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The Foundation Board as part of its continuing efforts in historic preservation in Madison County has established an Easement subcommittee under the Preservation Committee. This group will assist individuals to place preservation and conservation easements on their historic property to preserve historic value for future generations. The committee will be available to advise interested owners in establishing the types of easements they should put on their property and inform them of the legal procedures and tax implications. The committee members presently serving are: Elise Stephens, History/Education; Ira Jones, Facilitator; Roger Nicholson, Records; Jack Burwell, Legal; Clayton Jones, Appraiser. Advisors are: Harvie Jones, Historic Architect; and Richard Van Valkenburgh, Real Estate.

How To Make A Difference In History: Preservation Easements

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Owners of historic properties devote considerable time and effort to restoration of their homes, gardens, and architectural details in a manner compatible with their properties' historic period and architectural styles. A preservation easement is a means by which you, as owner of an historic property, can be assured of its continued preservation after the property passes from your stewardship. An easement can in some instances also enable the donor to realize significant federal, state, and local tax savings.