



Historic Preservation in Kentucky's 2nd Congressional District

An agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, the Kentucky Heritage Council is responsible for the identification, protection and preservation of prehistoric resources and historic buildings, sites and cultural resources throughout the Commonwealth. In partnership with the federal government, KHC carries out the primary functions of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). These include finding and documenting America's historic places, making nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, administering federal and state historic rehabilitation tax credit programs, reviewing impacts of federal projects as mandated through Section 106 of the NHPA, working with local governments and preservation commissions and conducting preservation education and planning.

Historic Tax Credits



Historic Tax Credits (HTC), both federal and state, encourage private investment in historic buildings. Since 2005, **138 completed projects** in the 2nd District have generated **\$76 million of investment** utilizing **\$6.8 million** in state HTCs. In 2023, Kentucky ranked **11th nationally** utilizing the federal HTC, with 27 successfully completed projects generating **\$46.6 million** in private investment.

Kentucky Main Streets



Main Street Communities: Bardstown, Perryville, Springfield, Taylorsville

Statewide, participating programs cumulatively reported for 2023 **\$61.4 million of investment** in downtown commercial districts, representing **\$23.1 million of private investment** matched by **\$32.7 million in public improvements**.

Certified Local Governments:

- Bardstown
- Bowling Green
- Horse Cave
- Owensboro

