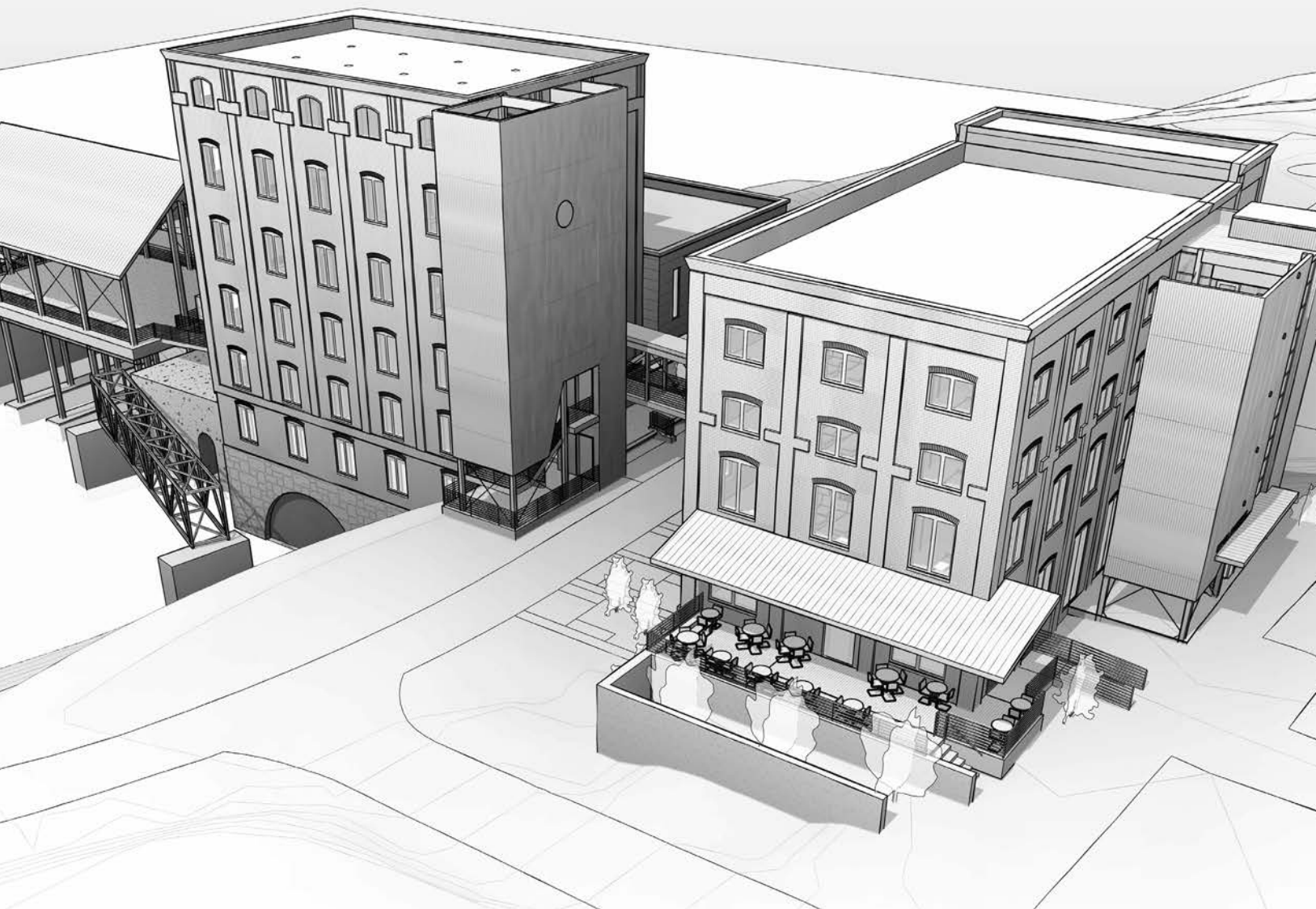




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\$100,000 GRANT LAUNCHES IN MAY

The Public Participation Grant, Historic Columbus largest grant program, will kick off on May 9th thanks to the Save Me A Place Capital Campaign! Increasing awareness of historic preservation is a vital component to our mission and having the public as a partner in this process will only strengthen our ability to be an advocate for saving our history, our legacies, and our stories.

There are many large historic structures remaining in our community that are in need of help (i.e. historic churches, community buildings, theatres, and

schools). This grant will encourage non-profit and government applicants to promote their “bricks and mortar” needs and create enthusiasm in the public about preservation efforts.

Grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 will be awarded to projects that will preserve, rehabilitate, restore, or increase accessibility to historic properties in the Muscogee County and its environs. An initial screening of projects will be completed, and qualifying sites will be selected as a finalist to move forward in the grant process. Historic Columbus will also host an Open House Weekend with the finalists and then the public will vote on the winner!

Public Participation Grant Timeline

May 9, 2017:

Grant Launch and Media Event

Location: Chattahoochee River Club

May 25, 2017:

Grant Orientation and Training
at Preservation for Profit

*Location: Saunders Board Room at the
Chamber of Commerce*

June 30, 2017:

Grant application due to Historic Columbus

July 27, 2017:

Grant Finalists Announcement
and Media Event

Location: TBD

September 23, 2017:

Open House Weekend

September 23- October 20:

Public voting

October 24, 2017:

Grant Winner announced at
Historic Columbus' Annual Meeting



Applications must be submitted by June 30, 2017.

If you would like to apply or have questions about grant application, please contact the Callie Hecht at 706-322-0756 or callie@historiccolumbus.com.



*This is one of the most impactful programs of the campaign.
Be a part of this exciting initiative to help preservation projects in Columbus!*

SAVING A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

Preservation is so much more than saving old buildings; it's about the people and the places they care about. So is the case with City Mills. In addition to a lot of luck, important timing, and a little good karma, the saving of City Mills is due to the planned gift of Mrs. Sarah Turner Butler, the over 300 donors of the Save Me A Place Capital Campaign, and the private investment of Ken Henson.

Because of these passionate and preservation-minded people, Historic Columbus was able to partner with Ken Henson to save and stabilize the National Historic Landmark. This month, City Mills Properties LLC (jointly owned by Ken Henson and Historic Columbus) signed a Letter of Intent with Green Coast Enterprises, a New Orleans based development firm. The mixed-use project will consist of renovating the two remaining historic buildings and possibly new construction.

The Letter of Intent to purchase and revitalize the property is contingent upon a New Market Tax Credit allocation and receiving the Historic Rehab Tax Credit. Both applications have been submitted for review. These programs will ensure

the landmark's economic viability and the historic character of the buildings will be maintained.

Once receiving tax credit approvals, Historic Columbus' \$1.2 Million investment will be returned in full to be used for preservation efforts again and again in the Janice Persons Biggers Revolving-Redevelopment Fund. City Village, East Wynnton, East Highlands, and Waverly Terrace are just a few of the historic neighborhoods where Historic Columbus' revitalization funds will be focused. We are so excited about our next 50 years and we are grateful for your support of historic preservation.



9TH ANNUAL PRESERVATION FOR PROFIT

Revitalization in the 21st Century: Linking Transportation and Preservation



Jerald Mitchell

Development Jerald Mitchell will speak about his role in helping to identify and activate disinvested and/or distressed properties along the hugely successful Atlanta Beltline. In addition, a panel of

This year, Preservation for Profit will look at the changes caused by transportation improvements, both good and bad. We will also look in depth at bike lanes and pathways as a means of addressing some of these issues. Atlanta Beltline, Inc. Director of Economic

Development



local officials will speak about Columbus' efforts to reactivate areas along the new Dragonfly and Fall Line Trace pathways.

P4P Workshop

Thursday, May 25th
8:00AM – 12:00PM

Greater Columbus, GA Chamber of Commerce
Saunders Board Room - 1200 6th Avenue

The cost of the workshop is \$75.

**To register, please go to our website at
www.historiccolumbus.com or call
Justin Krieg at 706-322-0756.**

These new bike lanes and pathways are scattered with historic properties needing revitalization, and it is our hope this new infrastructure will create a new desire to invest and restore.



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CALL HCF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELIZABETH BARKER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ON THE COVER: AERIAL VIEW OF CITY MILLS BY 2WR

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2017 Box City Summer Art Camp

Historic Columbus is excited to announce its 9th Annual Box City!



- Learning about architecture
- Sketching blue prints
- Designing buildings
- Creating your own community
- Building an appreciation for "your town!"



Sessions will be June 12-15 or June 26-29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wynnton Arts Academy
\$125 - Includes lunches, snacks and T-shirt

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