

Ordinance 2021-11
EVALUATION CRITERIA - DRAFT

Base criteria established by the ordinance:

Historical memorial must be located within the unincorporated boundaries of Oconee County, SC.

The memorial must be located on property that is publicly owned, operated, or controlled.

Additional base criteria suggested:

Historical memorials must be permanent (made of durable materials and affixed or erected with the intent of permanent placement).

If these base criteria are met, “memorials” should then be evaluated for classification as “historical”:

- Is the memorial associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history relevant to Oconee County, SC?
- Is the memorial associated with the lives of persons significant to Oconee County’s past?
- Does the memorial recognize an existing structure(s), or site of a former structure(s), that embodies distinctive architectural, artistic, or cultural values of Oconee County, SC?
- Does the memorial recognize a site that has yielded, or is likely to yield, important information about the prehistory or history of Oconee County, SC?
- Has the site been otherwise documented or recognized as possessing historical significance even if a physical memorial/marker has not been placed there?
- Is the memorial a tombstone or other secondary gravesite marker in a publicly owned/operated cemetery?

Relevant parties to consult:

Inform/consult all parties who own/manage public land in Oconee County.

Inform/consult law enforcement with jurisdiction on public land in Oconee County (arresting officers and prosecution).

- All Oconee County Arts & Historical Commission partners
 - museums, historic sites, landmarks, etc
- Oconee County Sheriff's Department
- Oconee County Solicitor's Office/Magistrates
- Department of Natural Resources
- USDA/US National Forest Service
- Oconee County PRT (County parks with historic sites/cemeteries)
- SCPRT (state parks & historic sites)
- SCDOT (state road right-of-ways)
- Oconee County Roads & Bridges (county roads & sign shop)
- Clemson University (owns Stumphouse Tunnel property)
- School District of Oconee County (schools have many historical plaques, etc...)
- Oconee County GIS
- Soil & Water Conservation District
- Upstate Forever
- Chattooga Conservancy
- Duke Energy
- Army Corp of Engineers
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Other issues to consider:

- Defining public land - how will Oconee County PRT, SC PRT, SCDOT, USDA, Clemson University, and School District of Oconee County be informed/involved for memorials/sites on their lands?
- Large historical sites with many physical elements (example: All of Oconee State Park is historical - how do they decide which elements of their park are covered by this ordinance? Would it cover damage to all of the historic cabins?)
- Need to understand the process by which items can be added to or removed from this list once it is passed by County Council.
- How can the Planning Commission's goal of a Historical/Cultural Asset Inventory work alongside this directive?