

Morgan County home in ‘peril’ now has chance at restoration

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An historic home in Morgan County identified as one of the “Places in Peril” by the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation now has a new chance for restoration.

The Foster-Thomason-Miller House, built in 1883, has been disused for decades after withstanding two fires and failed attempts to transform the building into a bed and breakfast.

Recently, however, the Madison-Morgan Conservancy, a nonprofit that aims to conserve local historic sites and natural spaces, bought the property from former owners Von and Christy Friesen.

The home at 498 S. Main St., Madison, now is listed for sale to a conservation buyer who will agree to rehabilitate the building to certain standards.

The property is the first recipient of the Conservancy’s new Endangered Properties Revolving fund, which aims to purchase endangered properties in order to carry out repairs to ready the property to be sold back into the private market.

The house on 1.024 acres is available for \$449,000.

The 5,000-square-foot home includes five bedrooms, two bathrooms, a parlor, library, dining room and central hall. The architecture invokes elements of Queen Anne, Italianate, and Gothic Revival styles.

The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is regulated by an historic district.