

About the Partners

About the History Museum of Mobile

The History Museum of Mobile is where Mobile's story begins. More than 117,000 objects weave together the rich histories of Mobile and the surrounding area, from the prehistoric past to the present. Located in the heart of downtown Mobile, the museum currently operates three campuses: The primary exhibitions are located in the Old City Hall-Southern Market building at 111 South Royal Street; Colonial Fort Condé at 150 South Royal Street; and the Phoenix Fire Museum at 203 South Claiborne Street. The museum curated, constructed and funded "*Clotilda*: The Exhibition" and will operate Africatown Heritage House when it opens this summer.



About the Mobile County Commission

As the governing body for Mobile County, Alabama, the Commission is responsible for budget and infrastructure decision-making that enhances quality of life and makes Mobile County a great place to live, work, play and visit. Mobile County Commission maintains almost 1,400 miles of roads, 162 bridges, 100 buildings and multiple parks. The three sitting commissioners are Merceria Ludgood (District 1), Connie Hudson (District 2) and Randall Dueitt (District 3). Commissioner Ludgood has been the driving force behind the establishment of Africatown Heritage House. Mobile County Commission funded planning, design and construction of the facility.



About the Alabama Historical Commission

The Alabama Historical Commission preserves and promotes state-owned historic sites and public attractions, and it operates programs to assist people, groups and municipalities with their local preservation efforts. The AHC operates a Black Heritage Council to advocate and advise on the preservation of African American historic sites throughout the state, the first such council established in the United States. Under federal mandate set in the Abandoned Shipwrecks Act of 1999 and the State Underwater Cultural Resources Act, the Alabama Historical Commission is charged with the preservation and protection of the *Clotilda*, which was confirmed to be at the bottom of the Mobile River in May 2019 and remains there today. The AHC is conserving the artifacts that were safely removed from the wreck and has loaned some of them to the History Museum of Mobile for display as part of "*Clotilda*: The Exhibition."



About the City of Mobile

The City of Mobile is the fourth largest city in Alabama and has a unique history shaped by more than 300 years of French, Spanish, British, Creole and African American cultural influences. The City Government is led by Mayor Sandy Stimpson and the Mobile City Council. The Mayor's office oversees city infrastructure, parks and recreation, public safety, sanitation, public attractions and facilities, planning, zoning, litter, and other city services aimed at improving the quality of life for all citizens. The City of Mobile operates with a mission to create "One Mobile," a safer, more business- and family-friendly city. As it works to elevate the rich history of the Africatown community, the City of Mobile is honored to support the Africatown Heritage House. Late City Councilman Levon Manzie, whose district included Africatown, championed the City of Mobile's support for this important project.



Rendering of Africatown Heritage House and its adjoining memorial garden.
Credit: Mobile County Commission