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The Four Major Impacts of Architectural Restoration

*Buildings on Broad | Charleston, South Carolina
Restored by Midwest Maintenance, Inc.*

Economic | Cultural | Environmental | Visual

Restoring and preserving an historical structure provides many benefits to a community and a business — it has an economic, cultural, environmental and visual impact. While protecting our rich American heritage and reclaiming our past, we are honoring those who came before us.

Economic Impact

The visual, cultural and historical benefits of architectural preservation are well known — companies and communities are now realizing the positive economic impact, too.

- Increase in property values
- Demand for more skilled craftsmen, resulting in higher wages
- More materials and services are purchased locally
- Quicker occupancy
- Restoration is often less expensive than new construction
- Tax incentives and grants may drastically cut the costs of restoration

Cultural Impact

Our historic structures join people to their community and provide a sense of place, connects them to their past, and encourages public participation.

- Preserves irreplaceable cultural treasures
- Creates a gathering place within a community
- Experience a piece of each generation's story, who came before us
- Vital piece of knowing and understanding our nations' heritage
- Commemorates the past

Environmental Impact

Preserving an historical structure is the ultimate recycle/reuse/repurpose program. Sustainability begins with preservation — the structure already exists; therefore energy is not needed to demolish a building or create new building materials and the infrastructure may already be in place.

- Preservation maximizes use of existing materials and infrastructure
- Conserves our limited environmental resources
- Creates less waste than demolition and new construction

Visual Impact

Through preservation we give ourselves the opportunity to share the same environment in which generations before us lived.

- Restored historic structures add warmth, charm and appeal that cannot be found in modern architecture
- Architectural details, materials and craftsmanship are unique to specific period architecture
- A unique connection with the original craftsmen and the labor and time they invested in their work

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