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Preservation of Wilson Real Estate Activities

Preservation of Wilson has new signage up to promote real estate activities in the Old Wilson Mile. Driving on Nash Street, turning onto Bragg Street and then onto Green Street, you will see three new real estate signs displayed in the front yards of three properties.

SOLD

315 WEST GREEN STREET
DARDEN DOUGLAS HOUSE

After sitting vacant and threatened with continued deterioration from the weather and neglect, Wilson's 1902 Darden Douglas House has been sold under the efforts of Preservation of Wilson. This Victorian home with Colonial Revival details is architecturally, culturally and historically significant to the Old Wilson Historic District in Wilson, NC. When completed, the house will be converted into a special events facility for weddings, receptions, parties and business socials. It will have a full service commercial kitchen for catering.

UNDER CONTRACT

201 BRAGG STREET
J. WILL GARDNER HOUSE

Through Preservation of Wilson's RESTORATION PARTNERS PROGRAM, the J. Will Gardner House is Under Contract. When closed, this two-story bungalow will be converted from three rental units back to a single family dwelling. Preservation of Wilson worked with local real estate agent, Kelly Vick from First Wilson Properties, in finding a preservation minded buyer. The buyers saw the Sold sign at the Darden Douglas House which generated their interest in the area. More information on the buyer will be provided after the closing has occurred.

AVAILABLE FOR RESTORATION

THE CHARLESTON HOUSE
311 WEST GREEN STREET

The property located at 311 West Green Street is Available for Restoration. It is a Contributing historic structure which looks much like a Charleston House. The property is a two-story, two-family residential house with a balcony on the second floor and front porch on the first. Preservation of Wilson has an Option on the property and will market it as commercial or residential. It is located in a B-2 zone which allows either use.

All properties sold by Preservation of Wilson will have Protective Covenants attached to the deed. "We work with the buyers and the local and state preservation folks to work up a list of important features that contribute to the historic significance. One hundred years from now the historic properties we sell,

will be protected and continue to serve as Wilson's most architecturally significant properties." says Kathy Bethune, executive director, Preservation of Wilson. "Properties sold under the Restoration Partners Program are not part of Preservation of Wilson's Protective Covenants."

Gaynell Stallings, new owner to the Darden Douglas House, is no stranger to this type of project. She has restored historic homes in Savannah, GA, and Annapolis, MD. The Savannah property was her first project. She then purchased and restored three more homes in Annapolis, MD, on Market Street, one of the most historic streets in downtown near the Annapolis waterfront. The last property she restored in Annapolis was the last condemned property in the city. HGTV did a segment on the project on their TV show "Old Homes Restored," giving Stallings's work national attention.

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