

P R O J E C T R E S P E C T

(Restoration, Enhancement, Stabilization, Preservation, Evaluation, Curation, and Technology)

R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Advocate Statement

Project R.E.S.P.E.C.T., was formed in 1995 to bring awareness to the plight of America's African-American, Hispanic American, and Native American abandoned, neglected, and forgotten cemeteries. In calendar year 2006 our mission and goals was modified to include Community Development Projects.

Our plan is to be the catalyst for awareness of the outstanding benefits awaiting us in the form of cultural heritage through historic preservation. Our mission is to provide creative preservation models for saving cultural resources through legislative actions, community development, and creative partnerships with educational institutions, business, and industry.

We have found a tremendous resource which gives us a wealth of valuable historical data, documented, on little known historic facts and persons such as soldiers who predate the Buffalo Soldiers (circa (1700-1948)). Another example include a self-made person of wealth created through the sales of ice-cream - burial in Houston's Olivewood Cemetery, who's contribution would likely be unknown to many if not acknowledged and identified post-honorously.

Geo-Science and Archaeological professionals plus many other friends of Project RESPECT see boundless opportunities which can commemorate these places, while enhancing, and commemorating the communities in which they are found.

Our plan includes application of technology to the fullest extent in digital and computerized applications such as Ground Penetrating Radar, Graphical Information Systems, and Web Based databases. These new applications of technology allow for cleaver achieving and non-invasive, creative means of assessment and research. We currently integrate technology transfer and partnerships to achieve the highest quality of methodology processes and trans-disciplinary equipment in our preservation efforts.

The potential for community and economic development, also affords us with the ability and opportunity to foster a new generation's embracing historic preservation and community involvement through service-learning while creating a bond with the past through the shared legacy of history. This will cultivate a natural heritage we can all share and appreciate with knowledge to be gained through exploration and interpretation.

Project R.E.S.P.E.C.T. has set forth a plan and mission to provide a vehicle for greater insight into our country's rich heritage through new research, documenting, preserving and saving the cultural resources and heritage of a great people who offer their own individual footnotes in history.

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