EarthCraft is Southface’s industry-leading building certification program for the renovation of historic buildings focused on health, resource efficiency, and high performance. The Sustainable Preservation program is designed to celebrate historic features while providing guidance on design elements to optimize resource efficiency. Projects will receive technical guidance from building science and preservation experts, helping to achieve a customized solution for high performing, historic buildings. The program is specifically intended for buildings with historic designations or structures located within historic neighborhoods.

Rhodes Hall

Southface and The Georgia Trust developed the nation’s first green building certification program for historic buildings; Rhodes Hall was the first pilot project of the program.

Fulton Supply Lofts

Fulton Supply Lofts is a century-old, converted warehouse turned multifamily building in the heart of Atlanta. The Lofts achieved the program’s first multifamily certification.

Benefits of EarthCraft Sustainable Preservation

Working within the framework of historic preservation best practices and green building standards the ECSP program:

- Supports the triple bottom line framework; ‘environmental’ - diverting from the landfill the waste associated with demolishing a building, ‘economic’ – creating a building with lower operating cost, and ‘social’ - preserving the cultural value of historic architecture
- Provides a roadmap for identifying energy efficient systems and building shell upgrades that are more appropriate for historic structures
- Offers a green building certification that overlays with the historic tax credit review process
- Addresses the unique features of historic buildings
- Maximizes gains in efficiency and overall building performance that often are missed within the traditional framework of the historic tax credit requirements