

Historic Preservation in Kentucky's 6th Congressional District

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6th District Counties: Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln (pt), Madison, Mercer, Montgomery, Powell, Scott (pt) & Woodford

National Historic Landmarks: Kentucky has 30 National Historic Landmarks. National Historic Landmarks **in the 6th District** are **Ashland/The Henry Clay Estate, Fort Boonesborough, Jacobs Hall at the Kentucky School for the Deaf, Keeneland, Labrot & Graham Distillery, Liberty Hall, Lincoln Hall at Berea College, Dr. Ephraim McDowell House, Old Morrison at Transylvania College, Old State Capitol in Frankfort, Perryville Battlefield and Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill.**



Historic Preservation Tax Credits: Kentucky has been a national leader in the use of historic rehabilitation tax credits, for historic commercial and residential buildings listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Since the Kentucky Historic Preservation Tax Credit was implemented in 2005, **214 projects have been awarded \$9,270,604 in tax credits from \$141,906,256 invested** in rehabilitation projects throughout the Commonwealth. **In the 6th District, 78 projects have been awarded \$1,881,357 in tax credits from \$20,457,912 invested** in rehabilitation. For the same time period, 99 projects across the state that utilized Federal Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Structures were **awarded \$31,455,018 in federal tax credits from \$157,275,091 invested** in rehabilitation.

Kentucky Main Street Program: Established in 1979, the Kentucky Main Street Program is the oldest statewide downtown revitalization program in the nation. Nearly 100 Kentucky communities currently participate. In 2009, Kentucky Main Street and Renaissance on Main programs **reported more than \$335 million invested in downtowns statewide through these programs and combined public-private investment.**



For the 6th District ALONE this represents:

- **208 net jobs** in Main Street districts
- **81 new businesses** created
- **162 downtown buildings** rehabilitated

This investment includes:

- \$17,887,076 in public improvements, such as streetscape projects
- \$79,793,758 in private investment
- 18,268 volunteer hours committed by board members and community supporters!

Since the program began, **more than \$3.5 billion has been reinvested in Kentucky!**

6th District cities with participating Main Street programs are **Crab Orchard, Danville, Frankfort, Georgetown, Harrodsburg, Irvine, Lexington, Midway, Mt. Sterling, Nicholasville, Paris, Perryville, Richmond, Stanford, Wilmore and Winchester.**



Preserve America Communities: With a total of 73, Kentucky has more designated *Preserve America Communities* than any other state. Designated communities in the **6th District** are **Bell Court and Gratz Park neighborhoods in Lexington. Cynthiana, Danville, Frankfort, Georgetown, Harrodsburg, Lawrenceburg, Midway, Mount Sterling, Nicholasville, Perryville, Richmond, Stanford, Versailles and Winchester.**

Since 2006, **10 Kentucky Preserve America projects have received \$705,350** in grants that require a dollar-for-dollar match, a **total investment of more than \$1.4 million.** In the **6th District, a Preserve America grant for \$55,925** is being used to create a comprehensive preservation plan for the Gratz Park neighborhood.

Save America's Treasures: Kentucky has received **\$6.3 million in SAT funds for 24 projects, generating an additional \$7.8 million in matching funds and a total investment of \$14 million.** Of these, it has been quantified that **17 projects created 171 jobs for a total investment of \$21,536 per job**, compared with statistics showing that jobs generated in Kentucky through federal stimulus funds have averaged \$233,839 per job created. Since 1999, **eight grants have been awarded to 6th District projects totaling \$2,013,398**, which through matching dollars has resulted in **additional investment of more than \$2 million in community projects.**

Certified Local Governments (CLGs): This program, coordinated by the National Park Service, designates local governments (cities and counties) that enact local historic preservation ordinances. CLG designation recognizes that these Kentucky communities are dedicated to historic preservation as a public policy and are actively protecting their historic places. CLGs in the **6th District** include **Danville, Frankfort, Lexington and Perryville.**

Frankfort will host the **14th Annual International Preservation Trades Workshop** October 21-23, presented in partnership with the Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort/Franklin County Tourist and Convention Commission and the Frankfort Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites. The meeting is expected to draw several hundred participants for workshops and demonstrations in traditional preservation crafts such as masonry, woodworking and log construction. The **2010 Statewide Preservation Conference will meet concurrently** in Frankfort so those interested in hands-on training can participate in IPTW activities and events.

African American Heritage Sites: The Kentucky African American Heritage Commission works to identify and preserve sites that tell the story of slavery, the Underground Railroad, the Civil War, and education and civil rights. Many architecturally significant buildings and museums in the **6th District** preserve and promote local African American heritage, including the **Willis Russell House and Doram Sledd House** in Danville, **Greenhill Cemetery** and **Kentucky State University** in Frankfort, **African American Cemetery #2** in Lexington, **Cadentown Rosenwald School, Barrow Cemetery** in Stanford, and the **South Hill Historic District** and **Uttingertown Union Benevolent Lodge** in Fayette County.



Lincoln Bicentennial and key Civil War Sites: On February 12, 2010, Kentucky officially transitioned from a two-year celebration of the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth in Kentucky to the beginning of planning a Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration. As part of the Lincoln Bicentennial, the Kentucky Heritage Council spearheaded redevelopment of the Kentucky Lincoln Heritage Trail, www.kylincolntrail.com. Key sites highlighted by the trail in the **6th District** include the **Capitol Rotunda, Fort Hill** and the **Thomas C. Clark Center for Kentucky History** in Frankfort; the **Mary Todd Lincoln House, John Hunt Morgan House** and **Ashland/The Henry Clay Estate** in Lexington; **Camp Nelson Heritage Park** in Jessamine County; **White Hall State Historic Site** and **Richmond Battlefield** in Madison County; and **Perryville.**

Ida Lee Willis Memorial Foundation Preservation Awards: Presented annually to recognize excellence in historic preservation projects and efforts, projects recognized from the **6th District** in recent years include the **Old State National Bank and Cemetery Chapel** in Frankfort, **the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Division of Historic Preservation, Sullivan Slave Quarters** and the **W.E. Pullen Building** in Georgetown, **St. Joseph Catholic Church** in Winchester, **Lemon Hill Mansion** in Fayette County and **the White House at Camp Nelson** in Jessamine County.

The Kentucky Heritage Council / Preservation Kentucky **Annual Student Photo-Essay Competition** is currently underway and in its 12th year. Winning entries in recent years from the **6th District** have highlighted **Cove Springs Waterworks** in Frankfort, the **Old Courthouse** and **Julia R. Ewan Elementary School** in Lexington, **Guy'n's Mill** in Woodford County and the **Kerr Building** in Winchester.



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