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Two projects in Birmingham, Alabama, were approved by the National Park Service for the twenty percent federal rehabilitation tax credit.

The William H. Hassinger House, a Queen Anne Free Classic style home, was constructed in 1898 for Virginia and William H. Hassinger, president of Southern Iron & Steel Company. It is located in the Five Points South Historic District. The neighborhood around the house slowly changed from residential to commercial and in 2003 it was placed on the Alabama Historical Commission's *Places in Peril* list due to the threat of development. The homeowners did extensive work to restore the house, including a new roof, repair to the wrap-around porch, windows, and doors, and restoration of the plaster walls and original stained glass.



Stained glass in the Hassinger House



William H. Hassinger, Jefferson County, Alabama





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The Orlando Apartments, individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1990, was constructed in 1928 in the Redmont residential area. The Orlando represents the end of the prolific apartment-building period prior to the Great Depression. It is not a luxurious building, but provides modest apartments with a spectacular view. After nearly a decade in which its fate hung in the balance because of the City's plans to demolish the structure as part of the Red Mountain Museum expansion program, it was sold to local developer Christopher Boehm in 1988 for rehabilitation to its original residential use. In this current project the owner cleaned and repaired masonry, windows, and porches as well as refinished wood floors and bath fixtures.



Orlando Apartments, Jefferson County, Alabama

Investors in the project received a 20% tax credit for all eligible costs associated with the rehabilitation.

The National Park Service oversees the Preservation Tax Incentive program jointly with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). To qualify, the building has to be listed in the National Register, either individually or in a historic district. Additionally, the property must be used for income-producing purposes. For more information concerning standards and guidelines please visit www.nps.gov AND <http://preserveala.org/taxcredits>

The Alabama Historical Commission manages the state program for the National Park Service. The Commission administers the federal restoration guidelines so the historic materials and look of the building remain.





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Renovating and reusing these historic buildings is a win-win situation for the owner and the community.

To learn more about the tax incentive, visit www.preserveala.org/taxcredits or contact Chloe Mercer at 334-230-2669/ chloe.mercer@preserveala.org.

About the Alabama Historical Commission

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the historic preservation agency for the State of Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission of safeguarding Alabama's historic buildings and sites. The Commission is tasked with the acquisition and preservation of historic properties and educating the public about historic sites in Alabama. For a complete list of historic sites, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit preserveala.org

