



Mayfield Electric & Water, listed in the National Register

# Kentucky Heritage Council

## State Historic Preservation Office



Pullen Building, Georgetown, rehabilitated using state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credits

### PRESERVATION = ECONOMICS

In Kentucky, \$1 million spent on rehabilitating a historic building adds \$730,000 in household income to our state's economy – \$95,000 more than \$1 million spent on new construction

– Donovan Rypkema, Principal of PlaceEconomics

The Kentucky Main Street Program has generated \$3.7+ billion of public-private investment statewide since 1979

The federal historic tax credit more than pays for itself: for every \$1 of tax credits, \$5 in private investment is leveraged

In the first six years of the Kentucky Historic Preservation Tax Credit, implemented in 2006, the program generated \$197 million in capital investment, leveraged by \$13.5 million in state tax credits



Heritage Council Office, Frankfort

Helping Kentuckians identify, preserve and rehabilitate historic buildings, and protect and learn from archaeological resources

### WORKING FOR YOU

An agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, the Kentucky Heritage Council is responsible for identifying, protecting and preserving historic buildings and structures, archaeological sites and cultural landscapes throughout the Commonwealth. We do this by working in partnership with local, state and federal agencies, preservation organizations, local governments and interested citizens to rehabilitate and find new uses for historic buildings and turn them into community assets – key to sustainability, comprehensive planning and economic development.

KHC administers federal preservation programs in Kentucky including rehabilitation tax credits and incentives, the National Register of Historic Places and federal Section 106 review. We have been a leader assisting with Main Street revitalization, the preservation of military sites and rural resources, and in supporting research about and preservation of diverse resources, including sites associated with African American and Native American heritage. We also provide technical assistance and educational programming and have professional archaeologists on staff for prehistoric and historic archaeological research and investigation.

Kentucky's historic places are as diverse as its citizens, including homes and neighborhoods, farms, barns and outbuildings, downtowns, commercial buildings, African American hamlets, distilleries, churches, industrial buildings, coal mining camps and kitschy roadside architecture, in addition to resources such as rock fences and historic and prehistoric archaeological sites. All tell the stories of Kentuckians and our shared history, and all contribute to making our communities a destination for heritage tourists.



Kentucky Archaeological Survey staff excavate a rock shelter



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# KHC Programs

## SITE IDENTIFICATION

Manages and maintains a comprehensive inventory of historic sites across the state, which serves as the foundation for all functions and programs of the agency. Program responsibilities include:

- Administer the **National Register of Historic Places**; listing is required for properties to qualify for rehab tax credits
- **Survey and document** historic sites and maintain a comprehensive database
- **Certified Local Government (CLG)** Program
- **Research and planning**, including development of the comprehensive, five-year **Kentucky State Historic Preservation Plan**
- **Historic context** research, development and publication
- **Military heritage and sites** preservation
- **Rural heritage** preservation
- **Kentucky Landmark** certification
- **National Historic Landmarks** program
- Provide administrative support for **affiliated boards and commissions**



*Krahwinkle Farmhouse, Daviess County; Choctaw Academy, Scott County*



*Mercer County*

## SITE PROTECTION

Coordinates the federally mandated protection of prehistoric and historic resources listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and the professional archaeology component for the agency, including:

- **Public archaeology events**
- **Section 106 review** and compliance
- Administer the **Kentucky Archaeological Survey**, a partnership of KHC and the University of Kentucky Department of Anthropology, to provide archaeological services and education
- Present an annual **archaeology conference** for 30+ years, bringing together professional archaeologists to share research
- **Statewide GIS database** of prehistoric and historic archaeological sites
- **Publish findings** through a series of **publications and videos** available for purchase
- Produce **comprehensive education resource materials** for teachers and students

## Agency Achievements

- **4<sup>th</sup>** among states for listings in the National Register of Historic Places
- Consistently rank in the **top 10** of states with completed projects utilizing the Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit
- Database of nearly **100,000** surveyed historic buildings and sites spanning all **120** counties
- Chosen by the National Trust for Historic Preservation *Forum* journal to highlight KHC's approach to Section 106 review, representing state historic preservation offices nationwide

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## SITE DEVELOPMENT

Provides education and training, incentives, and technical and design assistance to encourage protection of and investment in historic places. Program areas include:

- **Federal and state historic rehabilitation tax credit** programs
- **Educational outreach**, including traditional building skills and hands-on training
- Present the biennial **Kentucky Historic Preservation Conference** in partnership with Preservation Kentucky
- **Technical and architectural design assistance**
- Work with Kentucky Department of Parks and local partners to help **preserve Kentucky's historic covered bridges**
- Partner with the **Ida Lee Willis Memorial Foundation** for 35+ years to present **annual awards** for preservation excellence
- **Preservation easements**
- Partner to present an **annual student multimedia competition**



*National Historic Window Preservation Summit, Pine Mountain Settlement School*



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## AFFILIATED BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

In addition to the 16-member Kentucky Heritage Council appointed by the Governor, affiliated Heritage Council boards and commissions include:

- Kentucky African American Heritage Commission
- Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission
- Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board
- Kentucky Military Sites Commission
- Kentucky Underground Railroad Advisory Council



*Princeton*

## KENTUCKY MAIN STREET PROGRAM

The Kentucky Main Street Program (KYMS) is the oldest Main Street program in the nation, created by KHC to kickstart community revitalization and economic development by focusing investment in historic buildings and infrastructure in downtowns. The program is based on the National Trust Main Street Center Four-Point Approach®, emphasizing organization, promotion, design and economic restructuring as components of a successful strategy. Participation requires local commitment and financial support, including a community Main Street Manager who administers the program through volunteer boards. In turn, KHC provides technical and design assistance, on-site visits, training and access to nationally recognized consultants. The program has served more than 100 communities throughout the state.

