



## OVERVIEW

The Texas Historical Commission is producing this plan to align preservation efforts at the local, regional, and state levels. This is a preservation plan for Texans by Texans. Key stakeholders represent communities, organizations, and causes related to Texas history and cultural resources.

**Texas' 2022-2032 SWP will have a special focus on disaster resiliency—preparedness, response, and recovery—and how the state's historic and cultural resources are handling these issues.**

## TIMELINE

**PHASE 1** focuses on community engagement, defining Texas stakeholder needs and opinions related to historic preservation, and developing a base line of information for analysis and decision-making.

**PHASE 2** will focus on building on Phase 1 planning, analysis and stakeholder engagement results by preparing draft and final deliverable documents. It also includes additional stakeholder reflection, fine-tuning, comments and review.

## OUR RESILIENT HERITAGE ★ ≡

THE 2022-2032

## TEXAS STATEWIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

### **An Application to the County:**

Every county in Texas has a historical committee vested with the responsibility for submitting applications for historical markers to the State. Once an applicant has completed an application, including the on-line form, narrative and other attachments, it is sent to the County Marker Chair which is I, John Roppolo, in this case. I then review the entire application to assure that all parts are present, then send to the two members of my committee plus our commission chair and co-chair. They read and review the application and rate it using the guidelines on the state website. We pay close attention to all required signatures, especially the property owner, the quality of the narrative, and any attachments. The committee members then communicate with me---giving the application an approval, an approval with corrections to be made or rejection usually based on a poorly written and undocumented narrative. The application then goes to the full Dallas County Historical Commission for its vote. Once approved, the application along with the \$100 deposit goes to the State for their procedure by deadline. It is important to note that the county's deadline is not the same as the State. We must have at least a month to complete the local process so look on the county's website to ascertain the deadline. Make note of the following important criteria—use the correct form when submitting subject, landscape or cemetery applications. Use a Word document and 12 point type. Make sure the subject or building is more than 50 years old.

Last year Dallas County Historical Commission submitted eight applications and received approval for all eight. They include Collins Radio Project 1, Attorney J. L. Turner Jr., St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Kiest Memorial Gardens, Dr. M.L. King Jr. 1966 Speech at SMU, New Hope Baptist Church, Junius Heights Neighborhood and Hall of Negro Life.

### **An Application to the State:**

The Marker application and \$100 check go to the state which sends it to members of the THC who read and review the applications based on the criteria on the state website. Usually we do not hear back from them until the application is approved which is usually less than a month after the deadline. Once approved, I am notified along with the applicant. Your fee for the marker plaque is then due. After several months you will receive the inscription for the plaque written by the THC staff which you may edit or accept. Once sent back to THC, there is a long wait for months for the foundry to design the plaque. The finished product will be sent to the applicant and a marker ceremony can be planned.

Dates for submitting applications to State annually fall during the months of March-May with fees typically due by the month of September

Number to be awarded in 2022: 185—170 plus 15 Undertold

Topics to be favored in 2022: Communications, Industry, Business & Commerce, National Resources (extra points given for one of these topics)

*Please join the  
Irving Heritage Society and Las Colinas Association  
for the*

*Hackberry Creek Ranch  
Historical Marker Unveiling*

*Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 2:30 pm*

*777 Stidder Ridge Drive at Carpenter Ranch Road*

*RSVP*

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