



Preservation Zebulon, Inc.

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District Now! Campaign Launched

Preservation Zebulon launched a campaign to raise funds for a National Register Historic District at its annual meeting in November by December 31. Please consider giving the gift of preserving history, economic development and promoting our small town feel by making a tax-deductible donation to Preservation Zebulon today. The District Now! Campaign aimed to raise the final funds of a \$37,500 project for a historic district. To date, PZ has raised 93% of its goal.

Preservation Zebulon Inc., is a local, tax-exempt non-profit organization founded to promote the historic preservation of structures in Zebulon and its surrounding areas.

The area surrounding downtown is full of structures built from the time of Zebulon's founding in 1907, and we'd like to see them preserved for future generations. Our goal is to establish a National Register Historic District in Zebulon in 2019 and we ask you to help us fund a nomination.

Once established, this district will help participants take tax credits for structures that fall within and contribute to the district. This would include:

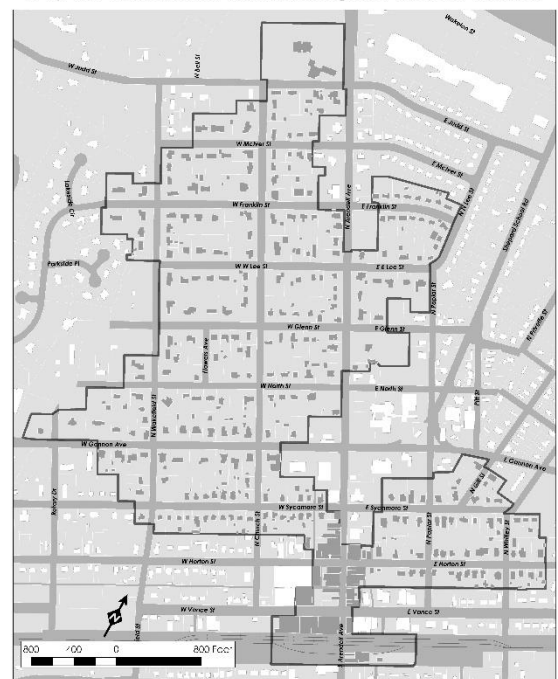
- A 15% state tax credit for homeowners,
- A combined 35% federal and state tax credit for owners of income-producing properties.

A survey conducted by New South Associates recommended a historic district that encompasses more than 300 houses that have historic significance. Once we have a formal district, residents and businesses in that area could qualify to take tax credits for repairs of those structures.

Please help us raise the remaining funds for the submission of a National Register Historic District nomination for Zebulon. Total cost was \$37,500 and thanks to generosity of CAP, SHPO and donors like you, we have raised \$33,860. We need \$3,640 by December 31.

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Proposed Zebulon National Register Historic District



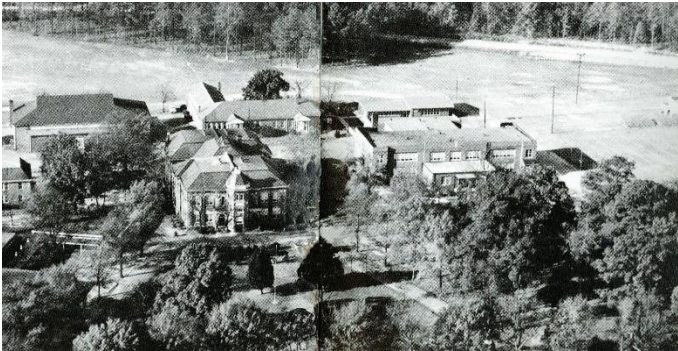
Wakelon High School Becomes Wake County Landmark

Zebulon received its very first landmarked property this Fall. Wakelon High School was designated a local landmark by the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission (WCHPC). Zebulon Town Commissioners accepted the landmark status at their September meeting and WCHPC also approved it in September.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) reported these details about Wakelon in its filing. “Erected in 1909 and doubled in size in 1914, Wakelon High School possesses local significance in the areas of education and architecture.

“As one of the first four high schools constructed in Wake County, the school is important in Zebulon for its role in the education of white students who resided in the town and surrounding areas over about seven decades. The building is also important in Zebulon and the county as a rare, exuberant, and well-preserved example of eclectic late Victorian design.

“Landmark designation means the community recognizes a property as an important historic resource worthy of preservation,” according to SHPO.



This building at 1001 North Arendell Avenue, set back 220 feet from the street, displays both Neoclassical and Italianate architectural features. Its most dramatic element is an octagonal tower with a domed roof that rises at the center of the eastern facing front façade. In 1914 a large addition was added to the school, doubling its size and repeating the massing, size, materials and architectural style of the original building.



Italianate architectural features include a belt course, corner quoins, segmental and round arches and hooded windows. Classical elements include paired windows, a boxed eave, and symmetry at each elevation. The red brick exterior contrasts nicely with granite sills and lintels at some windows while others display keystone brick window hoods.

The building closed as a school in the 1980s, and GlaxoSmithKline bought it for their purposes and undertook a renovation in 1998-1999 as a training center. It was sold to the Town and became the Zebulon Town Hall in 2009.

“The building is ... a rare, exuberant, and well-preserved example of eclectic late Victorian design.” – SHPO report.

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Our Mission

Preservation Zebulon advocates for the preservation of historic buildings and landscapes that embody important elements of the history and culture of Zebulon and promotes their conservation for the enrichment of residents and businesses.

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Murder Mystery Dinner a Success!

Our October 20 event, attended by 110 people attired in Roaring 20s costumes, was Preservation Zebulon's first fundraiser and was held at the Zebulon Women's Club/Rotary Building. It was a murder mystery Rip Roaring Revenge, featuring 7 actors from "It's A Mystery" and a 1920s Speakeasy theme. Preservation Zebulon utilized all local sourcing for the event, with catering by Southlands, dessert by Carter's Bakery, free tastings from Lick Life Spirits, and wait service provided by East Wake High School honor students. Proceeds of \$4,000 from the event will help us establish a National Register historic district in Zebulon.



Super Sleuth Winners – Virginia Fulbright, Rodger Fulbright, Vicki Waun, Nick Waun, Jane Duffy Bud Duffy, Allison Gray and Taylor Gray.

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