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Cleveland County stands to get federal funding with historical designation

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Revolutionary connections could reap dollars
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SHELBY - Cleveland County is as critical to the Southern Campaign of the Revolution as a host of South Carolina counties seeking designation as a National Heritage Area with the National Park Service.

Chamber board members applauded that claim as Marti Mongiello, owner of Inn of the Patriots in Grover, outlined plans to pursue inclusion in the area.

Success would bring federal dollars to boost tourism.

"I really believe in about two years, Congress will designate this region as a National Heritage Area," Mongiello said, and encouraged Chamber officials to join a new letter-writing campaign to build support for the effort.

Often seen sporting a Revolutionary-period tri-cornered hat and costume of his ancestor, Col. Frederick Hambright, the former naval officer and White House chef immerses himself in local history. When he learned that South Carolina counties had applied for a study to become a Heritage Area, he lobbied for Cleveland County to be included and won.

"Last year, we were not on this map," he said, showing a drawing of the potential area. "Now, Cleveland County is on the official map."

There are about 40 areas designated by Congress, including the entire state of Tennessee and Western North Carolina's Blue Ridge region.

This grassroots conservation strategy makes areas eligible for perpetual federal funding, Mongiello said.

"That's why we want to part of it!"

In his letter of support, N.C. Rep. Tim Moore, D-Cleveland, cited that the county was home to important era figures, including Gen. Isaac Shelby and Col. William Graham.

"With such a rich history, I believe that Cleveland County is deserving of inclusion in this U.S. Heritage Area," he wrote.

Board President Mark Hudson said the Chamber would gladly help anyone with a letter.

Questions? E-mail marti@theinnofthepatriots.com

How do National Heritage Areas work?

National Heritage Areas expand on traditional approaches to resource stewardship by supporting large-scale, community-centered initiatives that connect local citizens to the preservation and planning process. The designation has both tangible and intangible benefits. Heritage conservation efforts are grounded in a community's pride in its history and traditions, and in residents' interest and involvement in retaining and interpreting the landscape for future generations.

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