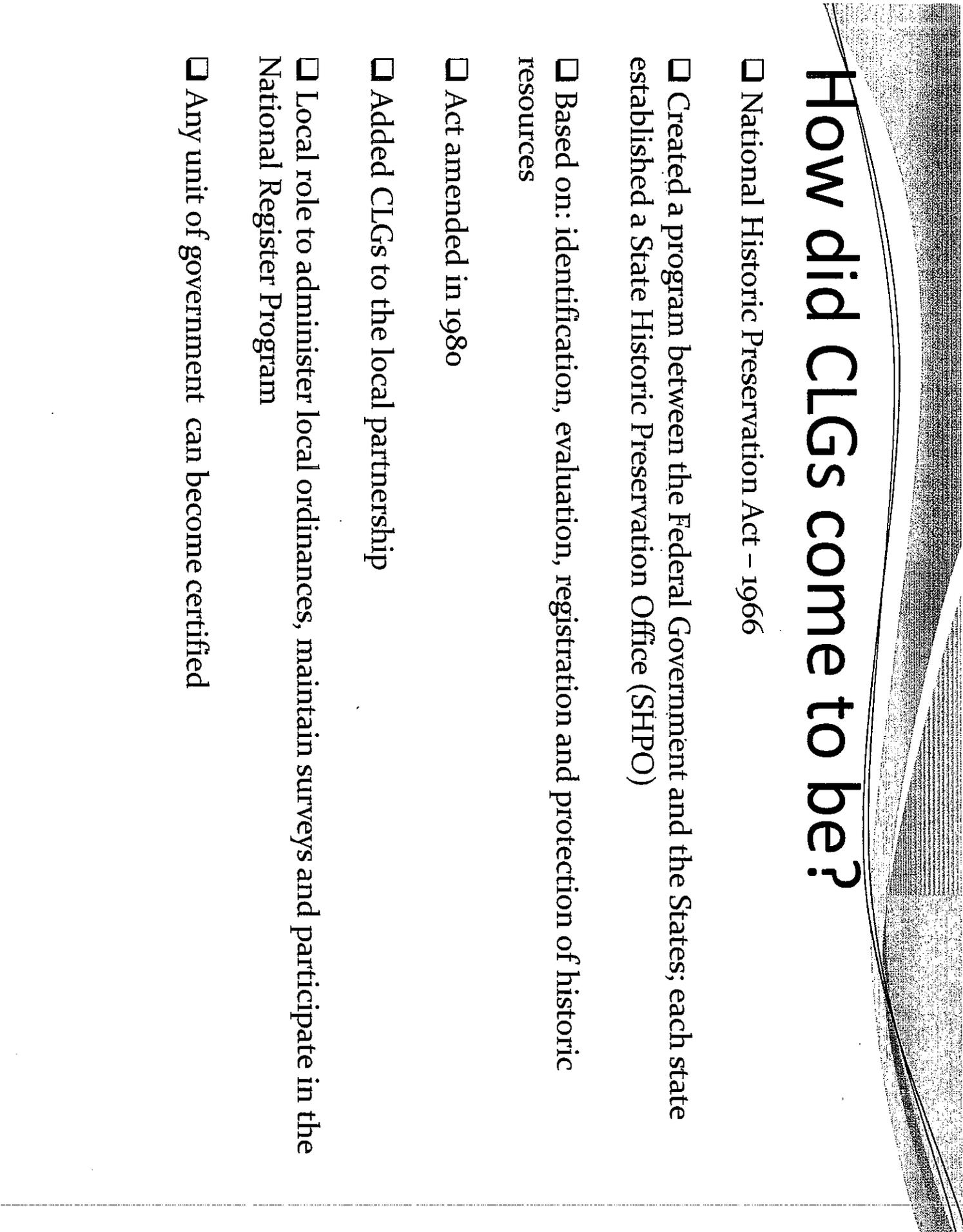


Certified Local Governments (CLG)

The CLG program is a preservation partnership between local, state and national governments focused on promoting historic preservation at the grass roots level. The program is administered jointly by the National Park Service (NPS) and at the state level by the State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) with each local community working through a certification process to become recognized as a CLG. CLGs then become an active partner in the Federal Historic Preservation Program and the opportunities it provides. As a certified town, city or county it becomes easy to demonstrate a readiness to take on a preservation project and be successful.



How did CLGs come to be?

- National Historic Preservation Act – 1966
- Created a program between the Federal Government and the States; each state established a State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
- Based on: identification, evaluation, registration and protection of historic resources
- Act amended in 1980
- Added CLGs to the local partnership
- Local role to administer local ordinances, maintain surveys and participate in the National Register Program
- Any unit of government can become certified



Certification Process

“CLGs are certified when the SHPO and the Secretary of the Interior (this authority is delegated to NPS) agree that the local government will meet the minimum requirements for certification”

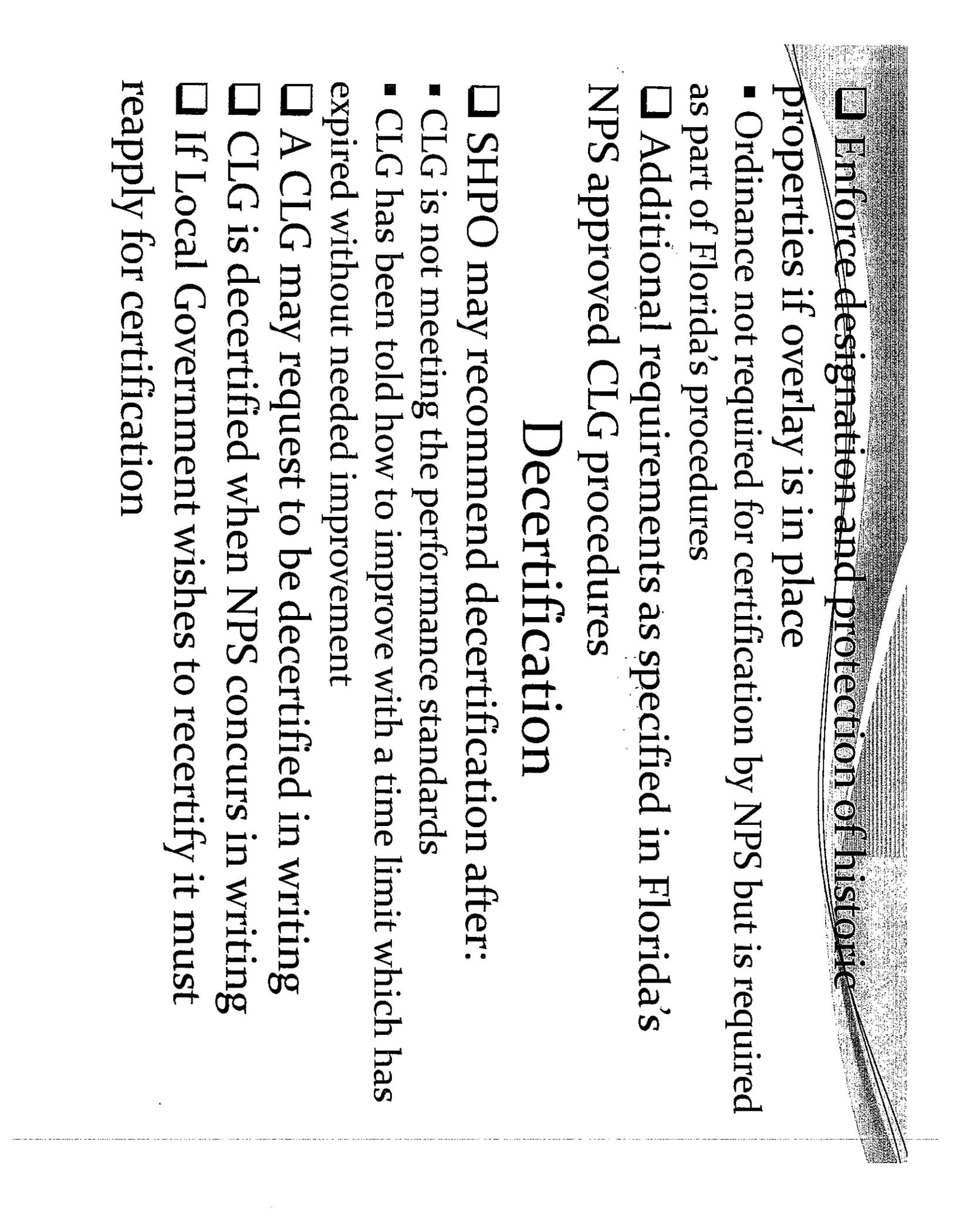
- ❑ Step 1: Local Government
 - The unit of local government, not the historical commission, is certified
 - Submit application to the SHPO
- ❑ Step 2: The SHPO
 - Ensures application meets NPS-approved state procedures & submits to NPS for certification
- ❑ Step 3: NPS Review
 - Certification Agreement becomes effective when concurred with in writing by NPS
 - NPS notifies both SHPO & CLG in writing

Minimum CLG Requirements

- ❑ Establish a historic preservation commission
 - State may define qualifications: architect, attorney, historian, archeologist, etc

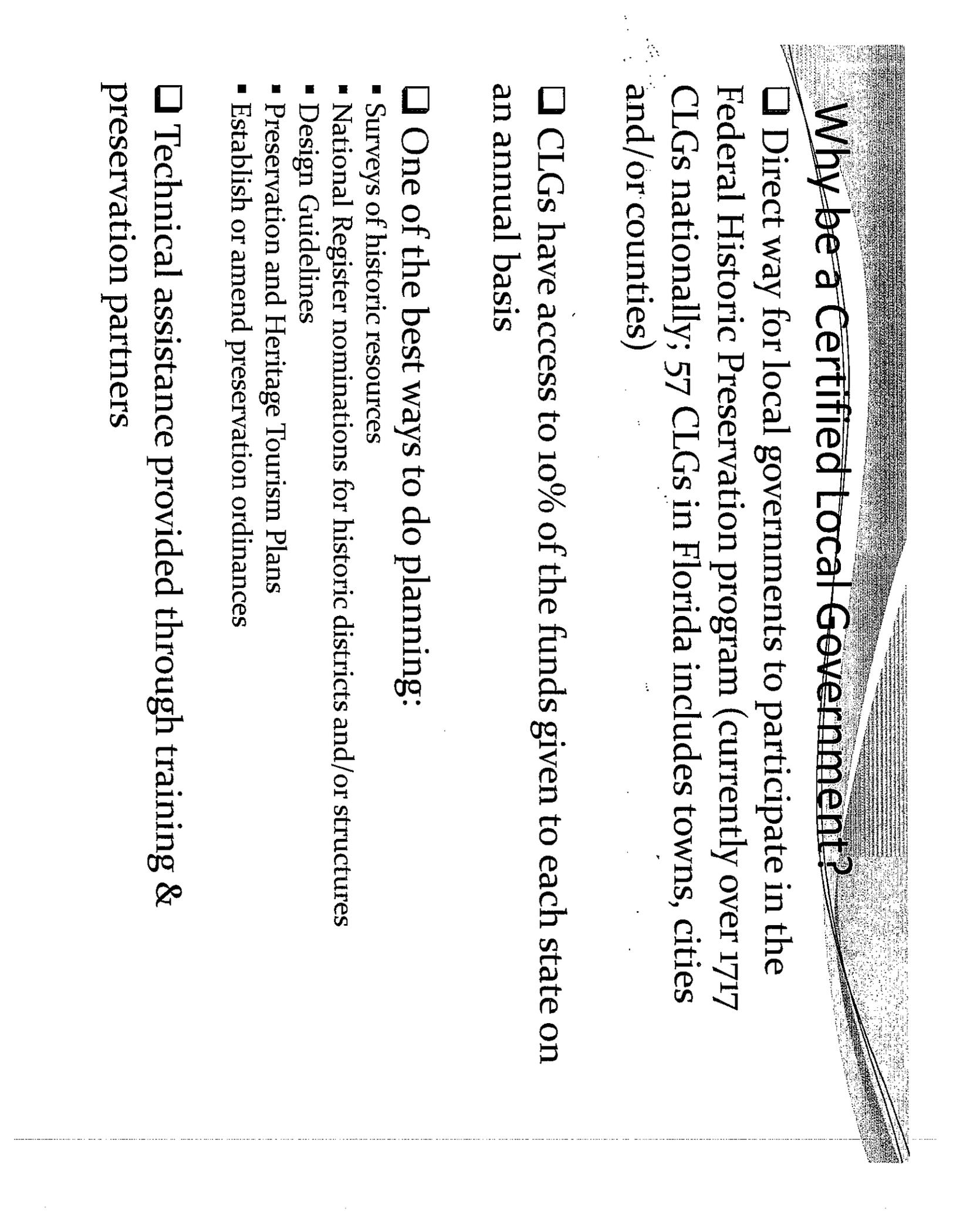
- ❑ Provide public participation in the Local Historic Preservation Program
 - Open meetings, minutes and procedures
 - Public participation and comment on the National Register process

- ❑ Maintain a survey and inventory of historic properties
 - Should be consistent with State's survey requirements

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- ~~Enforce designation and protection of historic properties if overlay is in place~~
 - Ordinance not required for certification by NPS but is required as part of Florida's procedures
 - Additional requirements as specified in Florida's NPS approved CLG procedures

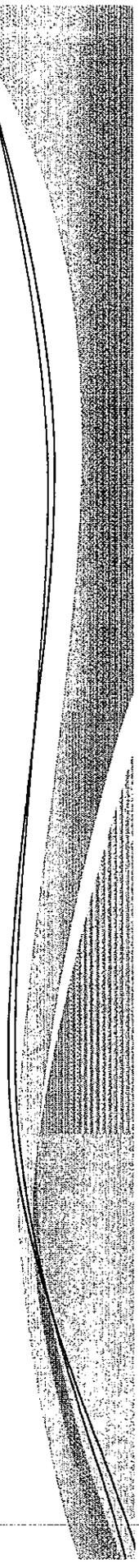
Decertification

- SHPO may recommend decertification after:
 - CLG is not meeting the performance standards
 - CLG has been told how to improve with a time limit which has expired without needed improvement
- A CLG may request to be decertified in writing
- CLG is decertified when NPS concurs in writing
- If Local Government wishes to recertify it must reapply for certification



Why be a Certified Local Government?

- ❑ Direct way for local governments to participate in the Federal Historic Preservation program (currently over 1717 CLGs nationally; 57 CLGs in Florida includes towns, cities and/or counties)
- ❑ CLGs have access to 10% of the funds given to each state on an annual basis
- ❑ One of the best ways to do planning:
 - Surveys of historic resources
 - National Register nominations for historic districts and/or structures
 - Design Guidelines
 - Preservation and Heritage Tourism Plans
 - Establish or amend preservation ordinances
- ❑ Technical assistance provided through training & preservation partners



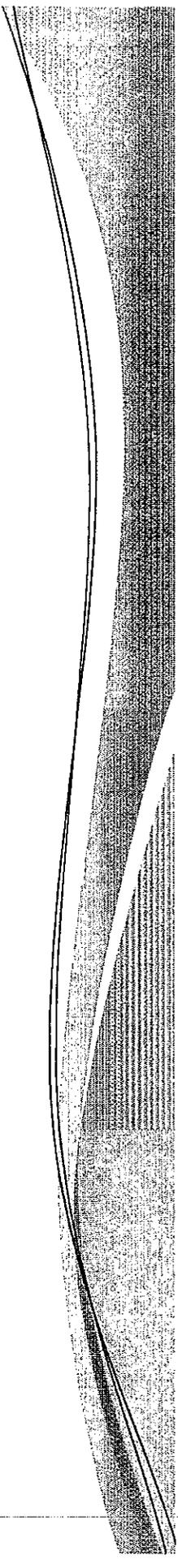
National Resources for Training & Planning

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC)

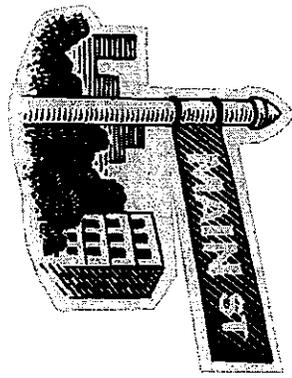
- Membership based/quarterly newsletter
- CAMP trainings for commissions
- Bi-annual FORUM gathering
- Library of resources on ordinances, design guidelines, preservation plans
- Direct link to leading local preservationists

National Trust

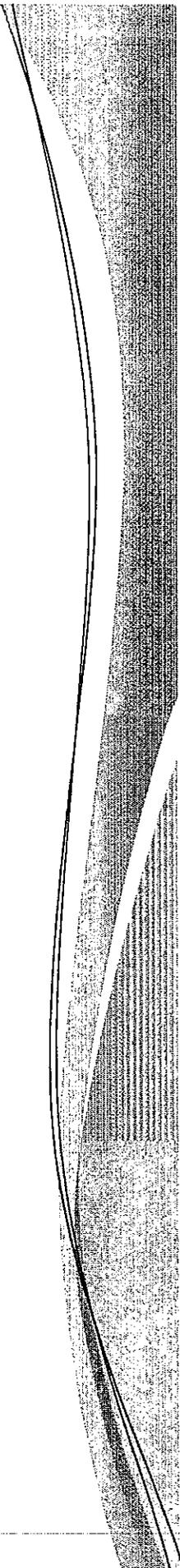
- Regional Offices/Planning grants
- National Preservation Conference
- Preservation Leadership Training & better Boards



More Partners...

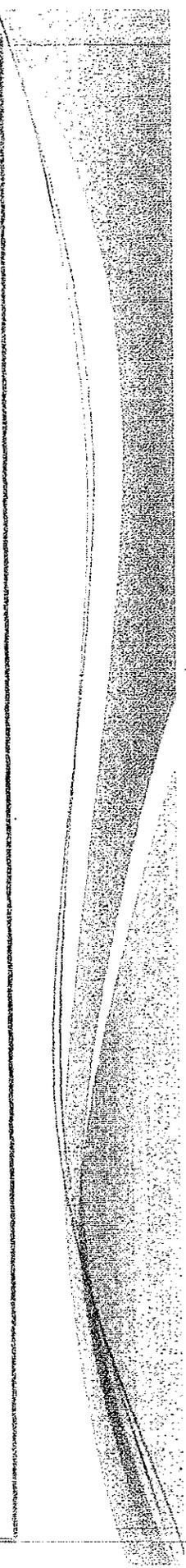


- ❑ Main Street
 - National Town meeting
 - Technical assistance targeted to economic development
 - National and state level programs
- ❑ Preserve America – Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)
 - Lead agency for Preserve America program
 - Preserve America grants (handled by NPS)

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- ❖ Increased awareness of the importance of historic preservation
 - ❖ Receive technical assistance and training; both on-site & at regional meetings for staff and volunteer members of historic preservation boards
 - ❖ Eligibility to apply for special historic matching grant funds set aside only for CLGs. Funding is available for projects such as surveys to identify significant historic properties, preparation for National Register nominations and development of preservation education materials such as booklets and brochures. To conduct project reviews for Florida's local option property tax exemption program (non CLG communities must be conducted by the DHR). The exemption is available for qualified improvements to historic properties listed in the National Register and/or designated by a CLG.

WHY SHOULD PALATKA BECOME A CLG?

- ❖ Palatka's past is also its present and future
 - ❖ Although Palatka bills itself as historic; there is no commitment as a city to preserving this legacy
- Most importantly it would demonstrate Palatka's commitment to keeping what is significant from the past for future generations!

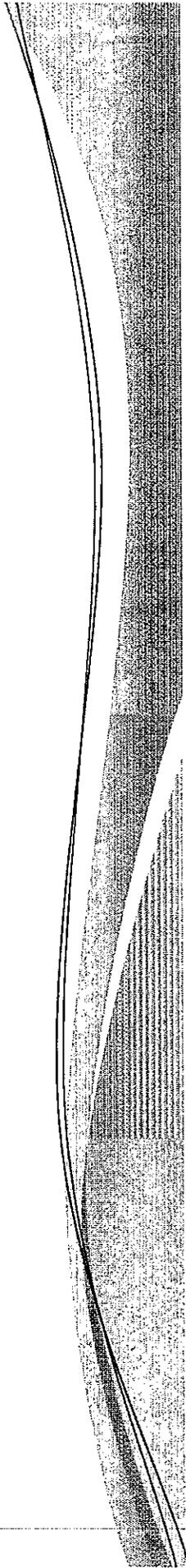


A Preservation Ordinance:

- Provides a municipal policy for the protection of historic properties
- Establishes an Objective and Democratic process for designating historic properties
- Protects the integrity of designated Historic Properties with design review standards
- Authorizes Design Guidelines for new development within Historic Districts to ensure that it is not destructive to the area's historic character
- Stabilizes declining neighborhoods; protects and enhances property values

A Preservation Ordinance DOES NOT:

- Require permission to paint your house or review color selection
- Restrict sale of property
- Require improvements, changes or restoration of your property
- Require approval of interior changes or alteration
- Prevent new construction within Historic areas
- Require approval for ordinary repair or maintenance
- Require Historic Properties be open for tours



Thank you for your interest!