



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

March 1, 2019

Dear Members of the Board of County Commissioners,

I am pleased to present the Durham Historic Preservation Commission's Certified Local Government Report for 2018.

This was an eventful and important year for the Commission. During the past reporting year the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) worked diligently on behalf of our citizens to identify and protect Durham's historic resources. Over the course of the year, during our monthly meetings, we reviewed 37 requests for Major Certificates of Appropriateness for properties within Durham's local historic districts and for our locally designated landmarks.

In addition to our regular hearings for Certificates of Appropriateness, the Commission distributed our informational brochure and introduced a newsletter that provides additional guidance on changes or additions to existing regulations. These resources are mailed to all property owners of local historic landmarks and structures within local historic districts. We also drafted a comprehensive update to the *Historic Properties Local Review Criteria*.

Commission members attended local workshops designed to familiarize Commission members and agency staff with standards associated with maintaining historic sites. These workshops have been supplemented by monthly presentations by staff addressing important topics in historic preservation.

The Commission also welcomed two new members after consideration of applications from across the city and county. We are pleased that our new members have enthusiastically accepted their roles as partners in safeguarding our historic districts. The Commission remains committed to working with the citizens of Durham and their elected representatives to preserve and protect Durham's most important assets.

With Highest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph F. Jordan".

Joseph F. Jordan, Chair