

## **Planning Process**

The Comprehensive Plan for 2005 through 2010 is an update and revision of the 1996 and 2000 Comprehensive Plans, building upon the earlier framework with modifications and some new goals and objectives derived from input from the public and the experience of the users. During the spring of 2004, the staff of HPD of MDAH conducted a well-advertised public meeting at the community center in downtown Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The meeting was well attended by a broad spectrum of Mississippi's community leaders – elected officials, economic development coordinators, merchants, businessmen, educators, housing authorities, tourism promoters, and representatives of non-profit organizations, in addition to preservationists. A questionnaire was sent to over 100 preservation partners throughout the state and public notices were placed in newspapers. Comments that were received from these constituents were incorporated into the Plan.