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OLD GREENSBORO HOTEL NAMED TO ALABAMA'S 2013 PLACES IN PERIL

The Alabama Historical Commission and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation announce the 2013 "Places in Peril" list. Released each year during National Historic Preservation Month, the listing calls attention to some of Alabama's most significant endangered landmarks.

"These are places that make our communities distinctive and tell us who we are as a people," said Frank W. White, the Commission's executive director.

David Schneider, Senior Director of Preservation Services at the Alabama Trust, states "Each year people are energized to take action. And this helps places survive to serve as essential assets for community revitalization."

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the "Places in Peril" program. Since 1994 these preservation advocacy groups have highlighted 216 imperiled historic sites throughout Alabama. Three quarters of the places on the list are still standing, with one quarter having a secure future.

Old Greensboro Hotel, Hale County

Once an elegant downtown hotel, the Greensboro Hotel remains a local landmark with great potential for revival. All it needs is a new owner committed to a new future.

Impressive brickwork is its most significant feature. Brick-arched doors and windows stand out prominently. The hotel began as a two-story building with "Flemish bond" bricklaying: a decorative pattern created by alternating short and long sides of brick. This type of brickwork indicates an early construction date, possibly as early as 1830. When the third story was constructed around 1890, they added the elaborate brick cornice. A pressed metal cornice caps the building, displaying the hotel's name.

Around the turn of the century, owners added two-story cast iron balconies on the front and side streets. Today the hotel guests and cast iron balconies are gone but the old Greensboro Hotel is ready for new uses. Redevelopment options include housing, offices, restaurant, or retail space.

Your local contact is Mickey Harrow at 334.624.3074. For more information about the Places In Peril program, telephone Melanie Betz at 334.230.2645 or go to www.preserveala.org/placesinperil.com.

The Places in Peril list carries no formal protection, but it does build awareness in local communities about endangered sites, and can help generate support to preserve these places.

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ALABAMA'S MOST ENDANGERED SITES FOR 2013

- Greensboro Hotel, Hale County
- Urquhart House, Huntsville vicinity, Madison County
- Painted Bluff, Marshall County
- Thomas Jefferson Hotel, Birmingham, Jefferson County
- Old Grace Episcopal Church, Sheffield, Colbert County
- Searcy House, Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County
- Troy Masonic Lodge, Pike County
- Chappell House, Montgomery, Montgomery County
- Carrollton Male and Female Academy, Pickens County
- Rosa A. Lott School, Citronelle, Mobile County

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