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Historic Augusta Announces New Real Estate Program to Promote Preservation of Historic Properties

Historic Augusta has established a Real Estate Program designed to match buyers and sellers of historic properties. Under this program the organization acquires options to buy significant buildings and then sells the properties to preservation minded buyers subject to historic preservation easements. Historic Augusta has executed options to buy three separate properties in downtown Augusta and has subsequently sold one, leaving two buildings available for sale.

920 Greene Street, known as the Henry-Cohen House, was sold to Mark Donahue of Augusta, Georgia. This historic house was built c. 1853 by Isaac Henry, a successful local banker and is a fine example of the Italianate style that was popular during the mid-nineteenth century. It was included in to Historic Augusta's Endangered Properties List in 2010 and featured on Historic Augusta's Downtown Loft Tour in 2011. Mr. Donahue will begin a certified rehabilitation of the structure shortly which will create six apartment units that will be available for rent in downtown's thriving rental market.

305-309 James Brown Boulevard, a three story Second Empire Townhouse built c. 1884, and 586 Broad Street, a Federal-style building built in the 1820's, are currently under option by Historic Augusta and will be marketed to preservation-minded buyers and investors. Both properties are located within designated National Register of Historic Places districts therefore making them eligible for certified rehabilitation tax credit programs.

The mission of Historic Augusta, Inc. is to preserve historically or architecturally significant sites and structures in Augusta and Richmond County, Georgia. For more information regarding its Real Estate Program or to schedule a site visit to an available property, contact Robyn Anderson at Historic Augusta, Inc. at 706-724-0436 or by email at robyn@historicaugusta.org.