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June 2024 Lunch & Learn

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation's 2024 Places in Peril

The Georgia Archives Lunch & Learn presentation, *The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation's 2024 Places in Peril* by W. Wright Mitchell, will be held onsite. The presentation is on Friday, June 14th, 2024, from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Georgia Archives, 5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA.

The Lunch and Learn presentation is free, and no registration is required.

Georgia Trust President and CEO W. Wright Mitchell will give an in-depth overview of the organization's latest list of 10 Places in Peril in the state. The annual list raises awareness about Georgia's significant historic, archaeological, and cultural resources, including buildings, structures, districts, archaeological sites, and cultural landscapes that are threatened by demolition, neglect, lack of maintenance, inappropriate development, or insensitive public policy. Through this program, the Trust encourages owners, individuals, organizations, and communities to employ preservation tools, partnerships, and resources necessary to preserve and utilize selected historic properties in peril.

W. Wright Mitchell has served as the President and CEO of the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation since September 2023. An Atlanta native, Mitchell grew up in Buckhead and comes from a successful law career in private practice, specializing in civil litigation and historic preservation law. In 2005, Mitchell founded the Buckhead Heritage Society and served as its volunteer president for 10 years. Under his leadership, Buckhead Heritage implemented numerous historic preservation programs and received the Excellence in Rehabilitation Award from the Georgia Trust in 2009 for the restoration of Harmony Grove Cemetery. Buckhead Heritage also brokered the deal with the City of Atlanta that allowed for the Randolph-Lucas-Jones House (Georgia Trust 2020 Excellence in Rehabilitation Award recipient) to be relocated from Buckhead to Ansley Park.

While involved with Buckhead Heritage, Mitchell continued to practice law and opened his own practice, where he litigated historic preservation cases and advised neighborhoods and homeowners on a variety of historic preservation related topics. Mitchell is a graduate of The Lovett School in Atlanta and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina and a law degree from Emory University. Mitchell previously served on the Georgia Trust Board of Trustees from 2006 to 2012 and held several officer roles including vice chairman. Wright currently serves as an emeritus board member of Buckhead Heritage and is a member of The Lovett School Board of Trustees.

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