Historic Vienna

- Rural Agricultural Community
- Population: 4,011
- 140 miles south of Atlanta located just off I-75 Exit 109
- Founded: February 28, 1841
Stovall-Woodward-Gregory House
Neoclassical Revival
McDonald-Couch House
Queen Anne
Powell House
Craftsman Style
Fokes House
Ranch Style
Established by Ordinance in 2003

7 Commissioners

1 Staff Person

**Mission Statement:** To stimulate revitalization of the City of Vienna’s business districts and historic neighborhoods, and to protect and enhance local historical and aesthetic attractions, through the protection and preservation of the City’s historical, cultural, and aesthetic heritage.
Challenges

- Lack of adequate funds
- Limited staff time
- Limited technical expertise
- Training
- Elected Officials
Designations

- Preserve America Community
- Certified Local Government
- Plan First Community
Other Challenges

- Demolition by neglect
- New Construction
- Funding large projects
- The “A” Word
Demolition by Neglect
Henley Building Restoration
Public-Private Investment

- Save a historic building
- Rid Downtown of blight
- Project creates several new jobs and space for up to 3 new businesses

$323,804 DCA Redevelopment Funds
New Construction
Vienna Volunteer Fire Department
The “A” Word

The largest single threat to historic preservation that historic commissions face is:

APATHY
Education, Education, Education!

- Use of all media types
- Awards and recognitions
- Guided tours of historic buildings
- Presentations to clubs and organizations
- Celebrate Historic Preservation Month
- Celebrate Community anniversaries, etc.
“As for the future, your task is not to foresee it, but to enable it.” .... Antoine de Saint-Exupery