

MAIN STREET PALESTINE



Historic Preservation

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OUR VISION & MISSION



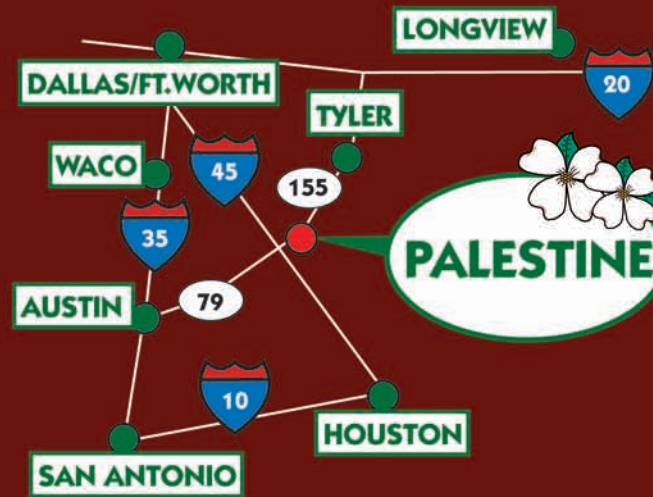
Our vision is to see Palestine's downtown be a vibrant and prosperous center of the community by utilizing its historic buildings and structures for living, shopping, dining and entertaining Palestine's residents and visitors.

Our goal is to save, rehabilitate and find new uses for traditional commercial buildings. We accomplish this through both specific building improvement projects and policy and regulatory changes which make it easier to develop property.

Historic preservation also includes the process of adopting planning and land use policies which encourage full use of existing commercial centers before new development takes place. We strive to remove the regulatory and other barriers which sometimes make it difficult to attract investment to a historic commercial district.



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HISTORIC MAIN STREET DISTRICT

COMMITMENT TO REVITALIZATION

Returning downtown Palestine to a unique and aesthetically rich environment that is a lively and prosperous destination for business and recreation is a top economic development priority. Over \$2.5 million has been reinvested in Palestine's Main Street District since Palestine became a Provisional Main Street City in 2006 and an Official Texas Main Street City in 2008. Illustrating our commitment to revitalization, 25 buildings have been completed, are in process or are pending rehabilitation. Palestine's Main Street Program is an astounding success because the City and property owners recognize the importance of sustaining Palestine's historic resources.

A RICH HISTORY A VIBRANT FUTURE



THE SPRING STREET FAÇADE OF THE HENRY ASH BUILDING, C. 1900, WAS RESTORED, INCLUDING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BAY WINDOW WHICH WAS REMOVED APPROXIMATELY 50 YEARS EARLIER.

Our history is rich and preserved. Palestine is one of few Texas towns that retains late 19th century character through its historic homes and buildings. Palestine was formed in 1846, the year after Texas statehood. It was a sleepy little antebellum town until 1872 when the International & Great Northern Railroad arrived. Today, downtown is a unique gem. From coffee shops to specialty shops to a night at the Spanish Colonial architecture of our 1930s Texas Theatre, history comes alive in downtown Palestine. Historic downtown is a great place for eating, shopping, browsing for antiques and enjoying small town culture and hospitality. Add to the experience by taking a trip back in time on a historic train ride with The Texas State Railroad.

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

There are many options available to assist businesses with preservation. One of these is a partnership with Palestine Economic Development Corporation to provide façade improvement grants to property owners who seek to return their buildings to their original grandeur. If you are seeking a new business venture, or just a unique place to call home, we encourage you to consider downtown Palestine. For more information on available opportunities, come for a visit or contact us at 903-729-4100.

