

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. For fiscal year 2010, **Kentucky ranked 8th nationally utilizing Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits, with 27 successfully completed projects generating investment of \$18,223,755.** For the same time period, Kentucky also ranked 7th in

approved project proposals. **In the 6th District**, from fiscal year 2008 through 2010, **25 projects** utilizing the federal rehabilitation tax credit have **generated an estimated capital investment of \$8,983,847.**

Since the Kentucky Historic Preservation Tax Credit was implemented in 2005, **425 historic rehabilitation projects** have been reviewed representing a **private investment \$341,614,364** in historic rehabilitation in Kentucky. This includes 128 commercial projects completed plus another 130 proposed, and 129 owner-occupied residential projects completed with another 38 proposed. **In the 6th District, 93 projects have been awarded \$2,450,446 in Kentucky historic rehabilitation tax credits** since the program began, **from \$25,895,970 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. More than 100 Kentucky communities have participated in the program. In 2009, Kentucky Main Street and Renaissance on Main programs **reported more than \$335 million invested in downtowns through these programs and combined public-private investment** representing:

- **1,047 net jobs** in Main Street districts
- **341 new businesses** created
- **398 downtown buildings** rehabilitated

This investment includes:

- \$113,113,955 in public improvements, such as streetscape projects
- \$222,378,904 in private investment
- 61,878 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 **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, **11 Kentucky Preserve America projects have received \$735,770** 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 and a **second grant for \$30,420** will be used to create a website to interpret and promote Kentucky's historic agricultural resources for visitors to the state and develop and promote local heritage tourism.

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-Fayette Urban County Government and Perryville**. In 2010, nine CLGs were awarded grants which will **generate \$134,500 of federal and local investment**, including, in the **6th District**, the city of **Frankfort**, which will **invest \$6,667** into the local community.

2010-11 Federal Survey and Planning Grants: In 2010, the Heritage Council accepted applications for Federal Survey and Planning Grants, through which \$90,000 in federal money from the National Historic Preservation Fund was made available as subgrants to local governments, universities and nonprofit organizations. Grants were offered for priority activities meeting goals outlined in the 2010-14 Kentucky State Historic Preservation Plan. Thirty-one applications were received with requests totaling \$252,000. In the **6th District**, projects in **Frankfort, Harrodsburg, Clark and Woodford counties received grants totaling \$28,030**.

Site Identification: In 2010, the Site Identification Program assisted with **adding 27 Kentucky sites and historic districts to the National Register of Historic Places**, including in the **6th District** the Terrace Court Historic District in Danville and Hal Price Headley Sr. House in Lexington. 2010 has also been a productive year for the survey section, with 2,215 sites entered into the database and 224 site checks completed, 27 Landmark Certificates issued and 2,459 survey forms reviewed and logged. Since its inception, the Heritage Council has utilized field work to conduct an ongoing survey of historic sites in all 120 Kentucky counties, and today the database consists of more than 85,000 entries.

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 **Grand Theatre, 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 13th 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, **Guyn's Mill** in Woodford County and the **Kerr Building** in Winchester.



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