Albany’s 400-year heritage has produced thousands of historic resources which are integral to the city’s image and identity, helping to maintain a prosperous downtown and enhancing residential neighborhoods. Albany’s historic resources are well maintained, and many are undergoing rehabilitation or restoration work to bring new housing choices to Albany residents. Property owners, contractors and developers are taking advantage of the many historic tax incentives and other initiatives that encourage rehabilitation of historic resources. The City of Albany and its historic preservation partners continually collaborate to document and register the City’s historic resources while educating its citizens, property owners and developers in the benefits of preservation. Historic preservation has improved property values in and around historic areas, fostered civic beauty, and preserved and promoted the appreciation of Albany’s historic buildings, structures, sites and districts for the education and welfare of the its citizens and stakeholders.

Value Statement #1
Historic Preservation is a critical tool to Revitalizing Downtown Albany.

Value Statement #2
Historic Preservation Enhances Residential and Mixed-Use Neighborhoods.

Value Statement #3
A Strong and Effective Local Historic Preservation Program Requires Collaborative Efforts Between Many Different Partners.

Value Statement #4
Preservation Efforts in Albany Recognize All Groups and Populations that have Contributed to Albany’s Built Environment and Heritage.