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Stabilization work underway at Historic Beallmont

DAVIDSON COUNTY – Statewide nonprofit organization, Preservation North Carolina (Preservation NC), is undertaking the next round of stabilization work at historic Beallmont in the Linwood vicinity of southern Davidson County. This work is funded in part by a recent grant from The 1772 Foundation of Connecticut. The Christman Company of Greensboro has been contracted to perform critical repairs to the siding, porches, and rebuilding three chimneys.

Preservation NC's involvement with Beallmont helped resolve a significant issue for Davidson County. The National Register house was on the site of a new industrial park. Until the future of Beallmont was resolved, a new facility for EGGER Wood Products was being delayed. The \$700 million facility created 770 jobs. In 2016, Preservation NC was approached by Davidson County and the State Historic Preservation Office to help in moving the house several hundred feet.

The county donated a 2.6-acre lot and funds to partially cover the cost of relocating the house, but prep work for the move revealed extensive termite damage and unstable chimneys. Preservation NC invested \$65,000 of its own money for initial sitework, foundation footings and piers, and critical structural stabilization.

The Christman Company has now fully secured the exterior envelope of the house, including siding and trim repair, porch stabilization, and the reconstruction & restoration of the welcoming double-door entryway with sidelights. Phase 1 of work also includes significant structural stabilization of the earliest two-story log portion of the house to its later frame additions. Phase 2, to be completed this fall, will include the reconstruction of three brick chimney stacks that will host six individual fireplaces throughout the house.

This once-picturesque country villa featured architectural details inspired by the "cottage" style of A.J. Downing. It now sits in front of a bucolic pond and is surrounded by 100+ acres of protected conservation land. A new greenway might extend from the Yadkin River Park to Beallmont and also connect to the Carolina Thread Trail, a regional network of more than 300 miles of trails.

The grant from The 1772 Foundation provides critical funding for Preservation NC to complete the most urgent projects. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 as "one of the best documented houses in Davidson County," its extensive historic documentation provides the framework for restoring the latticework porch posts, decorative brackets, floor-length nine-over nine sash windows, and the double-leaf, raised-panel front entry.

Beallmont is a significant resource for this North Carolina community and aids in preserving a piece of its rich history. Please contact Jack Thomson, Preservation NC's Western Regional Director, at 704-473-0005 or jthomson@presnc.org for more information about purchasing this historic property.

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