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Do-gooders save historic home

The historic Randolph Lucas House will be moved to Ansley Park this summer, according to a group of preservationists working to save the home from demolition.

According to a press release from Buckhead Heritage, the home will be moved from its current location on Peachtree Road. The property was targeted for demolition by the condominium association, who said the house was a safety hazard for residents.

The Randolph-Lucas House, a mansion located at 2494 Peachtree Road, is part of the Peachtree Heights Park District, a nationally recognized historic site. Hollins Nichols Randolph, a prominent Atlanta attorney, built the red brick residence in 1924. The 2500 Peachtree Condominiums Association, the current owner of the house, hired an engineering firm who found the house isn't structurally sound.



The Condo Association wanted to replace the home with an open air pavilion. The association received a demolition permit but agreed to work with preservationists to find a way to save the home.

The home will now be the private residence of Christopher Jones and Roger Smith, founders of NewTown Partners, an economic development consulting firm. Its new address will be 78 Peachtree Circle.

"The home will be moved to an empty lot in Historic Ansley Park, a neighborhood that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places," the Buckhead Heritage press release says.

Buckhead Heritage said moving the house will ensure it is protected as a historic home.

"Once the house is moved, Jones and Smith have agreed to donate a preservation façade easement to the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, ensuring that the house can never be torn down and that all future exterior changes or additions follow preservation standards," the press release says.

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