
Cultural Landscape Group: FLAT ROCK

Cultural Landscape Group:Flat Rock is dedicated to preserving the character and history of Flat Rock as reflected through its landscape, including roads, bridges, pathways, and greenways.

Cultural landscapes are landscapes that have been affected, influenced, or shaped by human involvement. They include scenic highways and rural communities, and are made up of features that individually or collectively contribute to the landscape's physical appearance as it has evolved over time. In addition to vegetation and topography, cultural landscapes include elements such as pathways and roads.

In Flat Rock, we are the inheritors of the work of generations before us, those who planned and built this area to be a place of quiet and charm, of woodlands and pastures, rock work and mountain streams—a respite from the hurried pace of daily life.

That feeling—of coming home, of slowing down—is what so many of us respond to when we come to Flat Rock. That feeling, ephemeral as it is, is tied to our landscape. Things we don't even consciously notice—the flowing curves on Rutledge, the tree canopy on Trenholm, the dips and climbs on Little River, the glimpse of the dam on N. Highland Lake—are what we value in our community and are what give Flat Rock its sense of place.

We are committed to preserving this cultural landscape and recognize that “neglect and inappropriate development put our irreplaceable landscape legacy increasingly at risk. Too often today's short-sighted decisions threaten the survival and continuity of our shared heritage.” After researching the record of area road projects, including potential projects in the village, we are concerned that the Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization, and N.C. Department of Transportation have little understanding of our unique place in Henderson County history or of our inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. We hope to remedy that.

The sense of place that is Flat Rock is worth protecting—and we are working to do just that.

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To preserve the cultural landscape of Flat Rock in a way that reflects the character and history of the area