

VII. CONCLUSION

Cary is a desirable place to work and live – its rapid growth is a testament to its desirability. Yet, rapid growth and change, no matter how attractive, can make maintaining a sense of community challenging. This Historic Preservation Master Plan provides Cary with tools to help manage change so that community character is maintained and enhanced.

Cary has many citizens and public officials working to promote historic preservation goals. The Town Planning Department, the Town Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department, The Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel, and the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission have all contributed to historic preservation efforts in the past. There is now a sense among many of the participants in the planning process that the Town needs to express its commitment to preservation through the creation of a local Historic Preservation Commission, increased regulatory options, more financial incentives, and more dedicated resources.

Cary has a rich history worthy of recognition and preservation efforts. Some of Cary's historic resources are from the 19th and early 20th century while others from the recent past are more reflective of the Town's rapid growth and development after World War II. These collective assets tell Cary's story and it is important that this story is preserved and transmitted forward for future generations to enjoy.

In 2019, this preservation plan should be evaluated to determine what has been accomplished and what remains to be completed. A new preservation plan may be desired at this time or simply a revised and amended version of the original plan. This approach will help ensure continuity within the preservation planning process.

