



**Greenville
County**

COMMUNITY PROJECT ACCOUNT
(Small, De Minimus Public Projects)

APPLICATION

1) Name of Project: HISTORIC MARKER FOR SPRING PARK INN

Check Project Type:

Nonrecurring community requests for infrastructure:

- Flooding
- Roads
- Lights
- Sewer and drainage
- Public buildings and grounds
- Community Centers open to residents of Greenville County
- Infrastructure related studies

Contractual agreements for social, recreational, and educational programs

Contributions to local governments in Greenville County for community projects

2) Amount of Funds Requested: \$ \$2,630.00

3) Project Sponsor Organization: CITY OF TRAVELERS REST.

Mailing Address: 125 TRAILBLAZER DRIVE
TRAVELERS REST SC 29690

4) Contact Person:

Name ERIC JINSON, CITY ADM.

Title CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Telephone 864-834-8740

Alt. Telephone No. 864-834-8740

Email ERIC@TRAVELERSRESTSC.COM

Fax No. _____

Council Representative(s) STEVE SHAW

5) Project Timeline ~ Beginning: 9-28-2023 Ending: 11-30-2023
MONTH/DAY/YEAR MONTH/DAY/YEAR

6) Date Funds Are Needed: 10-30-2023

7) Location of Project: 301 OLD Buncombe Road TR SC

8) Project Description: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

a. General Description: MANUFACTURE AND INSTALL SC DEPT-OF ARCHIVES APPROVED SC HISTORICAL MARKER AT THE SPRING PARK INN. SEWAN STUDIOS TO MANUFACTURE SIGN.

b. Benefit project will provide the Community: BEAUTIFUL SIGN DESCRIBES THE HISTORY OF THE NEWLY RESTORED BUILDING TO THE MANY VISITORS TO TR & THE RESTORED INN.

c. Additional Comments: INCLUDES A REFERENCE TO PROBABLE BUILDINGS FOR ENSLAVED PEOPLE.

9) Project Budget:

- a. Total Project Budget including all sources of funds: \$ 2,630.00
- b. Percent request equals of the total Project Budget? 100 %

List below all funding sources for this project:

Funding Source	Amount
COUNCILMAN SHAW'S PROJECT FUNDS	\$ 2,630.00
CITY OF TR WILL INSTALL	
TOTAL:	\$ 2,630.00

[Signature]
Signed
Councilor
Title

9/28/2023
Date



August 21, 2023

Rosemary Bomar
Travelers Rest Historical Society
P.O. Box 412
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Re: S.C. Historical Marker for Spring Park Inn (Greenville County)

Dear Ms. Bomar,

I am pleased to inform you that the director of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH) has approved the final inscription for a new South Carolina Historical Marker for **Spring Park Inn in Travelers Rest**.

Enclosed are three copies of the approved inscription. Please review the text carefully, and notify me immediately if you find any errors.

Once you have reviewed the text, please sign and return the original copy to me. Keep one copy for your records, and mail the other to Sewah Studios, 190 Millcreek Road, Marietta, Ohio 45750, along with a completed Sewah Studios Customer Order Request Form (enclosed) and a check for **\$2,630.00**. This price for a City-Size Marker with 1" letters and different text on each side includes a standard 7-foot post and all shipping charges. This price is valid until **April 30, 2024**.

When you send payment for your marker to Sewah Studios, please be sure that your Order Request Form includes a suitable location for delivery, the name of a contact person, and a phone number. The marker should be shipped to a public office or place of business open during regular business hours (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) when someone will be present to receive and sign for it. If you wish to have your marker ready for a particular dedication date, please notify Sewah Studios as soon as possible.

It is also your responsibility to ensure that the person you designate to receive the order inspects the shipment *before* signing the freight bill. After the freight bill is signed, Sewah Studios will not accept responsibility for any damage, nor will the freight company accept any responsibility. If your shipment is damaged, refuse only the damaged item and contact Sewah Studios immediately at (888) 557-3924 or (740) 373-2087. Please contact them with any other questions or concerns regarding your marker order.

Finally, please review the enclosed guide to South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) historical marker policies. Before placing your order with Sewah Studios, contact your local SCDOT office to determine if your proposed marker location is in a state right-of-way. Such markers require additional permitting and special breakaway installation systems. **Sewah Studios does not sell breakaway systems**, however you must notify Sewah **when you place your order** if your marker will

require such a system so they can specially fabricate the marker to fit the correct type of post. I will also be sending a copy of this letter to the Director of Maintenance and the Traffic Operations Engineer at SCDOT for their information.

Most of your communication from this point forward will be with Sewah Studios. However, if I may be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at (803) 896-6182 or e-mail at ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov.

I look forward to receiving your signed marker text, and I thank you for bringing attention to this importance piece of South Carolina history.

Sincerely,



Edwin C. Breeden, Ph.D.
South Carolina Historical Marker Program
State Historic Preservation Office

Ms. Michelle Walker, Administrative Coordinator
Office of the Director of Maintenance
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, S.C. 29202

Mr. Ashley Johnson
Traffic Operations Engineer
SCDOT – Traffic Engineering
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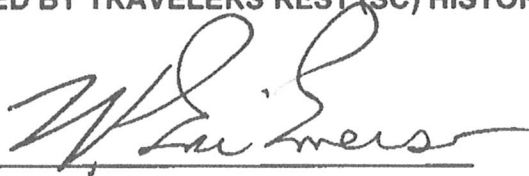
**23-101
SPRING PARK INN**

The Spring Park Inn is one of the oldest surviving buildings in Travelers Rest. Its eastern section likely dates to c.1820 and was originally a residence owned by Aquilla Bradley. In 1851, C.C. Montgomery acquired the house and surrounding 194 acres and opened it as a public inn for travelers on the adjacent Buncombe Road. The house was first expanded during his ownership. It was sometimes called the Nine Mile House for its distance from the city of Greenville.
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Approved:

W. Eric Emerson, Ph.D.
Director



South Carolina Department of Archives and History

Date: August 31, 2023

Marker Location: 301 Old Buncombe Rd., Travelers Rest (34° 57.758' N 82° 26.476' W)

I confirm that I approve of the text as drafted above:

Sponsor Signature / Date

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(continued from other side)

In 1860, Montgomery's property included three dwellings for 19 enslaved people, some of whom likely worked at the inn. Robert Anderson acquired the inn in 1874 and also used it as a post office. His daughter Minnie Hillhouse obtained it after his 1898 death. She expanded the house again and named it Spring Park Inn after a nearby spring. It catered to passengers on the "Swamp Rabbit" rail line which first reached Travelers Rest in 1888 and later stopped at the inn.

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