

Historic Preservation in Kentucky's 3rd Congressional District

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3rd District County: Jefferson

National Historic Landmarks: Kentucky has 30 National Historic Landmarks. National Historic Landmarks **in the 3rd District** are the **Belle of Louisville, Churchill Downs, Locust Grove, the Louisville Water Company Tower and Pumping Station, Mayor Andrew Broaddus, Old Bank of Louisville, U.S. Marine Hospital and Zachary Taylor House.**



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 3rd District, 47 projects have been awarded \$5,151,668 in tax credits from \$88,155,168 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 through these programs and combined public-private investment.**



For the **3rd District** ALONE this represents:

- **7 new businesses** created
- **1 downtown building** rehabilitated

This investment includes:

- \$119,100,000 in private investment
- 1,500 volunteer hours committed by board members and community supporters!

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

In the 3rd District, Downtown Louisville and Jeffersontown have local Main Street programs.



Preserve America Communities: With a total of 73, Kentucky has more designated *Preserve America Communities* than any other state. Designated communities in the **3rd District** are **Anchorage, Historic Portland, and West Main Street Preservation District.** 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 **3rd District, a Preserve America grant to the Portland**

Neighborhood for \$150,000 is being used to create a set of interpretive master plans for Portland Wharf Park and link it with key neighborhood historic sites along the way.

Ida Lee Willis Memorial Foundation Preservation Awards: Presented annually to recognize excellence in historic preservation projects and efforts. Projects recognized from the **3rd District** in recent years include the **Henry Clay Hotel, Howard-Hardy House, Old Heywood School, Louisville Glassworks Lofts** and **St. Cecilia Senior Apartments**.

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, **nine grants have been awarded to 3rd District projects totaling \$2,906,939**, which through matching dollars has resulted in **additional investment of more than \$3 million in community projects.**

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 **3rd District** have highlighted the **Conrail Railroad Bridge** and **Fern Creek High School**.

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 **3rd District** include **Anchorage, Louisville Metro Government** and **Middletown**.



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 **3rd District** include **Farmington Historic Plantation**.

Most Endangered: The statewide, non-profit organization Preservation Kentucky issues an annual *Most Endangered List*, which spotlights irreplaceable historic architectural, cultural and archeological resources in Kentucky that are in imminent danger of being damaged or destroyed. In recent years this list has included **metal truss bridges, tobacco barns, WPA schools, rural cemeteries, and historic downtowns** located throughout the state. Specific sites identified in the **3rd District** include the **100 Block of West Main Street**.

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.



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