



Salisbury, North Carolina

HISTORIC PRESERVATION MASTERPLAN

Salisbury, North Carolina is a respected leader in historic preservation in the Tar Heel State and beyond. Through the vision of early preservation pioneers, the community recognized the importance of Salisbury's culture, architecture and history, and has planted deep roots in a strong preservation ethic that continues to this day. Its ten National Register Historic Districts and five local districts include over 800 properties, and are a testament to Salisbury's dedication to preserving its heritage.

In 2011, Salisbury continued its preservation efforts by completing North Carolina's first ever Historic Preservation Master Plan. Facilitated by Arnett Muldrow & Associates, this community-based plan established a unified preservation vision, strategic goals and outcomes, and specific implementation tasks to achieve these goals.

The comprehensive preservation plan had five key elements from which its recommendations were framed:

- Administrative – an audit of Salisbury's current tools with policy recommendations for urban design, district guidelines, procedure, and enforcement.

- Community Character – strategic recommendations related to neighborhood livability, quality of life, safety, and community appearance.
- Outreach & Education – strategies to create an awareness and understanding of preservation, including education processes for neighborhoods & property owners.
- Historic Resources – recommendations for the ongoing inventory and preservation of Salisbury's historic districts, neighborhoods, and architecture.
- Partnerships – Methods for the City of Salisbury and the community's preservation organizations to unite behind a common vision .

The plan was a community-driven process, where Salisbury's preservation organizations, historic property owners, and concerned citizens worked together to craft the vision and long-term plan.

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