

# Share Your Community's *Green Book* History and Build Support

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## **Identify Your Community's *Green Book* Locations**

Investigate which sites are or were close to your community. Determine which are still standing, what they were previously, and what they are now. The Green Book Projects website is a great place to find information on North Carolina *Green Book* locations. Is this history common knowledge in your community? If not, consider partnering with other community organizations to help tell the story of the people who worked and possibly lived at that site. Incorporate these local Oasis Spaces in your own programming.

## **Preserve Locations and Their History**

If a site is still in existence but needs repair or interpretation, research what efforts have been made. What local contacts exist who have started these efforts? If nothing has been done, consider creating this effort by building a collaborative team to work together. Research possible grant opportunities or service projects that could help in this effort. If a site has been torn down, research options to interpret its history. Could interpretive signage be created to tell a site's story?

## **Host a Community Open House**

Invite your local community members to bring their stories and memories to your site at an "open house." Capture and document these stories appropriately (recorded, written) to share with future generations. What were other locations in or near your community that served in similar roles to Green Book sites? Consider highlighting their stories as well.

## **Host an Event or Start an Ongoing Program**

Invite a guest speaker like a local historian or prominent community representative to speak on a local site or related topic. Identify other potential local partner organizations with whom to offer collaborative experiences (e.g., walking tour of Oasis Spaces sites). Collaborations can foster larger impacts but do require advance planning and communication to be successful.