



TEXAS COURTHOUSE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Since beginning in 1999, the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program (THCPP) and its local partners have made significant financial investments to restore many valuable historic courthouses throughout the state.

In order to protect and preserve these buildings for future generations, the Texas Courthouse Stewardship Program was created in 2005 to assist counties by fostering facility planning, budgeting, and training. The goal is to maintain the newly restored historic courthouses in a state of good repair.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EASEMENT MONITORING

Our professional staff will visit any historic courthouse to identify and assist in resolving any problems, monitor the level of on-going maintenance, and discuss future preventative maintenance needs with county officials and facility maintenance managers. Renewal of property insurance policies is an aspect of the easement monitoring work that ensures the building's value is protected.

TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) hosts and organizes maintenance and stewardship training workshops for county officials and staff. Annual workshops, sponsored by the Texas Land Title Association, have been conducted in Austin since 2007 and are now held in conjunction with the THC's Real Places conference. Regional workshops have been held since 2015.

MAINTENANCE PLANNING RESOURCES

Counties are encouraged to develop a cyclical maintenance plan for immediate and long-term care of their historic courthouse and grounds. A complete plan should include



Courthouse stewardship workshop, Real Places Conference 2018.

inspection schedules, recommendations for appropriate maintenance materials and procedures, as well as budgets for the prescribed work. The THC provides guidance through the "Historic Courthouse Maintenance Handbook" at thc.texas.gov/courthousehandbook.

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