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## *welcome to* **LTHP's Most Endangered Places**

Louisiana is home to countless stories and places that have shaped our identity and history. Unfortunately, many of these places have been neglected or forgotten and are in danger of being lost from our cultural landscape.

The Louisiana Trust was formed in 1979 after the sudden and unexpected demolition of the Welham Plantation in St. James Parish. Since then, LTHP has grown to be a voice for the state's historic preservation community striving to raise awareness to save endangered historic sites. In 1999, we established Louisiana's Most Endangered Places List to identify and advocate for the places that matter to you. Over 140 sites have been highlighted for increased advocacy and preservation efforts. To date,

**86 are actively threatened (60%)**

**19 have been lost (13%)**

**38 have been rehabilitated or restored (27%)**

This year's list adds **11 new locations** from across the state - including the Gulf of Mexico! Sites range from a 1790s trading post to more recent 1950s school for African American students during Segregation. Many were places of gathering and vibrant landmarks in their respective communities, but now sit empty, abandoned, or vandalized.

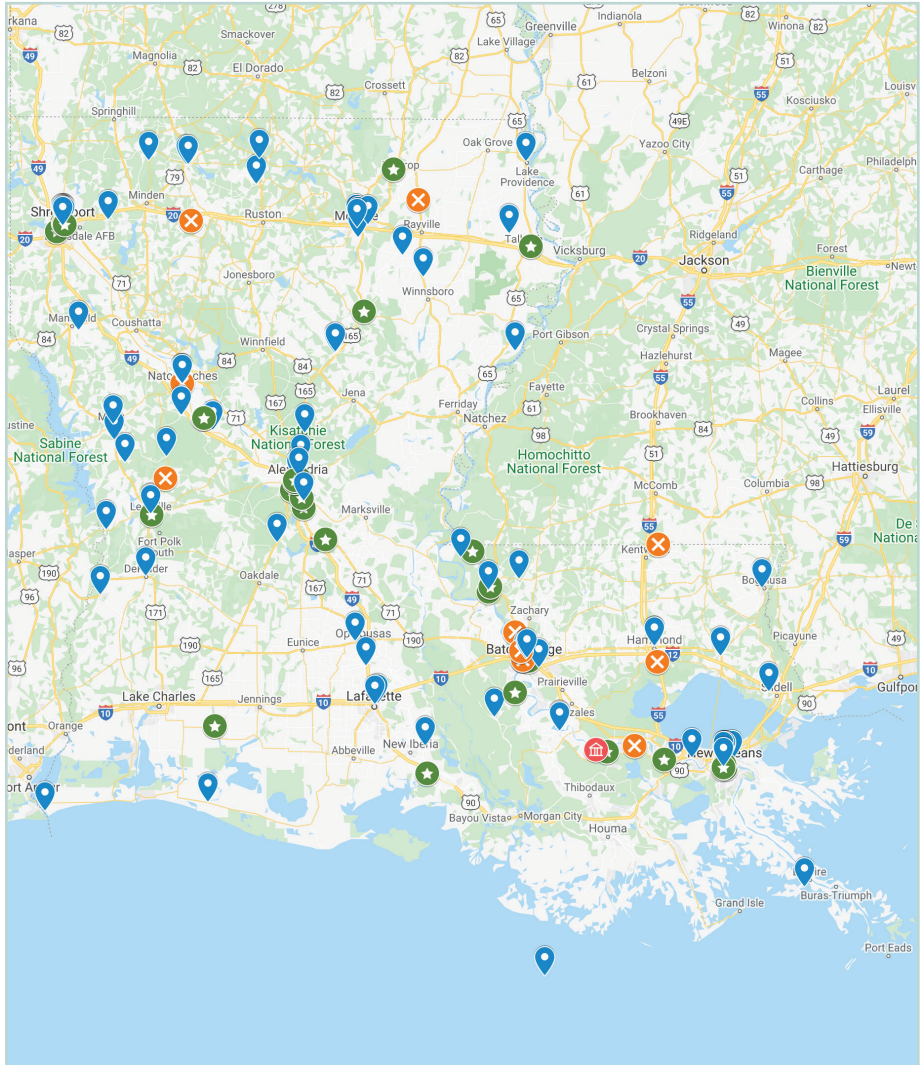
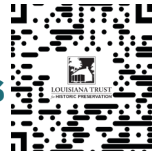
Many of these sites are both physical and cultural landmarks that could end up as vacant lots without advocacy and a focused strategy. LTHP board and staff work with local representatives to find solutions to save these endangered properties. With your support, these sites can once again become the iconic places they once were and be enjoyed by future generations.





# Louisiana's Most Endangered Places

Discover the whole list online here [→](#)



## KEY



saved



still endangered



lost



site of Welham Plantation



## 2020 Most Endangered Places

This year's sites represent communities both large and small. Learn more about their stories in the following pages and images. If you know of a site that deserves to be preserved, contact us today. Parishes without representation on the Louisiana's Most Endangered Places List include:

Acadia, Allen, Assumption, Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Evangeline, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Pointe Coupee, Red River, St. Bernard, St. Helena, St. Mary, Terrebone, Vermilion, West Carroll, and Winn.

Please consider a nomination for the upcoming year by the March 7, 2021 deadline. Applications available at [www.lthp.org](http://www.lthp.org).



### Alto Presbyterian Church

*Alto | 1873*

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This vernacular, frame building was constructed with local cypress and was later expanded in the 1920s and 30s with the additions of the front porch and Sunday School rooms. Inquiries for weddings continue to come in, but the church must decline due to severe structural damage. The congregation is working to make upgrades and repairs for safety and efficiency. The church has received an initial \$20,000 grant and continues fundraising to make the building safe.





## Camp Salmen Lodge

*Slidell | c 1790*

Located on Bayou Liberty, this Creole cottage began as an early trading post. It and the surrounding land became home to the Salmen Brick & Lumber Co and later a Boys Scout retreat. In 2001, the surrounding land became a nature park. The Friends of Camp Salmen Nature Park are working to restore the building by adding a new metal roof in 2017, but additional improvements have been delayed due to limited funding.



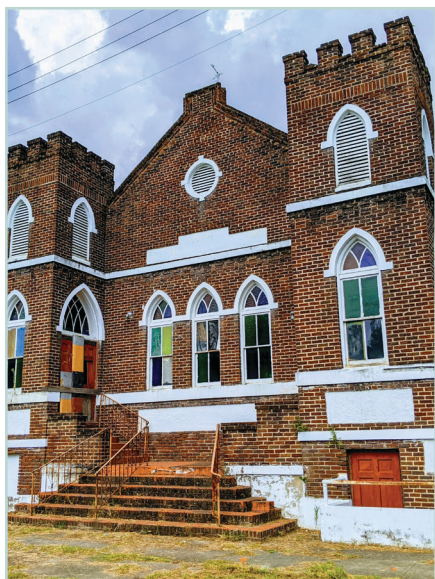
## Garland House

*Bernice | 1902*

This Queen Anne residence was once home to Daisy & Dr. D.B. Garland, a well known physician at the turn of the century. Its most prominent features include textured surfaces, turret brackets, and other ornamentation inside and out. Located in Bernice's new Cultural District and on a major corridor, local leaders hope that this property can be restored and cleaned up to help improve the appearance of the site and the surrounding community.



## 2020 Most Endangered Places



### Greater New Guide Baptist Church

*Baton Rouge | 1930*

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Resulting from a growing congregation in the 1910s and 20s, this Gothic Revival building was dedicated by Rev. Thomas A. Levy. The church became a place where the African-American community met, organized, and created strategies to fight for their Civil Rights in the 1960s. The church sits empty after it was vacated for a larger location. Today, Chez Fab Arts, a local arts group, hopes to restore the building for community activities.



### Houghton School - H Wing

*Houghton | 1939*

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Samuel G. Wiener designed this school with inspiration from European Post WW II Modernism. This site uses vertical corner windows as well as cast-in-place concrete window overhangs. The H- Wing is being considered for demolition in coming years due to high maintenance costs. The Bossier Parish School Board's allocation of funds for physical assets is still closely reviewed by the Justice Department, following a desegregation lawsuit in the 1970s.



## Homer Community Center

*Homer | 1936*

Built by the Works Progress Administration, it combines stone materials found across northern LA in the "National Park Service Rustic" style. It quickly became a popular gathering place and later was utilized by the American Legion. The site hosted school dances, athletic events, debates, and more. The building has only been used for storage since the 1980s. The Homer Historic Commission is developing long term plans for the site.



## McDonogh School No. 11

*New Orleans | 1879*

This school is a classic example of Second Empire style and was designed by William Freret. Originally an all-white girls school, it was one of the first schools to integrate in 1961. It remained an educational space until Hurricane Katrina. The school was on the move in 2011 as land was cleared to build the University Medical Center. It remains on its temporary supports next to I-10 continuing to deteriorate. To be saved, it will need a new owner and location.





## 2020 Most Endangered Places



### **Pan Am Petroleum Station**

*Homer | 1922*

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During the automobile's golden era, seven gas stations could be found in Homer. This is the sole survivor. Later uses include a popular burger joint as well as a dry-cleaners. It is located within the Homer National Register Historic District and stands out for its distinct brick pattern and porte cochere. The current owner is considering a donation to Homer Main Street so that it can be rehabilitated into a multi-parish farmers market.



### **Sabine High School**

*Many | 1957*

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This site served as an educational hub for over four decades, building a strong alumni network. Much of the interior is deteriorating but the complex retains its mid-century character with large expanses in ribbon windows and red brick walls. Local advocates are surveying the community for new uses such as workforce programming, senior living, or entertainment venue. The school complex was added to the National Register of Historic Places in March 2020.



Photo Credit: Newell Slaughter

## Ship Shoal Lighthouse

*Gulf of Mexico | 1859*

Located 55 miles off the coast, a screw-pile lighthouse stands guard over a sandbar. It was set up after the state petitioned the federal government for a proper lighthouse. It began leaning in 1870 but was repaired with rip-rap until being abandoned in 1965. In the 1990s, the Town of Berwick gained ownership and created Lighthouse Park where they hope to relocate the structure. If not relocated, it will be repossessed by the federal government.



## St. Alphonsus Church

*New Orleans | 1855-57*

This large and ornate church was designed by Louis L. Long after Reverend John B. Duffy visited Baltimore's St. Ignatius' Jesuit. Worship services ceased in 1979 and it has been used as a cultural event space since. It was named a National Historic Landmark in 1996. The Friends of St. Alphonsus have been meeting monthly since 1990 to restore this space. Signs of termite and water damage can be found throughout including in timbers supporting the 4,000 lbs bell.



## — 2019 Most Endangered Places List —



### **Antioch Baptist Church**

*Shreveport | 1903*

Originally known as The First Colored Baptist Church, it was established on April 23, 1866 with leadership from 73 former slaves. Restored in 2000, today it is challenged with a dwindling congregation and water infiltration.

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### **Autrey House**

*Dubach | 1848*

Settled by Alabama pioneers, this double-pin dog trot was built with local natural supplies. It was occupied up until the 1970s then was donated to the Lincoln Parish Museum. Insects and vandalism have lead to its current decay.

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### **Bank of Pollock Site**

*Pollock | 1909*

The bank closed in 1925 due to embezzlement by a bank teller and never reopened. It has since been a theater, jail, school, and current art and antique shop. Building and masonry repairs are needed to continue use.

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### **Kisatchie High School**

*Kisatchie | 1920-22*

This school was built to consolidate nearby one-room schoolhouses. It experienced damage from Hurricanes Rita and Harvey. Local advocates are working to turn the school into a community center.

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### **Martin Gin**

*Evergreen | 1903*

This complex includes a cotton gin, a grist mill, a steam engine, a barn, a dog-trot house, and several out buildings. The family is willing to allow the collection buildings to be moved in order to be saved.

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## National Hotel

*Leesville | 1907*

The building's upper floors have been boarded up and former second floor balcony removed. It is located within the Downtown Leesville Historic District at a prominent corner and is eligible for both state and federal tax credits.

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## Old Doxey House

*Grand Chenier | 1843*

Home to "Grandma Ida," who opened the home to the community and as a refuge during gulf storms. The front porch was ripped off during Hurricane Rita. Doxey family descendants hope to restore and reopen the house.

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## Prince Hall Masonic Temple

*Baton Rouge | 1924*

Since the day it opened, it has been the hub of African-American culture in the capital city. Temple Theater hosted vaudeville and jazz legends. It is still actively used as a meeting hall by many chapters but requires upgrades.

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## Sam Mistretta Store

*Donaldsonville | 1851*

Early uses here included a Civil War infirmary, saloon, brothel, and corner grocery. It was acquired by Chef John Folse and donated to the development district to open a museum/retail shop, but additional funding is necessary.

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## Union Church

*St. Joseph | 1902*

Union churches were established in small population areas to have a shared space among different denominations. This building was sold in 2007 but remains vacant and underutilized.

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## Recent Success Stories

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Community landmarks are finding a second chance. Since 1999, *over 40* Most Endangered Places have been restored and rehabilitated, some even relocated. These sites have returned blighted properties to productive uses, created new jobs, supported local businesses, and revitalized neighborhoods. They are encouraging additional preservation activities. Here are just a few sites that were given new life.

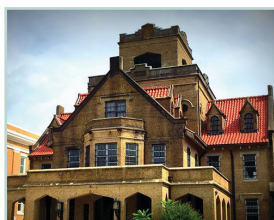


### Georgia Tucker Elementary School

*Monroe | Listed 2005 & 2010*

After sitting vacant for more than a decade, this former 1920s school was transformed into an assisted living facility with the support of historic tax credits. It opened in December 2018.

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### Beauregard Parish Jail

*DeRidder | Listed 2014*

This Gothic Revival was built in 1914 and housed inmates up until 1982. It closed for safety concerns. It was renovated and reopened for tours in 2016 including popular Gothic Jail After Dark Lantern Tours.

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### Lemann Building

*Donaldsonville | Listed 2003 & 2015*

Located on a prominent corner of town, it was originally built as a department store and recently a visitors center. After years of vacancy, the site was awarded a multi-million dollar grant in June 2020 to be restored as affordable housing.

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### R.S. Barnwell Garden & Art Center

*Shreveport | Listed 2014*

A Post-Modern marvel on the Red River became a popular destination in northwestern Louisiana. The facility closed in 2012 in need of major renovations. The Center was revived as a LEED-certified building home to a new aquarium that opened in 2017.

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## Still Need Some

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Historic sites across Louisiana are threatened everyday. Below are just a few of Louisiana's Most Endangered Places from previous years that could be either lost or saved.

### Baskin High School

*Baskin | Listed 2004, 2015, 2018*

Historic schools hold many memories as well as many adaptive reuse opportunities. The last graduating class walked through these halls in 1997. Plans from the parish school board still call for demolition, but local advocates are working to build support for reuse.



### G.B. Cooley House

*Monroe | Listed 2005-2006*

Fresh exterior paint has been applied to this Prairie style gem. With support of LTHP, grant funding from the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors and NTHP is supporting a historic paint analysis and restoration of interior features.



### Southern Club

*Opelousas | Listed 2014*

A popular night spot for the second half of the 20th century, Southern Club featured swamp pop music. It closed in 1996 and has remained vacant. Efforts to restore and reopen the 1949 dinner and dance hall have been stalled. This site represents music and cultural heritage of not only this community but the surrounding region.



### Old Benevolent Society Building

*St. Francisville | Listed 2017*

Benevolent Societies were formed by African Americans following the Civil War to cover medical and burial expenses and provided other fellowship. This building was vacated in late 2016. Additional repairs to the exterior are needed to make this space usable once again.







## Lost Louisiana

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While several sites have found new uses in their communities, others have been lost to demolition, vandalism, moved out-of-state, or even arson.

### **Gibbs House**

*Gibbsland | Listed 2005 (2)*

### **Henderson Iron Works**

*Shreveport | Listed 2011*

### **LASC Outdoor Train Exhibit**

*Baton Rouge | Listed 2001*

### **Union Tank Car Dome Building**

*Zachary | Listed 2001 & 2004*

### **Lonesome Hurst Rural Life Farm**

*Livingston | Listed 2001*

### **Oak Ridge High School**

*Oak Ridge | Listed 2013 (1)*

### **Ruins of Alexis Cloutier/Kate Chopin House**

*Cloutierville | Listed 2009*

### **Dark Store Building**

*Natchitoches | Listed 2007*

### **Armour Building**

*Alexandria | Listed 2009 & 2011*

### **CLECO Headquarters**

*Pineville | Listed 2014 & 2015*

### **Skye Building**

*Alexandria | Listed 2008 & 2011/*

### **Thompson-Hargis House**

*Alexandria | Listed 2007 (3)*

### **Cypress Lugger Boat “Champion”**

*St. Charles | Listed 2002*

### **Edgar Depot**

*Edgar | Listed 1999 & 2001*

### **Dykes Log Cabin**

*Kentwood | Listed 2004*

### **First Guaranty Bank**

*Ponchatoula | Listed 2011*

### **Grant Homestead**

*Peason Ridge | Listed 2014*

### **Poplar Grove Plantation Outbuildings**

*Port Allen | Listed 1999*



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## Revolving & Reviving

In November 2015, LTHP established a statewide Revolving Fund Program to acquire, stabilize, and market endangered buildings around the state. Please let us know if we may be of assistance with buildings in your area. More information about these and other projects at [LTHP.org](http://LTHP.org) or 318-267-5220.



### Homer Commercial Opportunity

#### *Claiborne Parish*

Two storefront buildings, eligible for state and federal tax credits. Listed at \$82,500.



### Alexandria Garden District

#### *Rapides Parish*

1,100 square foot frame bungalow, ideal rental property. Listed at \$15,000.



### Judge Dupre House in Opelousas

#### *St. Landry Parish*

Two blocks from courthouse square. Listed at \$15,000.



### Tallulah Club Building

#### *Madison Parish*

5,000 square foot building, eligible for state and federal tax credits. Listed at \$85,000.



### Recent Acquisitions

#### *Monroe | Ouachita Parish*

#### *Winnsboro | Franklin Parish*

Call for details about these commercial historic properties. Prices for all properties listed above are negotiable and at current time and in current condition. Subject to change.





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## 2020 Awards

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Each year, the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation honors leaders throughout the state that are changing the face of historic preservation. Their efforts are making an impact to help save historic places as well as build pride and engagement in their communities. Congratulations to this year's recipients!



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### *Main Street Award*

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#### **Houma Downtown Development Corporation**

Recognizes a Main Street community that exemplifies the strategic use of creativity, historic preservation, and/or culture to strengthen economic opportunity while respecting the quality of the area.



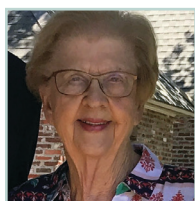
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### *Education Award*

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#### **Cooley House Foundation | MONROE**

Recognizes an individual or organization that, through educational efforts, helped broaden appreciation for the importance of value of historic preservation in Louisiana .



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### *Leadership Award*

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#### **Betty Reed | LAKE PROVIDENCE**

Recognizes an individual that is making or has made a significant contribution to the advocacy and/or promotion of historic preservation, or the development of their cultural discipline in a community, region, or state.



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### *Organizational Excellence Award*

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#### **Morganza Cultural District**

Recognizes an organization that successfully leveraged assets to provide greater cultural value to its region within the state such as a heritage tourism project, or restoration/preservation effort such as adaptive reuse.



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### *Stewardship Awards*

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#### **Cameron Preservation Alliance Sabine Pass Lighthouse Phase 1**

Recognizing exemplary historic preservation, restoration, rehabil-





itation and reconstruction projects that adhere to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. Awards may be presented to a residential or non-residential property, whether privately or publicly owned. Projects completed within the last three years.

### *Diverse Heritage Award*

#### **Gaynell Brady, Our Mammy's | NEW ORLEANS**

Recognizing achievements in the promotion and preservation of the Louisiana's multicultural or under-served heritage. Projects eligible for this award include rehabilitation/restoration projects, interpretive programs, heritage leadership or other activities that re-examine, emphasize or further our understanding of the diverse heritage of Louisiana.



### *Living Trades Awards*

#### **Dale Pierrottie, Bousillage Specialist | LAFAYETTE**

Recognizing individuals that have continued to use a traditional technique or method in construction to achieve authenticity in the preservation, restoration or reconstruction of historic resources within Louisiana. The technique must be one that is considered both artistic in nature and rare in today's construction practices.



### *Louisiana Heritage Media Award*

#### **Amy & Kelby Ouchley | ROCKY BRANCH**

Recognizing outstanding works published or produced within the last two years (journalism, films, books, websites or other media) on Louisiana historic preservation themes, topics, issues, projects or local history and architecture.



### *Sue Turner Preservationist of the Year Award*

#### **George Marks (NUNU Arts & Culture Collective) | ARNAUDVILLE**

Recognizes the efforts of an individual that made a significant contribution to historic preservation in Louisiana.



### *Winnie Byrd Preservationist Extraordinaire Award*

#### **Chee Chee & Lazar John "L.J." Gielen | CROWLEY**

Recognizes an individual(s) who have made a lasting impact to the historic resources of Louisiana through a body of work.





## Thank You to Our Members

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