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## Charleston County Zoning and Planning Department Receives 2017 Historic Preservation Award



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The Charleston County Zoning and Planning Department was honored during a ceremony at the State House on Friday June, 16 for receiving the Preservation Service Award for the 2016 Charleston County Historic Architectural Survey Update. In 2015, the department was awarded a Federal Historic Preservation Grant from the National Park Service to fund an update to the Charleston County Historical and Architectural Survey (last conducted in 1992). The department formed a sub-committee to assist with a survey update to preserve the local community by documenting more than 1300 resources, focusing on the historical significance of African American communities in the unincorporated areas of Charleston County. "It is truly an honor to receive this distinguished award. Our staff, consultant team and the citizens of Charleston County put an enormous amount of hard work into this survey. We see this as a step in the process to help preserve our historic communities and sites," said

Charleston County Zoning and Planning Director Joel Evans.

The awards were presented by Governor Henry McMaster, and were sponsored by the Office of the Governor, the South Carolina Archives and History Foundation, the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, and The Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation. The awards recognize excellent accomplishments in preservation, rehabilitation and interpretation of the state's architectural and cultural heritage. The awards include six categories; Honor, Stewardship, Preservation Service, Heritage Tourism, Elected Official Honor Award and the Governor Award.

### **About the South Carolina Archives and History Foundation**

The South Carolina Archives and History Foundation (SCAHF) is a non-profit organization supporting the programs and services of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. Since 1993, the SCAHF has been an integral partner in promoting the history of the Palmetto State through various outreach initiatives.

For more information on what a historical resource survey is and why it is important click [here](#).

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