The Charleston Principles

The Charleston Principles serve as our guidelines.

- Identify historic places, both architectural and natural, that give the community its special character and can aid its future well-being.
- Adopt the preservation of historic places as a goal of planning for land use, economic development, housing for all income levels, and transportation.
- Create organizational, regulatory and incentive mechanisms to facilitate preservation, and provide the leadership to make them work.
- Develop revitalization strategies that capitalize on the existing value of historic residential and commercial neighborhoods and properties, and provide well-designed affordable housing without displacing existing residents.
- Ensure that policies and decisions on community growth and development respect a community’s heritage and enhance overall livability.
- Demand excellence in design for new construction and in the stewardship of historic properties and places.
- Use a community’s heritage to educate citizens of all ages and to build civic pride.
- Recognize the cultural diversity of communities, and empower a diverse constituency to acknowledge, identify, and preserve America’s cultural and physical resources.

Fundraising

The M/RCPA actively engages in fundraising for various historic restoration and rehabilitation projects in the community.

The historic Union Pacific Depot and the Wolf House Museum both have benefited from the ongoing fundraising activities of the M/RCPA.

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Community Involvement

The Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance promotes the economic health of the community through historic preservation. The M/RCPA acts on behalf of its members to ensure elected and public officials understand the implications of their decisions as they relate to preserving our community's historic heritage. Our members are active participants in community issues associated with city zoning and planning as they pertain to historic preservation.

The M/RCPA collaborates with and supports organizations and entities at the local, state and national levels to advance the cause of historic preservation. Our relationships with the Riley County Historical Society, the City of Manhattan's Historic Resources Board, the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office and the National Trust for Historic Preservation have made a difference in Manhattan and Riley County and will continue to do so into the future. We are affiliated with preservation-minded groups and individuals across the state through membership in the Kansas Preservation Alliance (KPA), a 501(c)(3) organization. KPA sponsors the annual state preservation conference, monitors legislative activities, and serves as a preservation advocate at the statewide level.

Historic Preservation Awards

The M/RCPA publicly recognizes outstanding examples of historic preservation through its biannual preservation awards program. We recognize private homes, public buildings and commercial structures.

Our Mission...

To engage the community in the active preservation of its historic resources by:

- promoting historic preservation in the community and surrounding area.
- enhancing economic development through historic preservation.
- educating the community regarding the cultural importance of historic preservation.

Annual Membership

$15 Student
$35 Historic
$100 Preservation, $125 Corporate Preservation
$250 Landmark, $300 Corporate Landmark

The M/RCPA membership year is Sept. 1 – Aug. 31.

For more information, visit www.PreserveManhattan.org, or find us on Facebook: Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance.

Everyone is invited to join the M/RCPA.