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## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX INCENTIVE PROJECT CERTIFIED FOR MOBILE'S HALL-FORD HOUSE**

On May 19 the National Park Service (NPS) certified a building rehabilitation tax credit project for the Hall-Ford House, located at 165 St. Emanuel Street in Mobile's Fort Condé Village. Constructed in 1836, the property served as a residence and servants' quarters. Today it is the Fort Conde Inn, a boutique hotel.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Hall-Ford House contributes to the Church Street East Historic District. The City of Mobile owns the house, but Lawrence R. Posner holds a long-term lease and also developed the property.

The Creole cottage features a full-length, two-story porch with fluted stucco columns on the first level and fluted wood columns on the upper level. The two-story brick servants' quarters also had a two-level gallery that Posner recreated as part of this project.

Posner also restored Mobile's Spear-Barter House, which the NPS certified last year as a tax credit project. The Spear-Barter House stands next to the Hall-Ford House. The developer receives a 20% tax credit for all eligible expenditures associated with the rehabilitation of the houses.

The NPS jointly administers the Preservation Tax Incentive program with the IRS. The program offers a 20% tax credit to owners who rehabilitate properties listed individually in the National Register or as contributing resources in a National Register historic district. Only income-producing properties meet the requirements for the tax incentive.

The Alabama Historical Commission manages the program in Alabama.

To learn more about the tax incentive, visit: [www.preserveala.org/taxcredits.aspx](http://www.preserveala.org/taxcredits.aspx).

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