

EDUCATIONAL SERIES

The Town is a Certified Local Government (CLG). As a CLG, it is required to hold at least four meetings per calendar year. While new business agenda items such as Special Certificates of Appropriateness are not always needed, Town Staff will include educational information when needed so as to provide the Historic Preservation Board with added information that is relevant and helpful to all Board Members. This information will be part of our 'Educational Series' for Historic Preservation Board Members.

FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FLORIDA DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES WEBSITE:

Certified Local Governments

OVERVIEW

The Certified Local Government (CLG) Program was enacted as part of the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980. The program links three levels of government -federal, state and local- into a preservation partnership for the identification, evaluation and protection of historic properties. Designation as a certified local government, either as a municipality or a county, makes historic preservation a public policy through passage of a historic preservation ordinance. The ordinance establishes a historic preservation board to develop and oversee the functions of its historic preservation program.

Since its inception in 1986, Florida's Certified Local Government Program has assisted in the survey, designation and preservation of thousands of historic and cultural resources and helped to increase public awareness of historic preservation. Florida currently has 87 CLGs who receive technical assistance and training and may apply for federally funded CLG subgrants to conduct survey, planning and National Register nomination projects.

For more information about the Florida Certified Local Government Program, please explore the menu on the right.

Property Tax Exemption

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES

This local program is authorized by [Section 196.1997, Florida Statutes](#), and allows counties and municipalities to adopt ordinances allowing a property tax exemption for up to 100% of the increase in assessed improvements resulting from an approved rehabilitation of a qualified historic property. The exemption may remain in effect for up to 10 years. The exemption applies only to that portion of the property tax levied by the unit of government granting the exemption.

Qualified properties may be residential or commercial and must be either individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places, a contributing building in a National Register District, or designated as historic under the provisions of a local preservation ordinance. The rehabilitation work must be in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior' Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

Applications for the property tax exemption are either reviewed by local preservation office in communities designated as a [Certified Local Government](#) or by the Division of Historic Resources for communities not designated as a CLG. To qualify for an exemption a covenant is required for the term of the exemption.

TOWN OF LAKE PARK HISTORICALLY DESIGNATED PROPERTIES

Date	Number	Street	National eligibility	Local Eligibility	Designated
1927	410	3rd - LP Elementary School	y	y	y
1924	114	Bayberry	y	y	y
1924	230	Date Palm	n	y	y
1945	255	East Jasmine	n	n	y
1925	505	Evergreen	n	y	y
1928	515	Evergreen	n	y	y
1925	<i>Kelsey Park</i>	Evergreen House (601 Federal Highway)	n	y	y
1925	227	Foresteria	y	y	y
1925	250	Foresteria	y	y	y
1945	255	Foresteria	n	n	y
1924	304	Foresteria	n	y	y
1924	414	Greenbriar	y	y	y
1926	318	Hawthorne	n	y	y
1928	324	Hawthorne	n	n	y
1923	211	Park	y	y	y
1925	918	Park (Park Building)	y	y	y
1920	600	US-1 (Kelsey House)	y	y	y
1927	535	Park Avenue (Town Hall)	y	y	y

DOES HISTORICAL PRESERVATION EVEN MATTER? (8-minute video: Source – YouTube)

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