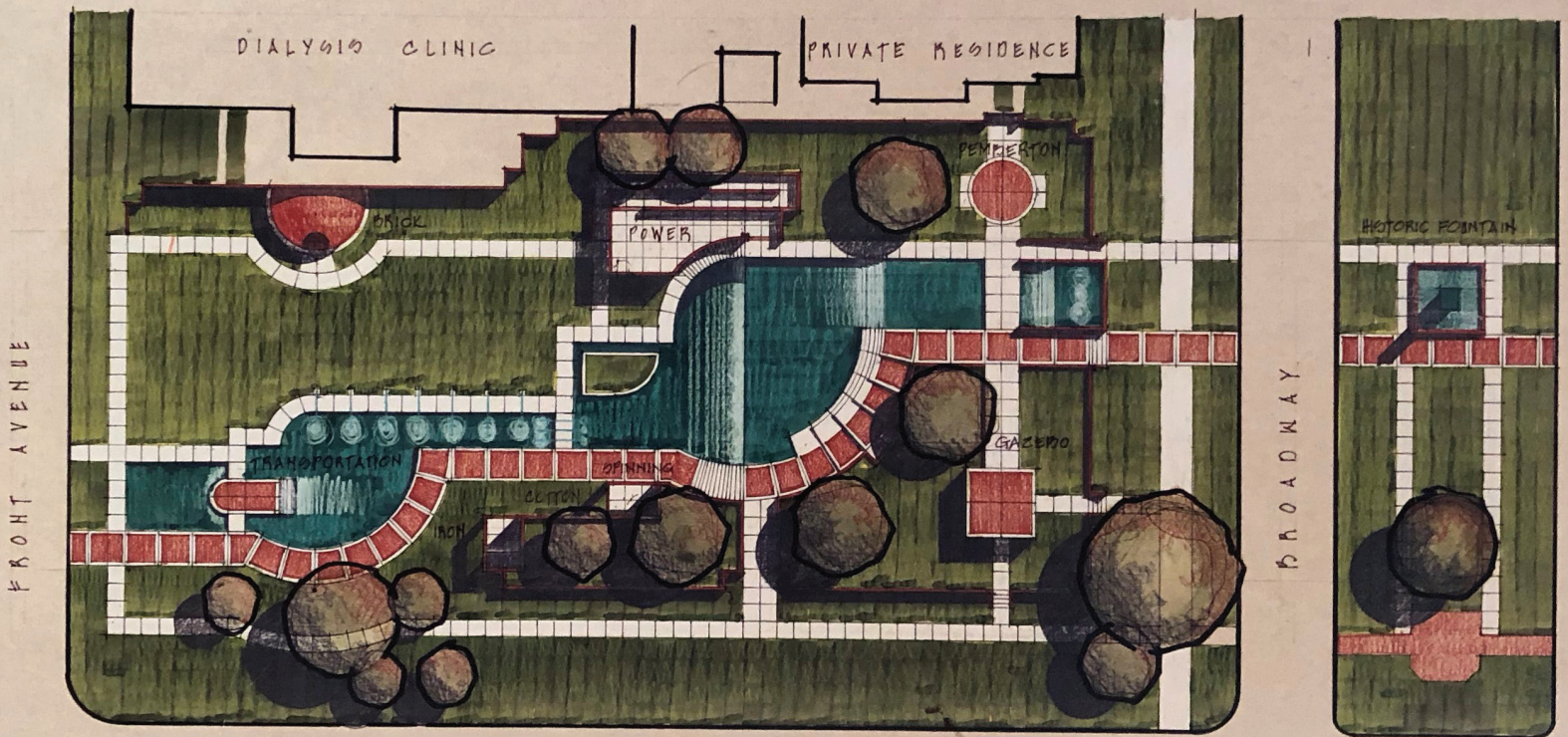


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Sincerely,

Elizabeth K. Barker
Executive Director

This summer has been full of good news for preservation efforts in Columbus. From Heritage Park to East Wynnnton and City Mills, we have been very blessed to continue to receive support for our mission and to be partners with some incredible people.

It all began in June at the Summer Solstice Wine Dinner hosted by HCF Board Member Dina Woodruff at the Illges House. She graciously donated all of the proceeds to the revitalization



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CITY MILLS-BRIGHT FUTURE

July marked a major milestone for City Mills, LLC – the company formed by Historic Columbus and partner Ken Henson to stabilize the National Historic Landmark. Historic Columbus worked with Ken for the better part of three years planning for the future development of the site, and we were eager to turn our share over to more experienced hands to manage the development from here on out.

Historic Columbus sold a controlling share of its ownership in the City Mills property to local hotel developer Jack Pezold. Pezold intends to renovate the buildings utilizing the State and Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit programs which will ensure that any modifications to the building are reviewed and approved by the National Park Service and State Preservation Office. The mill buildings will have a variety of uses from primarily housing a 40+ room hotel to a yoga studio and a restaurant that opens out onto the powerhouse pavilion that extends into the riverbed.

Two other unique features of the property will include a large grassed lawn on the north side of the river building for recreation and the newly connected Riverwalk that will pass between the buildings. The Riverwalk will then continue north to the Bibb Mill site through a new connection taking place along the river in Bibb City.

Historic Columbus is encouraged and hopes this project will begin to create some positive momentum for more investment and interest along the river up to Bibb City and along Second Avenue, a major gateway into our city.

One of the most exciting aspects of this partnership

is that Historic Columbus will be paid back in whole the initial investment made into the project. The Preservation Committee will be discussing some suggested uses for those recovered funds to be presented to the Historic Columbus Executive Committee and ultimately the Board of Directors for approval.

It should be noted, this \$1.2 Million investment was made possible by the generous donors of the Save Me A Place Capital Campaign. The proceeds from the sale will help continue the reach and impact of our organization in Columbus.





A NEW PARTNERSHIP AND A NEW LOOK AT AFFORDABILITY

Historic Columbus was given an opportunity in June to partner with St. Mary's Road United Methodist Church. The church was given a house on Forsyth Street in Ewart Park – just south of Buena Vista Road between Brown Avenue and Lawyers Lane. Their desire is to begin the revitalization of this neighborhood with the renovation of this house, then take it to the next house and the next house and the next house. We were beyond excited to be asked to help with this initiative.

Historic Columbus has provided a \$30,000 grant to St. Mary's as seed money to start a new Revolving Fund. They have, in addition, another \$30,000 grant

How significant are older and historic neighborhoods in providing affordable housing, you may ask. Here are a few facts:

- **32 percent of households below the poverty line live in older and historic homes;**
- **29 percent of elderly homeowners live in older homes;**
- **53 percent of all owner occupied older and historic homes have monthly housing costs less than \$500; and**
- **48 percent of older and historic properties that are tenant occupied rent for less \$500 per month.**

from another Foundation to complete the initial work. Our goal is to continue to work with St. Mary's in Ewart Park through our Façade Loan Program. We believe that once the other property owners see this



Forsyth Street House

good work happening, they too will get inspired.

This historic neighborhood has value and it has the ability, once revitalized, to be like the Lakebottom area for East Wynnnton.

What this has brought to the forefront of our minds is how the historic neighborhoods, like Ewart Park, Wynnnton Village, Wildwood Circle – Hillcrest, and East Wynnnton already have affordability built into them. Older and historic neighborhoods consistently provide the majority of affordable housing in our country.

The short answer is these properties are very significant to providing affordability. Historic Columbus has been extremely effective in assisting homeowners through our low interest loans to make owning and maintaining their historic houses more affordable. Our partnership with St. Mary's Church on Forsyth Street is just another example of how we are helping preserve and improve the existing housing stock in our community for owners and tenants to occupy. It makes economic sense and it gives people a sense of place.





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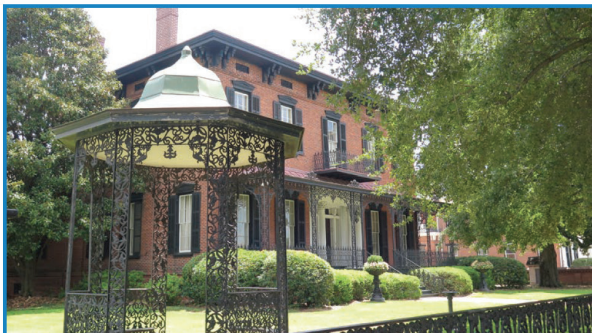
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IN MEMORIAM

Beverly Smith Taylor

September 17, 1928 – June 17, 2018
1995 Sarah Turner Butler Heritage Award Recipient



Beverly Taylor was born in Cleveland, Ohio and moved with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Clee C. Smith to Los Angeles, California, as a young child. She graduated from Beverly Hills High School and continued her education at the University of Redlands, Redlands, California.

After college, she began her printing and publishing career with Whitman Publishing Company in Los Angeles, and worked for several years until meeting Dr. Thomas Earl Taylor, Jr., a widower from Columbus, Georgia. After their marriage in 1961, Mrs. Taylor moved to Columbus where she lived for the remainder of her life.

Mrs. Taylor was a leader in the Garden Club of Georgia on the state, district, and local levels. She was the President of the Ivy Garden Club, Magnolia District Board of Directors, board member of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., and was editor and producer of Georgia's national award winning publication Garden Gateways for 15 years. She also served as President of the St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary and on the Board of the Springer Opera House.

As an early advocate of Historic preservation, she served as a Vice President and Trustee of Historic Columbus Foundation since its inception in 1966. Some of the earliest house surveys and National Register nominations were penned by Beverly. She was also instrumental in writing the original by-laws of the Springer Opera House Guild.

Beverly also had an incredible love for and knowledge of antiques. For many years, she diligently maintained the inventory records of the thousands of HCF owned and loaned items. She also established and operated the Antiques and Collectibles and Flea Market booths at the Salisbury Fair. In addition, she initiated and developed the museum gift shop, Period Pieces, for Historic Columbus.

She often honored other volunteers for their service to Historic Columbus, but it was impossible to calculate hers. Beverly was a staunch supporter and incredible friend to this organization. She will be deeply missed.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GRANT SPRINGER OPERA HOUSE UPDATE

At the 2017 Annual Meeting, Historic Columbus was excited to announce its first recipient of the \$100,000 Public Participation Grant to the Springer Opera House. In addition to the main award, Historic Columbus also contributed \$40,000 to The Wynn House and \$20,000 to The Liberty Theater for needed repairs to their roofs.

For the Springer Opera House project, there were three main components that needed immediate attention: mold in



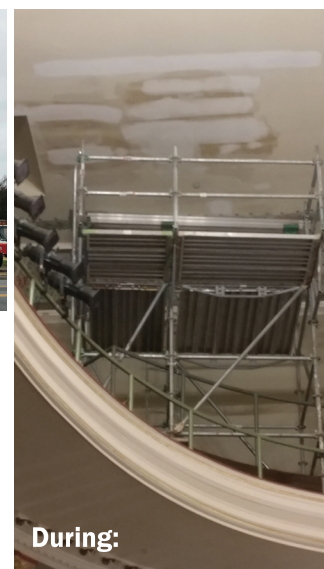
the basement, the roof, and water damaged ceilings. The mold abatement in the basement had to be done immediately to ensure that it did not spread throughout any other areas of the building. This was mandatory for the safety of the staff and patrons, so it was first on the list. The Springer's roof had major damage and needed to be replaced. The roofing job was a lengthy and extensive process that took about two weeks.

There were places in the building that were showing signs of damage due to the roof leaking, so the final phase of this project was the ceiling repair in the main theatre. The plywood in the ceiling would need to be repaired and painted. Because of the location of the damage, the job required scaffolding. Therefore, they had to get a contractor who would be able to put the scaffolding up without having it on the main floor of the theatre. This phase of the project was the longest since they could not work when the theatre was occupied with patrons. The



entire project began in late November, 2017 and concluded in May, 2018.

The Springer Opera House said, "By far, the largest impact this grant campaign had on the community was creating awareness of the building's historical significance. The upkeep of a 147 year old National Historic Landmark takes a considerable amount of expensive maintenance. The roof is not always the most attractive feature of a building, but it is the most important element to keep the building and the beauty within protected. The community only became aware of these issues when it came time to campaign for their votes for this grant. With the awareness raised during the voting process, the community and patrons alike became more engaged in helping to rectify these potentially devastating concerns plaguing our beautiful old theatre."



See the Springer's work at the 2018 Annual Meeting!

