

## Greenville County Planning and Zoning

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## Memorandum

**To:** Joe Dill, Chairman, Planning & Development Committee

**cc:** Paula Gucker, Tee Coker, Tyler Stone, Helen Hahn

From: Suzanne Terry, Principal Planner

**Date:** January 20, 2021

**Re:** Application for Recommendation for Historic Property Designation-

Jones Mill

The Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission has been asked by the property owner Fountain Inn Museum, Inc., to request historic designation for their rare 19<sup>th</sup> century gristmill located just south of Fountain Inn in unincorporated Greenville County. The Commission voted to approve the application for recommendation at its November 19, 2020 meeting.

Jones' Mill is a rare existing Upstate example of nineteenth century grist mills that were prevalent in agricultural economies of the time. The mill was erected around 1860 utilizing slave labor. A cotton gin and small grocery store were also located at the site until its closure in the 1950's. The Fountain Inn Museum has acquired the site and intends to raise money for restoration.

Therefore, staff is requesting that the Planning and Development Committee forward the request to County Council for consideration to be added to the County's Historic Property Inventory.

A copy of the application is attached.