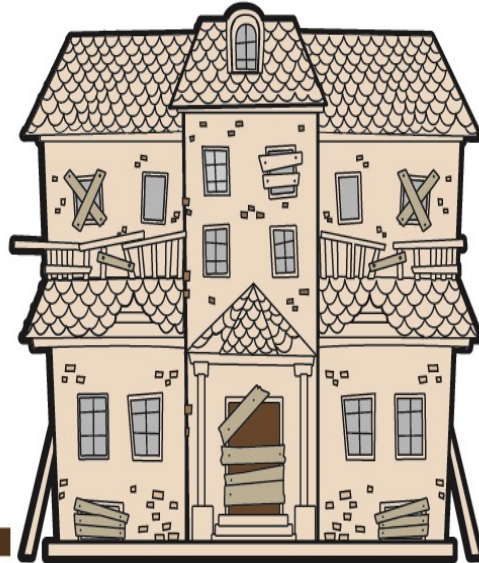




MOST *ENDANGERED* PLACES

2025



Mount Gilead Baptist Church



Nominated by
Pastor Lorenzo R. Jones and Delories McGhee



Mount Gilead Baptist Church



Stained glass dome



Pews face elevated choir loft



Mount Gilead Baptist Church

600 Grove Street

- Is Fort Worth's Oldest African-American Church
 - Designed by Sanguinet & Staats
 - Built in 1912-1913 Built by JWO Guinn with B.W. Owens Lumber Company
 - Windows in the raised basement have been covered with tile.
 - In the TCHRS and thought to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
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North Fort Worth (Primera) Baptist Church





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1519 Circle Park Blvd.

- The Congregation was established in 1891, and the church was built in 1927.
 - The church has 3 distinct buildings, and all are clad in buff brick. They are unified by an interior corridor system.
 - The style is Classical Moderne.
 - The building is vacant. Earlier this year the neighborhood turned down a plan that would include mixed-rate housing and childcare, as the historic façade was designated and restored.
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MOST **ENDANGERED** PLACES

Farrington Field





Farrington Field

1501 University Drive

- Designed by Preston M. Geren Sr.
 - Built in 1938-39
 - In 2021 HFW submitted Farrington Field and Public Schools Gymnasium to the National Parks Service for their consideration for the National Register, which transpired. The west-facing facade has two stylized cast concrete *bas-relief* sculptures that were designed by
 - Fort Worth Circle artist Eveline Sellors.
 - On HFW's Endangered list in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2022.
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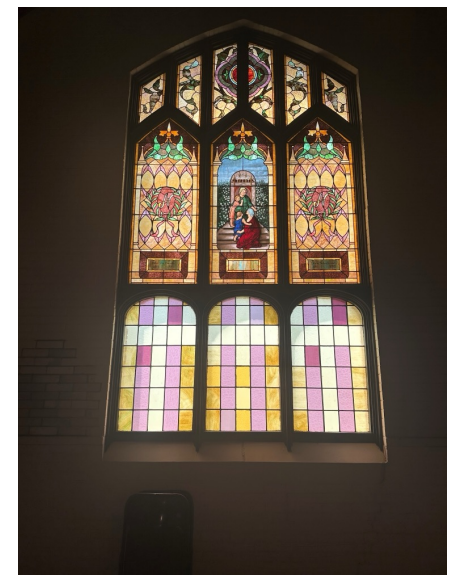
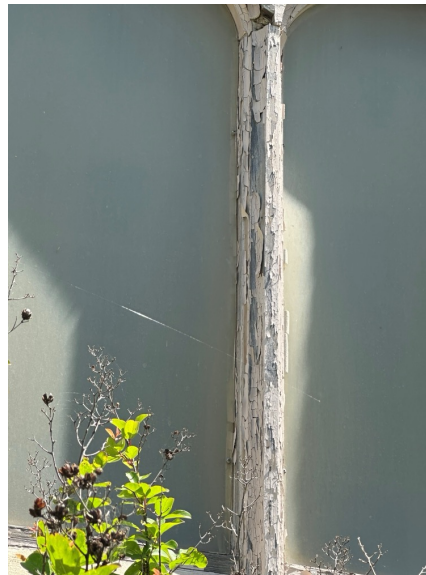


Oakwood Cemetery Chapel





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701 Grand Avenue

- The Oakwood Cemetery Chapel is built on land donated in 1879 by John Peter Smith. The Chapel roof must be replaced due to water penetration, and the gorgeous stained-glass windows are secured by wooden frames that are severely rotted. Local luminaries buried in the cemetery are Electra Waggoner, Samuel Burk Burnett, Jim “longhaired Jim” Courtright, Hora S. Carswell, Jr. and John Peter Smith.
 - The project cost is estimated to be \$100,000 and the Oakwood Cemetery Association is a 501(c) (3) charity.
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Undesignated Historic Schools

Although some of Fort Worth's schools are landmarked, most are not. Declining enrollment and deferred maintenance are threatening many school buildings. These historic schools shape the neighborhoods where they are located.



S.S. Dillow Elementary





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4000 Avenue N

- **FWISD Board of Trustees voted on April 22, 2025 to close the school after the 2024-25 school year.**
 - The first portion of the school was built in 1937 as part of the PWA. It was named after Samuel S. Dillow, a Polytechnic civic leader. Dillow was a grocery store operator and President of First State Bank of Polytechnic. He was also a Poly School Board Trustee. This Mediterranean building has undergone many additions, most of which were designed by Easterwood & Easterwood Architects.
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McLean Middle School





McLean Middle School

3816 Stadium Drive

- Designed in the International style in 1955 by Wilson Patterson & Associates, and constructed by Cadenhead and Roeser, McLean features a flat roof and large expanses of metal hopper-style windows.
 - Named for William Pickney McLean, a lawyer, soldier and politician who was born in 1836 and died in 1926. It is thought to be ineligible for the National Register, but that decision should be reviewed.
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J.P. Elder Middle School





J.P. Elder Middle School

709 NW 21st Street

- Designed by Wylie G. Clarkson in the Tudor Style
 - Built by Butcher & Sweeney in 1927
 - The building is 3 stories and clad in polychrome brick
 - Designated Demolition Delay by the City of Fort Worth
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Hubbard Heights Elementary School





Hubbard Heights Elementary School

1333 Spurgeon Street

- Constructed in 1922 as a 2-story, 6-room brick building, Hubbard Heights began as a Tarrant County common school. In 1934 the building was expanded with a \$96,000 addition, the first project to be completed as part of the Public Works Administration program in Fort Worth. Architect Elmer Withers gave the building its present Mediterranean Revival appearance with its cross-gabled roof sheathed with red clay tile and its yellow brick exterior.
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Richard J. Wilson Elementary School





Richard J. Wilson Elementary School

900 West Fogg Street

- In 1913, the South Fort Worth Common School District purchased this property from Interurban Land Co. In 1914 the school opened as South Fort Worth School. The basement is heavily rusticated and is a slightly darker color brick than the upper two floors. The building is constructed with red brick and cast stone window sills, coping and decorative banding. The school has undergone many additions. Richard Wilson was a long-time principal, and the school was renamed in his honor.
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Local, state and federal tax credits or incentives for the rehabilitation of historic buildings

Local, state and federal tax credits or incentives for the rehabilitation of historic buildings are available to those who comply with various governmental programs.

Please see:

- <https://historicfortworth.org/resources/tax-incentives-and-education/>
 - Additional information in handout.
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City of Fort Worth Historic Rehabilitation Program. (A 10-year property valuation tax freeze on the city's portion of your tax bill.)

<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/development-services/historic-preservation#section-5>

Statewide Program for 25% Restoration Tax Credit

For commercial and/or non-profit owned buildings

<https://thc.texas.gov/preserve/grants-tax-credits-and-funding/historic-preservation-tax-credits/texas-historic>

https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/publications/tax_credit-report-2022.pdf

Federal Incentive for 20% Tax Credit

For Commercial Buildings

<https://thc.texas.gov/preserve/grants-tax-credits-and-funding/historic-preservation-tax-credits/federal-rehabilitation>

The State and Federal Tax Credits can work together for certain projects.

<https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/forms/factsheets/thc-architecture-pti-factsheet.pdf>

PRESERVATION GRANTS

African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund Grants of the National Trust for Historic Preservation

1. The African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund works to advance the broader preservation movement towards a more diverse and equitable representation of American history. Grants showcase the beauty and complexity of Black history and culture in America, while underscoring the urgent need to protect, preserve and interpret these invaluable American assets.

Action Fund grant requirements and deadlines vary. Visit the links below to access the most up-to-date information, as well as for application guidelines and deadlines.

<https://savingplaces.org/action-fund-grants>

2. Action Fund National Grant \$50,000 to \$150,000

Action Fund national grants advance ongoing preservation activities for historic places such as sites, museums, and landscapes that represent African American cultural heritage. Funding supports work in four primary areas: Capital Projects, Organizational Capacity Building, Project Planning, and Programming and Interpretation.

<https://savingplaces.org/action-fund-grants>

3. Preserving Black Churches \$50,000 to \$200,000

The Action Fund, with support from the Lilly Endowment Inc, is investing in historic Black churches and congregations to reimagine, redesign, and deploy historic preservation to address the institutions' needs and the cultural assets and stories they steward. We are leveraging historic preservation as a tool for equity and reconciliation and celebrating historic Black churches as centers of heritage, community, and cultural life.

<https://savingplaces.org/preserving-black-churches-guidelines>

National Fund for Sacred Places: \$50,000 to \$250,000

A collaboration between Partners for Sacred Places and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

www.FundForSacredPlaces.org

Grants/Funding Incentives Affiliated with the Texas Historical Commission

1. Texas Preservation Trust Fund \$10,000 to \$50,000

For eligible historic structures, archeological sites, and heritage education projects

<https://thc.texas.gov/preserve/grants-tax-credits-and-funding/texas-preservation-trust-fund>



The Texas Historical Commission (THC) awards grants for preservation projects from the Texas Preservation Trust Fund (TPTF). The Texas Legislature established the TPTF in 1989. The fund is currently managed by the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company. Investment earnings are distributed as matching grants to qualified applicants for acquisition, survey, restoration, preservation, planning, and heritage education activities leading to the preservation of historic architectural and archeological properties and associated collections of the State of Texas. Competitive grants are awarded on a one-to-one match basis and are paid as reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred during the project.

The TPTF grant program application process is a two-step process. All applicants are required to submit an application form to the THC for review. The THC selects the highest-priority projects from the initial applications and invites those applicants to move forward to the second step.

Grant awards are typically in the \$10,000 - \$50,000 range.

To be eligible for grant assistance, applicants must provide a minimum of \$1 in cash to match each state dollar of approved project costs. For every \$2 spent, \$1 is reimbursed, up to the grant amount.

Grant applications are scored in four areas: endangerment, significance, project viability, and special considerations. Review the scoring criteria in the TPTF Grant Program Application Guide ([link below](#)).

Grant awards may be used for restoration work, architectural planning, archeological investigation, archeology curatorial, preservation planning, resource survey, and heritage education training.

2. Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program

The Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program was established through [Texas House Bill 500](#) during the 83rd Texas Legislative Session and went into effect on January 1, 2015. The state historic tax credit is worth 25 percent of eligible rehabilitation costs and is available for buildings listed in the National Register of Historic Places, as well as Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks and Texas State Antiquities Landmarks. The program is administered jointly by the Texas Historical Commission (THC) in cooperation with the [Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts](#). Administrative rules for implementation of the program are found in the [Texas Administrative Code, Title 13, Part II, Chapter 13](#).

The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive Program also offers a 20 percent tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic buildings. Established in 1976, the federal historic tax credit program is also a significant financial incentive for the reuse of historic buildings and revitalization of historic downtowns. Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of both financial incentives when possible and apply to both programs together.

OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

HistoricFunding.com was created by the team that manages the comprehensive resource for historic preservation and cultural resource management, [PreservationDirectory.com](#).

Launched in Spokane, WA in 1999, based in Portland, OR from 2002-2018, and now located in Rochester, NY, **PreservationDirectory.com** provides a wide-array of resources for those looking to restore their home or commercial building; add their property to the National Register of Historic Places; find employment in the historic and cultural resources fields; find and work with their local historical society, State Historic Preservation Office, or downtown and main street program; read about local and national news of interest to the preservation community; find a great lecture, conference or historic tour; and so much more.

The number one asked question, received on a daily basis, though, is “how do I find funding for my project?”. While [PreservationDirectory.com](#) does provide basic information about grants, tax incentives and other funding sources, we wanted to create the most comprehensive [funding resource for historic preservation](#), cultural resource management, and the arts.

HistoriCorps

Not Money; but people with restoration skills

HistoriCorps is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides volunteers of all skill levels with a hands-on experience preserving historic structures on public lands across America. Volunteers work with HistoriCorps field staff to learn preservation skills and put those skills to work saving historic places that have fallen into disrepair. HistoriCorps works to ensure America’s cultural and historical resources exist for generations to come.

<https://historiccorps.org/>



COMPARISON OF FEDERAL AND STATE HISTORIC TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS

	Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program	Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program
Credit applies to:	Federal Income Tax	Texas Franchise Tax or Texas Insurance Premium Tax
Percent credit offered:	20% of qualified expenditures	25% of qualified expenditures*
Credit recipient:	Current owner(s)	Current owner(s) May transfer whole or partial credit to others
Eligible applicants:	Individuals, companies, partnerships	Individuals, companies, partnerships and nonprofits
Eligible building uses:	Income-producing only	Income-producing, nonprofit, or public university systems
Required historic designation:	National Register (individual or district)	National Register (individual or district), Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, or State Antiquities Landmark Required when credit is claimed
Minimum project:	\$5,000/value of building (whichever is greater)	\$5,000
Application structure:	3-part Federal application (1, 2, 3)	3-part application that mirrors Federal (A, B, C)
Recapture period:	5 years	No recapture period
Time limit for use of credits:	20 years	5 years
Architectural oversight:	National Park Service (NPS) certifies with THC's recommendation	Texas Historical Commission (THC) certifies projects NPS reviews first if applying for Federal and State
Financial oversight:	Credit managed by IRS	Credit managed by Texas Comptroller
Application deadline:	Must apply before project completion	Projects completed between September 1, 2013 and January 1, 2015 may apply after project completion; all others must apply before project completion

*Federal and State programs use the same definition for Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditures.

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