

# Preserve Nashville

PROTECT THE PAST. SHAPE THE *FUTURE*.

## *Introducing a New Strategic Alliance*

The Preservation Society of Nashville and Historic Nashville, Inc. are entering into a strategic alliance to strengthen and streamline preservation leadership in Davidson County. Together under an aligned governance framework they established Preserve Nashville as the parent organization while maintaining distinct corporate structures and purposes.

### *Overview*

Preserve Nashville brings together the strengths of the Preservation Society of Nashville and Historic Nashville, Inc. under a single, forward-looking umbrella dedicated to shaping Nashville's future by protecting and championing its historic places.

As the city grows, Preserve Nashville positions preservation as a practical, people-centered tool for building stronger neighborhoods, a more resilient economy, and a deeper sense of belonging for all Nashvillians.

### *Key Facts:*

- **Parent Organization:** Preserve Nashville
- **Mission:** To shape Nashville's future by protecting and championing historic places.
- **Vision:** A Nashville for all, where historic preservation and thoughtful growth strengthen culture, commerce, and community
- **President & CEO:** David Greider
- **Governance Structure:** 22-member Preserve Nashville board and 5-member Historic Nashville Easements board

### *Core Values*

Open Collaboration | Forward Focus | Civic Stewardship | Proactive Strategy | Principled Accountability

### *Programs:*

Preserve Nashville will carry forward and expand a robust portfolio of programs that connect residents, members, and partners to the city's historic places:

- **The Nashville Nine:** An annual list that elevates endangered historic places and priority advocacy sites across Davidson County, focusing public attention and resources.
- **Preservation Coffee and Professional Education:** Regular convenings that bring together neighborhood leaders, architects, developers, planners, and public officials for practical, solutions-focused conversations about preservation and growth, deepening understanding of tools, incentives, and best practices.
- **Member-Only Historic Tours:** Curated walking tours, site-based experiences, and talks that help members and residents experience Nashville's neighborhoods, historic buildings, and stories firsthand, often in partnership with local historic sites and cultural organizations.
- **Annual "Paint the Town" Fundraising Event:** A signature gathering that raises critical support while celebrating the organization's mission, work, and impact.
- **Other Public Programs:** Workshops, talks, and collaborative events that help homeowners, neighbors, and preservation enthusiasts care for historic properties, navigate local preservation tools, and get involved in protecting the places they love.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### 01 *Does this change my membership?*

If you are a current active member of PSN or HNI, your membership will remain active as a Preserve Nashville member through the existing renewal date. At that time, you will be invited to renew under Preserve Nashville. All of your same benefits continue.

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### 02 *Will this affect current programs or events?*

All of the beloved programs of Historic Nashville, Inc. and the Preservation Society of Nashville, such as member-only historic tours, Preservation Coffee events, Paint the Town, and more will continue with Preserve Nashville.

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### 03 *Who will be leading Preserve Nashville?*

Preserve Nashville will be governed by a blended 22-person board, with 11 members from the Preservation Society of Nashville and 11 members from Historic Nashville, Inc. In addition, David Greider has been promoted from Executive Director to President & CEO of this broader parent organization.

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### 04 *Will both organizations still exist?*

Yes, both organizations will maintain their legal existence. Preserve Nashville will serve as the parent organization and will be focused on advocacy and education, while Historic Nashville Easements (formerly Historic Nashville, Inc.) will continue to operate the easement program.

### 05 *How is this different from what existed before?*

Previously, the two organizations operated completely separately with some overlapping goals but different strategies and methods of achieving those goals. This alliance will:

- Unify preservation leadership under Preserve Nashville
  - Preserve and strengthen Historic Nashville's easement work
  - Align advocacy, education, and easement stewardship
  - Increase long-term sustainability and capacity
  - Amplify preservation's voice for a growing city
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### 06 *Why is this happening now?*

Nashville's rapid growth makes it more important than ever to have a coordinated, proactive approach to preservation.

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### 07 *Is this happening because one organization was struggling?*

No, this is a strategic decision, not a reaction to challenges. Both organizations are strong, but we recognized that by aligning our efforts, we can be more effective and better serve Nashville at a critical moment of growth.

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### 08 *Is this about stopping development?*

No, this alliance supports thoughtful growth, ensuring Nashville can continue to evolve while preserving what makes it unique.