

Policies

- ❖ Local nonprofits dedicated to historic preservation (Hahira Historical Society, Lowndes Historical Society and Museum, and Valdosta Heritage Foundation) should partner with Mainstreet staff and public information officers to **ensure timely and robust advertisement of events and opportunities.**
- ❖ Local governments and nonprofits should consider **using the arts as a means to instill local pride and foster a love for historic preservation** of artifacts, locations, and structures.
- ❖ The Historical Society and Museum could partner with Valdosta State University to **digitally archive artifacts.**
- ❖ Relevant stakeholders should prioritize **collecting oral histories** from longtime residents about their neighborhoods.
- ❖ Both school systems should review Social Studies Standards from Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) to determine how to **interweave discussions and activities about local history into city and county school curricula.**
- ❖ Local schools should **incorporate field trips to local museums into curriculums** in order to foster a connection between historic preservation and the youth.