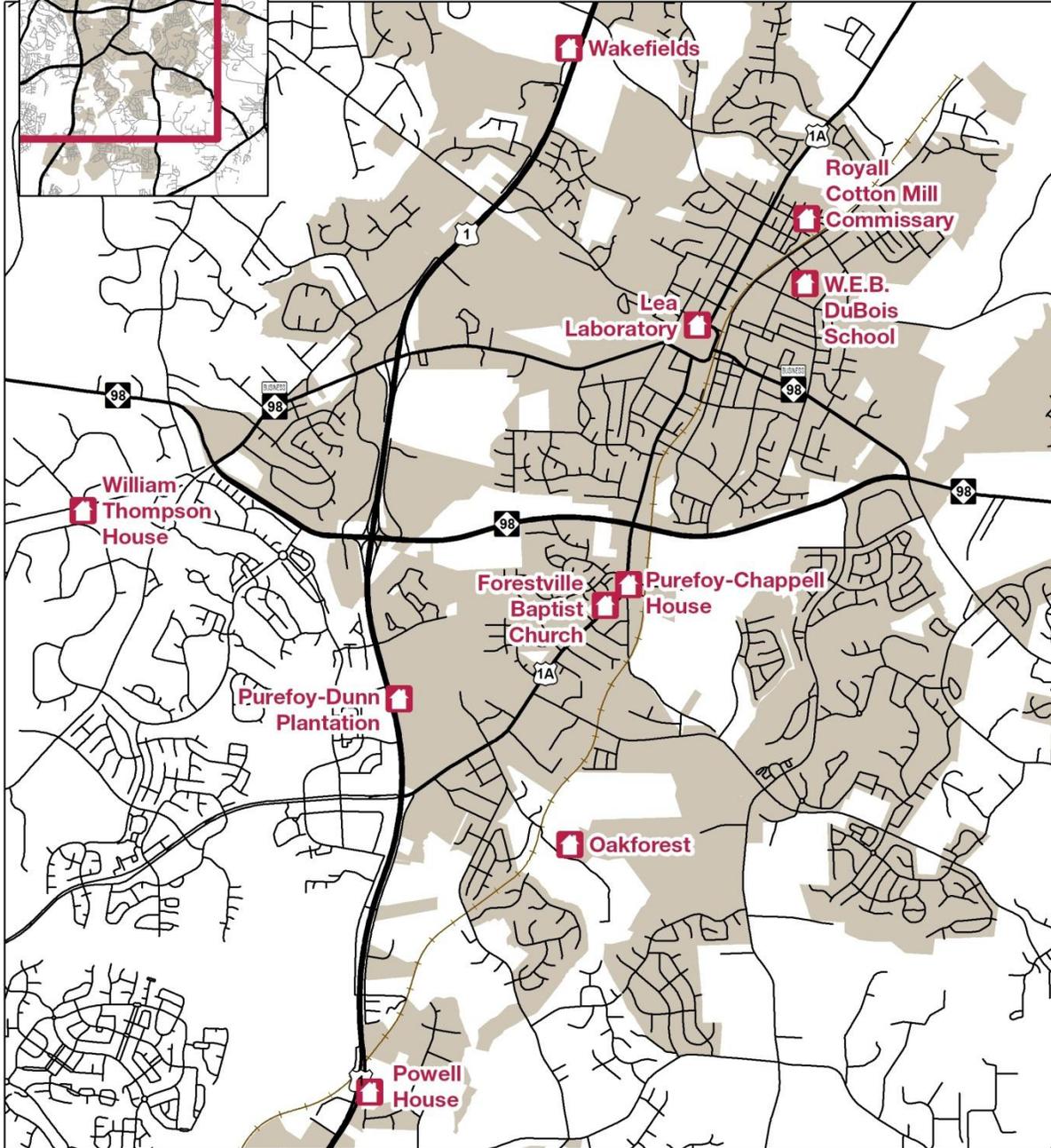


# Historic Sites in the National Register

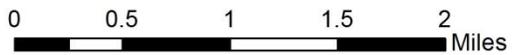


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# INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

A number of properties in Wake Forest or the surrounding area are individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places. As such, these properties are eligible for preservation tax credits. These properties include:

## **W.E.B DuBois School** (built 1926-1942)

listed 10/5/1993

518 North Franklin Street



**Forestville Baptist Church** (built 1860)

Listed 10/25/1984

1350 South Main Street



**Lea Laboratory** (now Broyhill Hall) (built 1888, remodeled/expanded 1920)

Listed 5/29/1975

North Avenue, campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary,



**Oakforest** (built c. 1807)  
Listed 6/11/1998  
9958 Seawell Drive



**Powell House**  
Listed 10/15/1974  
10200 Capital Blvd.



**Purefoy-Chappell House** (built 1838, expanded c. 1895)  
Listed 10/22/2008  
1255 South Main Street



## Purefoy-Dunn Plantation

Listed 3/24/1988  
11300 Capital Blvd.



## Royall Cotton Mill Commissary

Listed 10/16/1991  
811 Brewer Avenue,



## William Thompson House

(built 1840, moved and  
renovated 2004)  
Listed 9/15/2005  
2328 Old NC 98 Hwy.



**Wakefields**

Listed 10/6/1974  
13371 Wake Union Church  
Road



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# VISION STATEMENT, POLICIES, and ACTIVITIES

## VISION STATEMENT:

The Wake Forest Historic Preservation Commission adopted an overall Historic Preservation Goal/Vision Statement:

*“To safeguard the heritage of the Town, by preserving districts and landmarks that embody important elements of its culture, history, architectural history, or prehistory and to promote the use and conservation of such districts and landmarks for the education, pleasure, and enrichment of the residents of the Town, the County, and the State as a whole.”*

## POLICIES:

The following policy statements and activities were the results of discussion during a Special Community Workshop held in January 2012. The bulk of these Policies and Activities were developed from the consensus and group discussions during that workshop. Attendees voted on their priorities within seven different categories, represented by the six following policy statements. The two categories on education at the workshop were combined here into one. After voting the attendees divided into separate discussion groups, based on the categories, to discuss the issues involved. The items within each target group that received the highest number of votes are included in this document along with the results of the group discussions.

**Policy HP-1: Historic Preservation Education** targeting the Community at Large, Historic Property Owners and Occupants, and Members of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) should include a special emphasis on Local History and Architecture, the Historic District Design Guidelines, and Preservation Methods and Techniques.

Education is important for the community at large in order for the community and town government to give historic preservation its deserved priority. People do care about preserving local history. This policy should include the education of planning department staff, in addition to HPC staff, and of town board members, realtors, school children, newcomers to town, staff from the Chamber of Commerce, etc. Activities should include more workshops and presentations for the public, bring in outside instructors, provide incentives for preservation, etc. The HPC should be more cutting edge, providing technical assistance to owners and occupants of historic properties, and cultivating a heightened public awareness of the importance of historic preservation to the overall well-being of the community. Historic preservation is an economic driver as well as a quality of life issue and important to the welfare of the town as a whole. Our local history and architecture is like a “calling card” for the town.

**Policy HP-2: Communication Tools** should be utilized, especially the Town Web Page, a Historic Properties Data Base, a Newsletter, working closely with the town Communications Department, and partnering with the news media to get the word out.

The Historic Preservation Commission and the town's Historic Preservation Program cannot be said to be successful without the appropriate use of Communication Tools. The town's Web Page was voted as the most important. This resource can provide a substantial amount of information about historic preservation in Wake Forest including the programs, events, the HPC, procedures, and information on historic districts and properties, information on preservation methods and techniques, and a historic property data base (the second highest vote getter). While the web page, an interactive data base, and activities of the town Communications Department are important sources of information for the public in the modern age it is also important to provide information to those who do not use these electronic methods of communication. Published and printed sources of information are important, such as a newsletter, available printed copies of maps and documents, and especially partnering with the news media to get the word out.

**Policy HP-3: Historic Preservation Programs** are important including Property Designation and Listing, Protecting Endangered Properties, Incentive Programs, and the Enforcement of the Historic District Design Guidelines.

Preservation Programs are all about preserving historic properties and neighborhoods. As one workshop attendee stated, "That's why we came!" Such programs should include identifying historic properties and getting them designated as local landmarks or listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Incentive programs such as tax credits or abatements can be very helpful and making it easier for the property owner to understand what and how to preserve their property, such as providing technical assistance, can provide greater incentives to protect historic properties. The Enforcement of the Historic District Design Guidelines is very important in order to protect the historic integrity of the local historic district but other areas and properties need protection, too.

**Policy HP-4: Physical Improvements** in Historic Neighborhoods should be encouraged including Pedestrian Lighting, Sidewalk Improvements, and Street Improvements.

Physical Improvements to historic neighborhoods is important in the overall quality of the neighborhood, both as a quality of life issue and as an attractiveness issue for visitors. Pedestrian lighting that provides safe lighting along sidewalks is necessary for safety and the perception of safety for residents and visitors. Wake Forest's historic areas consistently lack adequate pedestrian lighting. Such pedestrian lighting should be of a color and the fixtures of a design compatible with the historic character and period of the neighborhood. Lighting is an extraordinarily expensive improvement so should be budgeted and installed over a

period of time. However, plans should be in place and budgeting included every year toward this important project. Sidewalk and street improvements, and maintenance, need to be taken care of as needed. North Main Street is a NCDOT road and such improvements along this street must be made by that agency. Landscaping maintenance and improvements along the streets is handled by the town. Maintenance and replacement of dead street trees should be conducted in a timely fashion by the appropriate town department.

**Policy HP-5: Special Projects** in Historic Preservation should be encouraged including Town Policies in Support of Historic Preservation, the Protection of the Ailey Young House, and the Development of an Interactive Data Base.

Historic preservation Special Projects are numerous. The most important includes Town Policies in Support of Historic Preservation. When new projects and plans are proposed the town staff and advisory boards should consider the effect on historic properties and areas. Policies could help establish incentives for preservation, help with specific activities or events, etc. The need to protect and renovate the Ailey Young House was identified as a priority during the January workshop and Christmas decorations in the historic area were also mentioned. The development of a Data Base received a high number of votes. Generally, this means an interactive online data base that is available to the public. However, this also means a data base available for those who do not use electronic devices for access. The historic downtown was mentioned as an appropriate project as well as use of the railway as a historic greenway property.

**Policy HP-6: Special Events** in Historic Preservation should be encouraged including the Biennial Christmas Historic Home Tour, other Guided Historic Tours, and a Historic Home and Garden Tour.

The overwhelming majority voted that the biennial Christmas Historic Home Tour be given a highest priority as a continuing event. The possibility of other guided historic tours and a historic home and garden tour also received a substantial number of votes. Other events proposed were a children's scavenger hunt, an electronic IPod tour, a cemetery drama, or a ghost tour. A children's scavenger hunt could involve a self-guided tour of the downtown and historic district with rewards for finding all the items, such as "treat" items from downtown stores. Maybe a walk to town hall, incorporating a discussion on historic preservation and geared toward a particular grade, or an art show or concert at the Birthplace could be other potential events.

The following policies are included in the Wake Forest Community Plan and are hereby adopted as part of this plan:

**Policy ACH-5: Design Standards** should continue to be employed so that development and redevelopment is consistent with the architectural context, community character, economic attractiveness and livability of Wake Forest.

The Wake Forest Historic District Design Guidelines and the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation are consistently used by the Historic Preservation Commission while reviewing applications for Certificates of Appropriateness.

**Policy ACH-6: The identification, restoration, and active use** of structures, buildings, monuments, landmarks, sites and neighborhoods of historic or architectural significance shall be encouraged to safeguard the heritage of the town, and to enhance their educational, economic and cultural value to the community and State of North Carolina.

This is the primary function of the historic preservation program in Wake Forest. Toward this end the Historic Preservation Commission approves Certificates of Appropriateness, identifies and/or approves historic landmark properties and historic districts, and offers some limited educational opportunities for the public and property owners. Greater efforts in this area will be made in the educational and outreach area.

**Policy ACH-7: The destruction** of architectural, historic, and archaeological resources of Wake Forest shall be strongly discouraged.

In 2008 Wake Forest amended its zoning ordinance to authorize mandatory delay of demolition of historic properties for up to 365 days.

## PLAN MAINTENANCE:

This plan should be reviewed and revised by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and Board of Commissioners approximately every five years, as the Wake Forest Community Plan is revised, or as deemed necessary by the HPC.

# APPENDIX:

## Summary of a Special Community Workshop

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