

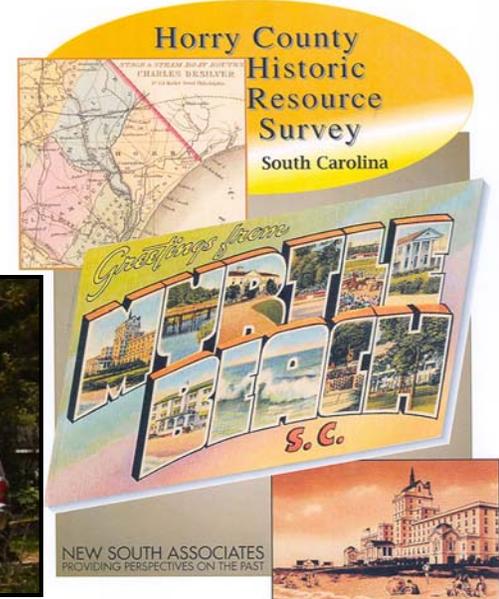
Horry County Historic Resources Survey

Horry County, South Carolina

Statewide Survey of Historic Properties



New South Associates was the consulting firm chosen to undertake the survey of Horry County. They documented everything from historic farmhouses dating to the early 1900s to Populuxe hotels of the 1950s to Moderne homes of the early 1960s.



The 2009 Horry County Historic Resource Survey was an offshoot of the Interstate 73 Southern Corridor Survey that involved Horry, Marion, and Dillon counties. The South Carolina Department of Transportation, the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, and Horry County provided funding for this extensive survey, which documented 2,914 resources. The project resulted in the identification of 42 individual historic resources, 18 historic resources within a thematic/multiple property designation, and 7 historic districts eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The survey represents a tremendous wealth of information available for planning purposes and for the recognition of significant pieces of Horry County and South Carolina history.

The importance of tourism in Horry County greatly influenced the 2009 Horry County Historic Resource Survey. Because much of South Carolina's tourist boom occurred following World War II, and because much rebuilding and redevelopment occurred in Horry County after 1954's Hurricane Hazel, this was the first historic resources survey in South Carolina that emphasized the importance of "recent past" and "roadside/tourist-related" historic resources. From the 1950s and 1960s era "Populuxe" style hotels (such as the "Midtown" pictured here), which conjure an era of martinis and tailfins, to more traditional style beach guest houses, the Horry County Historic Resource Survey captured an important but frequently overlooked aspect of South Carolina history and represents the beginning of a new era in historic resource survey in South Carolina.

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