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Alabama's Places in Peril for 2023 Announced; 2024 Nominations Now Open

Montgomery – The Alabama Historical Commission and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation are pleased to announce the 2023 Places in Peril, a program that highlights significant endangered properties. Since 1994, the Alabama Historical Commission and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation have joined forces to sponsor the program to call public attention to a select number of Alabama's threatened historic and archaeological sites to bring awareness to significant historic places that suffer from neglect, lack of financial support, or are threatened with demolition.

Places in Peril seeks to rally local and statewide support to elevate these sites, facilitate their preservation, and assure they remain in their communities for years to come. Endangered properties can be saved and returned to their places as treasured landmarks. Places in Peril has helped save many important landmarks that may otherwise have been lost.

Sites on the 2023 Places in Peril listing include D.M. Brasher Department Store and Brasher Hotel, Walker County; Morgan-Curtis House, Russell County; Dunbar High School, Jefferson County; Sand Town Community, Mobile County. The Places in Peril list is published on the Alabama Historical Commission website and is featured in the spring 2024 issue of Alabama Heritage.

"Places in Peril is an invaluable program to elevate and streamline preservation efforts for sites across our state that are under the threat of demolition or deterioration. These campaigns have been successful in saving cherished places for future generations," said Lisa D. Jones, Executive Director, Alabama Historical Commission and State Historic Preservation Officer.

Nominations for Places in Peril are accepted on an annual basis; any type of building, ruin, site, or place can be eligible for nomination. The nomination period for Places in Peril 2024 is now open to coincide with National Historic Preservation Month, a nationwide movement to celebrate and promote historic places and heritage tourism. Nominations close on October 31, 2024. For more information on the Places in Peril program, click here.

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About the Alabama Historical Commission

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic places. AHC works to accomplish its mission through two fields of endeavor: Preservation and promotion of state-owned historic sites as public attractions; and statewide programs to assist people, groups, towns, and cities with local preservation activities. For a complete list of programs and properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit ahc.alabama.gov