



TEXAS COURTHOUSE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Beginning in 1999, the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, 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 avoid allowing the facilities to fall back into a state of deferred maintenance and disrepair.



Hopkins County Courthouse

Program Activities

Site visits and easement monitoring

Our professional staff will visit each completed project to identify and assist in resolving any problems, monitor the level of ongoing maintenance, and to 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 THC will host and organize maintenance and stewardship training workshops for county officials and staff. The Texas Courthouse Stewardship Workshops, sponsored by the Texas Land Title Association, have been conducted in Austin since 2007. All are considered very successful, with a large number of participants from counties that received grants in Rounds I–VI.

Maintenance Planning

Counties will be encouraged to develop a cyclical maintenance plan for immediate and long-term care of their historic building and site. A complete plan should

include inspection schedules, recommendations for appropriate maintenance materials and procedures, and projected budgets for the prescribed work. The THC will provide guidance by offering technical preservation resources, cyclical and preventive maintenance checklists, sample templates for schedules, budget formats, and inspection forms.

Technical Consultations

THC architectural staff is available for consultations to help the counties address their pending issues in a manner that best preserves the historic integrity of the building.



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