

Alabama's historic and archaeological places are at risk!

The Alabama Historical Commission is facing a devastating 45% budget cut for FY 2012.

Please contact your legislators today. [click here](#)

Tell them this cut is too deep.

Ask them to add \$250,000 to the Governor's request.

This will reduce our cut to 36%. Even at this level, we are faced with:

- **eliminating or crippling essential programs** and services like
 - documenting, monitoring and registering state landmarks and cemeteries
 - ending digitization of irreplaceable data about Alabama buildings
 - on-site professional assessments of buildings and archeological sites
 - training and assistance programs
- **reducing or ending educational programs** like
 - Alabama Frontier Days at Fort Toulouse
 - summer Candlelight Tours at Fort Morgan
 - tours of our Alabama Capitol
- **closing or reducing hours** at historic sites across the state
- **losing income** from admissions and gift shop sales, compounding the cuts
- **ending needed capital repairs** and rehab projects on our historic sites
- **laying off staff**, losing irreplaceable expertise

Tell them you value **Alabama's heritage** and the services and programs the Alabama Historical Commission provides your community.

Tell them you value **your local historic site** and its positive impact on your community.

Tell them preservation is a **powerful tool** for economic development.

PRESERVATION:

- **creates private sector jobs** at all income levels in construction and tourism industries
- **increases property values and tax revenues**, returning vacant buildings to tax rolls
- **enhances tourism**—the state's #2 industry
- **provides affordable spaces for small businesses**—our key job generators
- **maintains capital investments** made by earlier generations
- **helps create the kind of communities that attract industry**

IMPACT OF PRESERVATION CUTS FOR ALABAMA COMMUNITIES

- **lower tax revenues** from sales, income and property tax
- **loss of private sector jobs** and household income
- **less attractive image** for tourists and industry
- **irretrievable loss of our cultural and historic heritage**

Tell them Economic Development, Jobs, and Alabama's Heritage are at stake