2022 YEAR IN REVIEW
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The National Park Service, through the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), provides our office with the opportunity to advance public interest in archaeology and historic preservation, as well as economic development and revitalization efforts by creating awareness of our state’s historic resources, which encompass our rich heritage.

Statewide Accomplishments:
The National Register in Louisiana boasts over 50,000 properties listed statewide. This year we finalized 13 listings (664 buildings, 2 districts, and one district boundary increase). The National Register and Tax Credit Programs work together to revitalize historic buildings across our state. Settoon House in Livingston Parish (pictured) was listed this year.

In FY 2021-22, the Federal Historic Tax Incentives program leveraged over $1 Billion in private investment in income-producing buildings. Additionally, the State Commercial program leveraged over $128 million of unique investment in commercial historic buildings. Combined, these programs leveraged $1.13 Billion in Louisiana’s historic buildings, putting 71 historic building back into commerce, and created or supported 1,351 construction jobs. The owners of the International Trade Building, located at 2 Canal Street in New Orleans invested $876 million dollars on this project.

Historic Preservation Fund grants provided over $257,705 in grants, scholarships, and trainings to preservation and archaeological programs in our state. In addition, Emergency Supplemental HPF grants provided nearly $800,000 to parishes and communities still recovering from 2016’s Hurricane Harvey to survey historic resources in areas hardest hit by the storm which will aid in future recovery efforts.

This year Main Street communities received $97,225 in funding to support façade improvements through the Redevelopment Incentive Grant program. Throughout the 37 Main Street communities in our state, a total of 160 new businesses opened, creating 624 new jobs. Also, Main Street Building Rehabilitations & New Construction totaled $15,741,657.09.

This year, 83,893 people visited museums and parks displaying artifacts from the Division of Archaeology’s curation collection. Division of Archaeology public outreach engaged over 11,024 people of all ages. 159 teachers introduced 2,857 students to the field of archaeology with Division of Archaeology educational traveling trunks and presentations.

The SHPO awarded $167,903 in HPF funding to the University of Louisiana- Monroe to support the Poverty Point Station Archaeology Program.