

# Historic Resources Commission of Asheville & Buncombe County

Update for Buncombe County Board of Commissioners



BUNCOMBE COUNTY



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## Purpose

The Historic Resources Commission (HRC) is a municipal historic preservation agency charged with preserving and protecting the cultural and architectural character of Asheville and Buncombe County. In addition to reviewing proposed projects affecting locally designated historic properties, the HRC is responsible for local district and landmark designation. The HRC functions as an educational resource within the community, and strives to foster Asheville's unique sense of place through its preservation efforts.



# Dates and Accomplishments

## Winter 2020

- Designation of the [Lewie Muller Griffith House](#) as a Local Historic Landmark

## Fall 2019

- [Thomas Wolfe Master Plan](#) completed

## Winter 2018

- Initiated the [African American Heritage Resource Survey](#)

## Spring 2015

- Completion and adoption of the [Historic Preservation Master Plan for Asheville & Buncombe County](#)



# Activities

- As a joint City-County commission, it is important for both agencies to stay informed of the HRC's current initiatives, accomplishments and responsibilities.
- Overview of work completed since last update
  - Challenge: County-wide architectural survey update
  - Success: Architectural survey of underrepresented communities within the City
- 160D Legislative Updates
- UDO Ch. 7-15 Updates



# Financial Update

- Since 2010, the City has sought funding from the County to support the HRC and its supporting staff via the County's Strategic Partnership Program.
- Beginning last year, Strategic Partnership Funding was available only to non-profit agencies.
- The County's Planning & Development Department allocated \$4,174 to support the HRC Program in December 2020.
- Total programmatic budget for FY 20/21 is \$164,276.



# Other Items

- Work with Burton Street neighborhood to complete pattern book
- Continue to work towards completion of architectural survey of all African American historic resources in Asheville & Buncombe County
- Continue to seek funding to update the County-wide architectural survey
- Present the Historic Preservation Master Plan for Asheville & Buncombe County to the Buncombe County Commission for adoption

