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The  
Wenger  
House,  
built in  
1948,  
Delray  
Beach



## It is said: “There is no history here”

The fact is there is amazing history in Palm Beach County. From Jupiter to Boca Raton to Canal Point to South Bay, history is all around us.

The most obvious signs of our rich and diverse history is preserved in the County’s architecture styles.

Be rewarded for being a good steward preserving and promoting the County’s history; ask about a historic tax exemption today.



### Facts about Historic Homes and Districts

- More stable, they hold value better in uncertain economies when compared to new homes
- Appreciate faster than new homes
- Create a sense of place
- Historic Structures are Green Structures
- Eligible for relief from zoning and building regulations

# HISTORIC TAX EXEMPTION

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ZONING & BUILDING

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

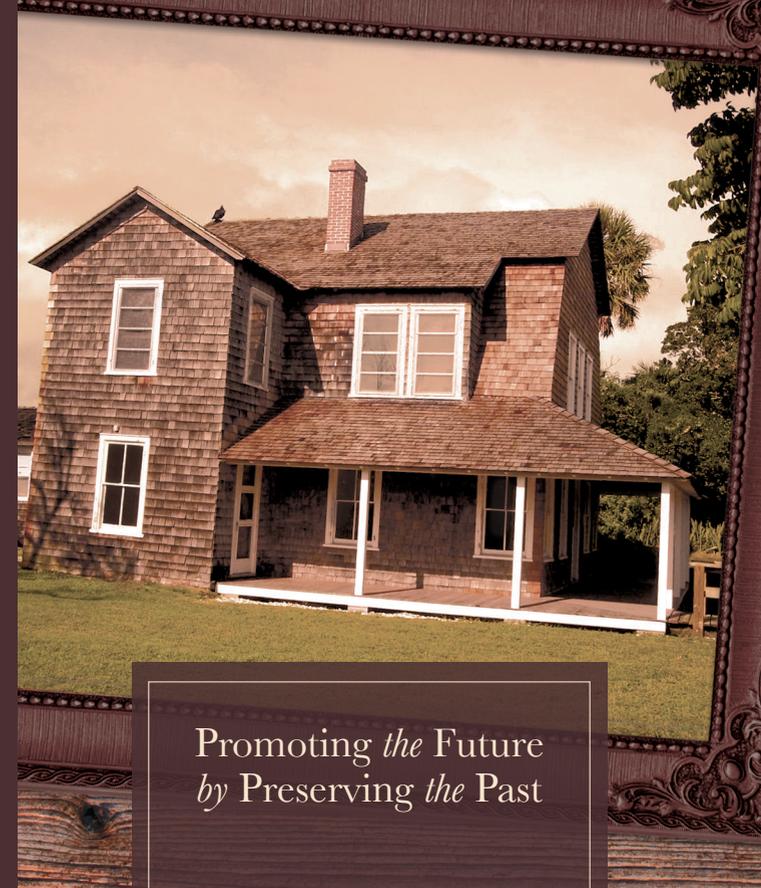
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◀ The DuBois House, built in 1898, Jupiter



## THE NEXT STEP

Contact your local municipality and ask to talk to the Historic Preservation Officer. This person will have more information on what is required and what the process will be. If your municipality is not listed, ask them to contact the County Historic Preservation Officer to discuss entering into an interlocal agreement with the county.

## Participating Municipalities:

- City of Boynton Beach
- City of Delray Beach
- City of Lake Park
- City of Lake Worth
- City of West Palm Beach
- Town of Palm Beach

## WHAT IS THE HISTORIC TAX EXEMPTION?

The Historic Tax Exemption Project is part of the Certified Local Government (CLG) program and has been active in Palm Beach County since 1996. This program has saved the taxpayer millions of dollars over the years.

## HOW IT WORKS

You may be eligible for a 10-year tax exemption on the renovations made to the historic portion of the property if:

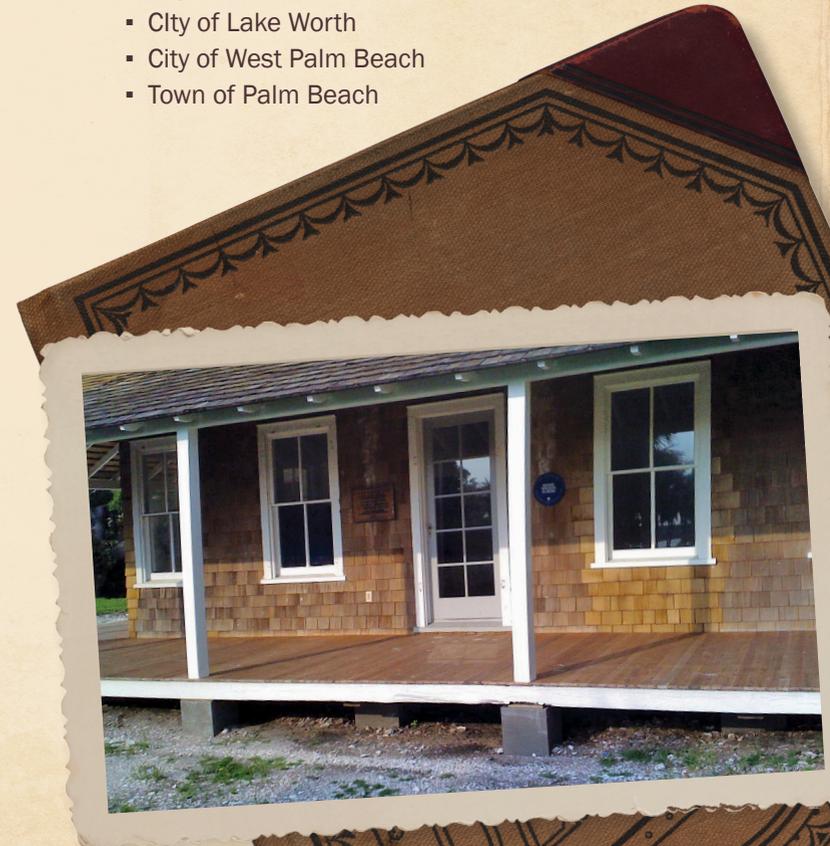
- The house is 50 years of age or older and noteworthy for its design or construction techniques, for its information potential, or its association with a significant person or event.
- A historic structure must also retain its physical integrity and be a good example of period architecture, including quality in design, materials and workmanship for the period, unless the structure proposed for designation is associated with a significant person or event.
- The home will have major physical improvements necessary to restore or rehabilitate the historic structure, which may also include additions or alterations.

## TYPES OF BUILDINGS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THIS TAX INCENTIVE

- Privately-owned homes
- Commercial buildings
- Grand hotels to small bungalows



◀ The DuBois House, window replacement



▲ The DuBois House, renovated porch