



**Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission
Application for Recommendation for Historic
Property Designation**

The Greenville County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Section 7.1-8, authorizes Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission to make recommendations for historic designation to the Greenville County Council. Owners of properties proposed to be designated historic shall be notified in writing of the Commission's desire to so designate. **No property shall be designated without the owner's written consent.** Completed applications, including all required attachments, should be mailed to: **Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission, Attn: Planner, Historic Preservation-301 University Ridge, Suite 3800 Greenville, SC 29601.**

OFFICIAL USE ONLY: Application #: _____ Date Received: _____	
_____ Approval Granted by Historic Preservation Commission _____ (date granted)	
_____ Approval Granted by Planning and Development Committee _____ (date granted)	
_____ Approval Granted by County Council _____ (date granted)	
_____ Approval Not Granted by _____ (date denied)	
_____	_____
Authorized Signature	Date

1. Property Information		
Name of Historic Property: <u>Piedmont YWCA</u>		
Street Address: <u>7 Piedmont Ave.</u>		
City: <u>Piedmont</u>	South Carolina <u>SC</u>	Zip Code: <u>29673</u>
PIN #:		
Is the property located in the unincorporated area of Greenville County? (select one) If "No" see below.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If located in a municipality, has said municipality approved authorization of jurisdiction? Attach relevant documentation.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
2. Owner Information		
Name of Property Owner: <u>Piedmont Historical Preservation Society</u>		
Mailing Address: <u>PO Box 284</u>		
City: <u>Piedmont</u>	State: <u>SC</u>	Zip Code: <u>29673</u>
Phone: <u>864-483-0062</u>	Email: <u>a</u>	
Signature of Owner's Approval for Application for Designation <u>Ann C. Peden</u>		
Ownership of property: Private <u>501c3</u> Public _____		

3. Historic Significance

Eligibility Requirements
(Attach all relevant documentation)

- Listed on the National Register of Historic Places **OR**
- Determined eligible for the National Register by SC Dept. of Archives and History **OR**
- It is at least 75 years old* **AND**
- Architectural design and/or construction materials are of historical significance to Greenville County's development; **OR**
 - Structure is associated with person or group of political, economic, religious, social, artistic or literary significance to Greenville County; **OR**
 - Structure is associated with person or group of scientific, religious, political, business, literary, the arts, or other professional significance to Greenville County

*Historic Preservation Commission may waive 75-year requirement

Check if waived on _____ date.

Attach Narrative Description

Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a summary paragraph that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Note applicable areas of significance, periods, dates, persons, cultural affiliation, and/or architect/builder. Cite all books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this description. Include photographs documenting the appearance and condition of the site, and any building's interior and exterior.

List applicable criteria for historic designation:

1. Has significant inherent character, interest or value as part of the development or heritage of the community, state or nation
2. Is the site of an event significant in history
3. Is associated with a person or persons who contributed significantly to the culture and development of the community, state or nation
4. Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social, ethnic or historic heritage of the community, state or nation
5. Individually, or as a collection or resources, embodies distinguishing characteristics of a type, style, period or specimen in architecture or engineering
6. Is the work of a designer whose work has influenced significantly the development of community, state or nation
7. Contains elements of design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation
8. Is a part of or related to a square or other distinctive element of community planning
9. Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood or community
10. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history

Piedmont YWCA Historic Designation Narrative

Piedmont Manufacturing was founded in 1873 by Henry P. Hammett along the east bank of the Saluda River and was designated a National Historic Landmark. Raw material, some the surrounding landscape, were harvested to create not only the mill, but also the town that would support it. A union church was built about a ¼ mile east of the mill to serve the millworkers and their families until the various denominations could build their own churches. By the turn of the twentieth century the union church was empty and the mill was undertaking a campaign of community improvements to make the town more desirable to workers in the competitive mill environment of the time. The YMCA building was constructed adjacent to the mill in 1903 and in 1908 the mill relocated the union church to the corner of Main and Orr Streets. There it was expanded to become the YWCA, the first one of its kind in the state. This expansion required the building to add a second floor, a wraparound porch, and a Victorian interior resulting in the most elaborate Victorian era building remaining in Piedmont. Early photos indicate that the exterior is largely unchanged while news articles of the period indicate the first floor housed a reception room for meetings of the community's ladies, a library space for them to check out books and a kitchen area. The second floor was a large open dormitory for the unmarried women in Piedmont. In 1948 the SCDOT reoriented Hwy 86 across the river and up Main St. and cut right through the YWCA's location and the SCDOT relocated the YWCA around the corner to its current site on Piedmont Avenue. Around this same time Piedmont Manufacturing was sold to JP Stevens and the mill village was sold to the residents. The building was bought by the Oliver family in 1954 and they made alterations to create the duplex we see today. In 2022 the Piedmont Historical Preservation Society purchased the building from the Oliver descendants.

The building is a two-story balloon frame construction on a raised foundation due to its hillside location. The rectangular building has a single-story porch across the front (north) façade and wraps around the west façade. The porch is one of the primary character defining featured and part of its late Victorian architectural integrity and includes turned posts and balustrade with decorative brackets. The primary façade has four tripartite windows with 1/1 sashes flanking the entry of the building and all windows and doors have simplified Italianate casings. The roof has a central gable clad in decorative wood shingles with alternating coursing which surrounds an arched topped window flanked by louvered vents. This design is repeated in the gabled ends on east and west sides of the building. On the interior there are a number of original features including pine floors, beadboard wainscot, intricate casing with corner blocks, and a turned balustrade staircase. The interior was divided into a duplex with the addition of non-historic walls and a second staircase. These additions to the space are to be removed in an upcoming rehabilitation (see separate application for COA that includes the existing condition report).



1909 Photo





Piedmont YWCA



1	7 Piedmont Ave	2	7 Piedmont Ave
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Disclaimer: This Map is not a LAND SURVEY and is for reference purposes only. Data contained in this map are prepared for the inventory of Real Property found within this jurisdiction, and are compiled from recorded deeds, plats, and other public records. Users of this map are hereby notified aforementioned public primary information sources should be consulted for verification of the information contained in this map. Greenville County assumes no legal responsibility for the information contained in this map.

Map Scale
1 inch = 40 feet
 5/27/2022

Resolution

Whereas, the Historic Preservation Commission under charter with the Greenville County Council places qualified projects on the Greenville County Historic Register; and

Whereas, the Piedmont YWCA, as the first YWCA in the State of South Carolina, is significant to the history and development of Greenville County; and

Whereas, the Piedmont YWCA exemplifies Victorian architecture; and

Whereas, the Historic Preservation Commission is petitioning the Greenville County Council's vote to allow the Piedmont YWCA to be placed on the Greenville County Historical Register with a suitable plaque permanently attached to the structure; and

Whereas, all expenses for the mentioned plaque will be incurred by the Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Greenville County Council unanimously agrees to place the Piedmont YWCA on the Greenville County Historical Register.



Greenville County Planning & Code Compliance

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 15, 2022
TO: Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Suzanne Terry, AICP
SUBJECT: Application for Recommendation for Historic Property Designation
Piedmont YWCA

STAFF REPORT

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CASE NUMBER	HPC HD-22-01
APPLICANT (owner):	Piedmont Historic Preservation Society
PROPERTY LOCATION:	7 Piedmont Avenue, Piedmont
COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER(S):	0616010103100
ESTIMATED ACREAGE:	0.72 Acres
ZONING:	Unzoned
FUTURE LAND USE	Rural Village
Council District:	District 26 Ballard

Summary of Eligibility

The subject property is the Piedmont YWCA located in unincorporated Greenville County, Piedmont.

This process has been initiated by the property owners.

Criteria for Historic Designation

The property meets the 75 years or older age requirement.

The Greenville County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Section 7.1-8, authorizes Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission to make recommendations for historic designation to the Greenville County Council and requires at least one qualifying criteria to be met.

Approval by the HPC must include one or more of the following qualifying characteristics:

1. Has significant inherent character, interest or value as part of the development or heritage of the community, state or nation; or
2. Is the site of an event significant in history; or
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Proposed Applicable Criteria have been highlighted