



An agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, the Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC) serves as the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), responsible for the identification, protection and preservation of prehistoric resources and historic buildings, sites and cultural resources throughout the Commonwealth.



Calling all National, State and local historic preservation-minded organizations/agencies/companies/entities.

[A sign on letter](#) is circulating for bipartisan support of reauthorizing the Historic Preservation Fund.

Share with your networks! Individuals looking to support this effort are encouraged to reach out to your local, state, and national contacts and ask them to sign!

SIGNATURE DEADLINE: October 27, 2025

Searching...



For the perfect host for the 2027 KY Historic Preservation Conference. Is your city our New Kentucky Home?

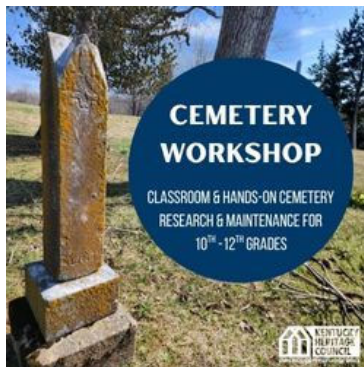
We're currently accepting applications from cities interested in hosting the 2027 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference.

Held every two years, the statewide preservation conference is Kentucky's premier gathering for preservation professionals, city officials, community leaders and historic preservation advocates. The event attracts over 200 participants from across the commonwealth and beyond to share best practices, explore emerging trends and celebrate Kentucky's rich historic resources.

"Hosting this conference is a unique opportunity for a Kentucky community to showcase its historic character, engage local partners and highlight preservation successes on a statewide stage," said Kentucky Heritage Council Executive Director Craig Potts.

The 2027 conference, scheduled for May 2027, will feature educational sessions, workshops, tours and networking events. While the Heritage Council coordinates programming and educational content, the selected host city will be responsible for securing venues, coordinating hospitality and organizing local support for the event.

Program News



NEW! Now accepting applications for our **Cemetery Workshop**. Developed by the KHC, this is a field-based program that introduces high school students (grades 10-12) to historic preservation through hands-on cemetery research and maintenance. Blending classroom instruction with on-site learning, the program highlights cemeteries as important cultural resources that reflect Kentucky's regional history and changing community identity. [Check out all the details!](#)

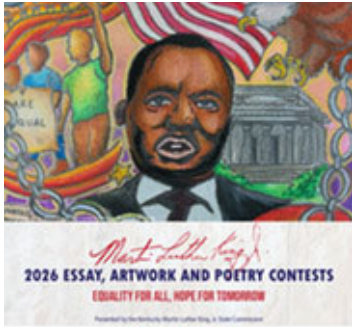
Take our survey!

Right now, KHC is developing the next **10-year State Historic Preservation Plan**, and **we want your voice** to help guide it. This plan will set the course for how we identify, protect, and celebrate the historic places that make Kentucky distinct.

[Take the survey](#) and be part of planning Kentucky's



preservation future!



Now accepting entries...

The **Kentucky Martin Luther King Jr. State Commission** is accepting entries for the [2026 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay, Visual Arts and Poetry Contests](#).

The contests are an exciting opportunity for students to express their creativity and honor Dr. King's legacy by promoting unity, equality and

justice for all people in Kentucky, the United States and the world.

Entries should be inspired by this year's theme, "***Equality for all, hope for tomorrow.***" Participants in all contests must be enrolled in a Kentucky school or home-schooled in Kentucky. The entry deadline for all contests is Friday, Dec. 12, 2025. Winners will be invited to attend a ceremony on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026, at the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort.

Kentucky Main Streets



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FOR FALL

Bardstown Beattyville Campbellsville Carrollton Guthrie Grayson	LaGrange Maysville Middlesboro Morehead Murray Paducah	Perryville Pikeville Pineville Salyersville Scottsville Shelbyville	Springfield Taylorsville Tri-Cities (Cumberland, Benham, & Lynch) Williamsburg
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Looking to plan that perfect fall foliage adventure?

No need to think New England, Eastern Kentucky drives are all you need and you can visit multiple Main Street communities along the way!! Travel to Pineville and Middlesboro, stay at our oldest state park in Pine Mtn. drive Route 119 to Cumberland, Benham, & Lynch and sleep at the Benham School House Inn, then make your way to Pikeville and Salyersville and stay at Jenny Wiley State park or make your way home. Enjoy a Kentucky Main Street adventure!

Upcoming Events

- **National Register Review Board Meeting**

Friday, November 7, 2025 | 12:00 PM ET | [Agenda](#)

Paul Sawyer Public Library, 319 Wapping Street, Frankfort



Save the date for the 2026 Archaeology Conference

Friday, Feb. 27 - Sun, Mar.1 at Carter Caves State Resort Park in Olive Hill, KY.

If you're interested in presenting a paper, or attending the conference, please reach out to Site Protection Program Administrator [Nicole Konkol](#).

National News

- **Hearing Notice**

The United States Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing to [Examine the Section 106 Consultation Process Under the National Historic Preservation Act](#) on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 9:30 AM | The hearing will be webcast live on the [Committee's website](#).

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