



AGENCY DIVISIONS

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) works to save the real places that tell the real stories of Texas. THC staff consults with citizens and organizations to preserve Texas' architectural, archeological and cultural landmarks. The agency is recognized nationally for its preservation programs.

Archeology Divisions

The Archeology Division works to identify, protect and preserve Texas' irreplaceable archeological heritage.

Division staff:

- Reviews public construction projects that may impact significant archeological sites.
 - Administers the State Archeological Landmark (SAL) designation program.
 - Serves as support staff for the Texas Antiquities Advisory Board, which evaluates sites for SAL designation and issues state antiquities permits.
 - Records and evaluates archeological sites.
 - Conducts and reports on archeological research and investigations.
 - Directs the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network, a statewide network of avocational archeologists who assist THC archeologists in preserving valuable sites and collections.
 - Coordinates with public and private partners to observe Texas Archeology Month each October.
 - Administers an active marine archeology program, including the acclaimed *Belle Archeology Project*.
 - Recognizes Texas landowners who have worked to protect important archeological sites through the Texas Historic Lands Plaque program.
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Architecture Division

The Architecture Division is dedicated to protecting Texas' diverse architectural heritage.

Division staff:

- Reviews projects eligible for rehabilitation tax credits.
- Monitors the state's 46 National Historic Landmarks.

- Manages the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, Texas Preservation Trust Fund and Preservation Tax Incentive programs.
 - Monitors the condition of historic county courthouses and provides matching grants to assist courthouse restoration projects throughout the state.
 - Oversees maintenance of the Texas Governor's Mansion and the THC's historic buildings.
 - Holds preservation agreements for significant cultural landmarks to ensure long-term preservation of the property.
 - Reviews public construction projects that impact historic properties.
 - Assists property owners and developers to qualify for rehabilitation tax credits.
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Community Heritage Development Division

The Community Heritage Development Division acts in partnership with communities and regions to revitalize historic areas, stimulate tourism and encourage economic development through the use of preservation strategies.

Division staff:

- Administers the Texas Main Street Program, one of the most successful downtown revitalization programs in the nation.
- Facilitates community-based preservation planning initiatives through the Visionaries in Preservation Program.
- Encourages regional development of heritage tourism resources through the Texas Heritage Trails Program by providing technical, financial and marketing assistance to cities and regions across Texas.
- Evaluates the economic impact of historic preservation and heritage tourism in Texas.
- Administers the Certified Local Government Program, which provides preservation training and matching grants to qualified cities and counties to develop and sustain an effective local preservation program based on federal guidelines.

Historic Sites Division

The Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Historic Sites Division is responsible for operating the agency's 20 historic properties throughout the state. These sites tell the real stories of Texas history in authentic settings. Headquarter's staff members provide assistance to field staff in architecture, archeology, collection management, interpretation and marketing.

THC State Historic Sites:

- Acton, Acton, Hood County
- Caddoan Mounds, Alto, Cherokee County
- Casa Navarro, San Antonio, Bexar County
- Confederate Reunion Grounds, Mexia, Limestone County
- Eisenhower Birthplace, Denison, Grayson County
- Fannin Battleground, Fannin, Goliad County
- Fort Griffin, Albany, Shackelford County
- Fort Lancaster, Sheffield, Crockett County
- Fort McKavett, Fort McKavett, Menard County
- Fulton Mansion, Rockport, Aransas County
- Landmark Inn, Castroville, Medina County
- Levi Jordan Plantation, Brazoria, Brazoria County
(Currently not open to the public)
- Magoffin Home, El Paso, El Paso County
- National Museum of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg, Gillespie County
- Sabine Pass Battleground, Sabine Pass, Jefferson County
- Sam Bell Maxey House, Paris, Lamar County
- Sam Rayburn House Museum, Bonham, Fannin County
- San Felipe, San Felipe, Austin County
- Starr Family Home, Marshall, Harrison County
- Varner-Hogg Plantation, West Columbia, Brazoria County

History Programs Division

The History Programs Division provides preservation assistance to local governments, state and federal agencies, the state's 254 county historical commissions, museums, nonprofit preservation organizations, volunteers, students, educators and the general public.

Division staff:

- Administers a program to list Texas properties and sites in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Coordinates a statewide survey of historic resources in Texas and assists local communities with historic sites survey efforts.
- Administers the state's highly successful historical marker program.
- Provides consultation and a matching grant program for conservation projects to history museums across the state.
- Coordinates a historic cemetery designation and preservation assistance program.
- Provides training and education materials to county historical commissions.
- Manages a military sites program to document, commemorate, preserve and promote historic sites involving military personnel in Texas and other states.

Marketing Communications Division

The Marketing Communications Division promotes the agency's programs and projects and develops outreach strategies to increase awareness of the agency's mission and purpose.

Division staff:

- Develops and implements marketing communications campaigns.
- Coordinates public and media relations and staffs the public information office.
- Designs and produces promotional materials such as brochures, programs, ads, invitations and flyers.
- Produces and maintains the agency's web site www.thc.state.tx.us.
- Develops and implements all heritage tourism marketing, advertising and promotions.
- Plans and executes special events, press conferences and the Annual Historic Preservation Conference.
- Publishes the agency's bimonthly newsletter, *The Medallion*.
- Provides photography services.



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