



Historic preservation efforts took off in 1966 when a group of like-minded women (men are now members) banded together to save Coral Gables' iconic Douglas Entrance, slated to be demolished. In those days, much of the cleanup and restoration work was literally hands-on. Capitalizing on their early success, The Villagers worked to restore many endangered Gables' sites. The oldest preservation group in Miami-Dade is still going strong, awarding nearly 250 grants and 200+ university scholarships.

– The Villagers

