Spartanburg County Parks Department - Historical and Cultural Resource Management Plan

This plan is guided by Spartanburg County Council’s Strategic Plan, specifically Goals 1 and 2:

Goal 1 - Create sustainable economic development that benefits the businesses and citizens of Spartanburg County

Objective 1.2 - Establish and implement a land use planning process and policy framework

Goal 2 - Capitalize on natural resources and tourism opportunities

Objective 2.1 - Strengthen policies related to accessing natural resources and promoting tourism

While the Parks Department manages natural resources though the Audubon Cooperative Program, this plan focuses on historical and cultural resource management which is not included in the Department’s Natural Resources Management Plan.

When determining treatment for historic properties the Parks Department is guided by the Secretary of the Interior’s “Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties” and “Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes.” The Parks Department also seeks the assistance of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, the Spartanburg County Office of Building Codes, the Spartanburg County Planning Department, and the Spartanburg County Historical Association, when appropriate.

Spartanburg County is currently home to 54 Historic Places and 125 Historical Markers.

A full listing of Spartanburg County Historical Places can be found at:

http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/spartanburg/nrspartanburg.htm

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https://www.hmdb.org/results.asp?County=Spartanburg%20County&State=South%20Carolina

Below is an inventory of these historical sites that fall under the management of the Parks Department.

Site #1: Peach Monument

Inscription: Marker Front “This monument is erected out of respect for the peach, delectable fruit of a friendly soil and a beneficent sun. Upon a pedestal we place it as a symbol of God’s bounty and man’s enterprise. Spartanburg County has the honor of the richest peach harvest in the nation, and we are grateful for this favor.”
“Marker Rear “An appreciative community pays tribute to those pioneer orchardists who through foresight and diligence, established and industry that means much to our welfare. They set a worthy example in cultivating a choice fruit, and their culture of the land contributed to the culture of mankind. First carload of Spartanburg County peaches shipped July 31, 1924.”

Erected by the Spartanburg Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Located at 34° 58.038' N, 81° 56.958' W. Marker is in Spartanburg, South Carolina, in Spartanburg County. Marker is at the intersection of Asheville Highway and North Cleveland Park Drive, on the left when traveling south on Asheville Highway.

Site #2: “Sparky” the Train Monument

*Note this marker was removed in 2011, but remains on this plan for historical reference.

Inscription: Sparky is one of two miniature G-16 trains donated in 1952 by the Kiwanis Club of Spartanburg. The restoration of this vintage train was made possible through generous donations from families, companies, and organizations in the Spartanburg Community.

Erected in 2003 by the Spartanburg County Parks and Recreation Department.

Located at 34° 57.96’ N, 81° 56.988’ W. Marker is in Spartanburg, South Carolina, in Spartanburg County. Marker can be reached from Asheville Highway 0.1 miles east of North Cleveland Park Drive.

Below are the guiding standards for the Parks Department’s management of these historic properties. The Parks Department Leadership Team collectively manages and evaluates this plan. Funding for the management of these facilities is included in the Parks Departments annual maintenance division operating budget.


https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/four-treatments/landscape-guidelines/index.htm

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