rehabilitation project for the Public Inn at 205 Williams Avenue SE in Huntsville. Located in the Twickenham Historic District, the house was built in 1818, and rehabilitated in 1926 and again in 1992. The building's owner, Doug Martinson II of Huntsville, will receive a 20% federal tax credit for all eligible rehabilitation expenditures.

The Public Inn operated as an inn and boarding house that was managed by William E. Phillips from 1819-21. The inn may have housed some of the delegates to the nearby Alabama Constitutional Convention in 1819. The inn was rolled on logs to this site in 1926, and an addition was built on the rear in 1927. It is one of the few surviving Federal-period frame structures in Huntsville. The NPS listed the building to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

The NPS jointly administers the Preservation Tax Incentive program with the IRS. The program offers a 20% tax credit to owners who rehabilitate an historic building that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The building can be listed individually, or as a contributing structure in a National Register historic district. To be eligible for the incentive, the property must be used for income-producing purposes.

The Alabama Historical Commission manages the program in Alabama.

To learn more about the tax incentive, visit: www.preserveala.org/taxcredits.aspx.

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