



# HERITAGE OHIO ANNUAL REPORT

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# REVITALIZATION

## **OHIO MAIN STREET PROGRAM**

2017 proved to be a fantastic year for the Ohio Main Street Program. Quarterly Revitalization Series trainings were well attended and included an interesting array of topics. Public speaking, social media, and time management, held in Millersburg; event planning, networking, and fundraising, held in Piqua; grownup places to play and the National Register of Historic Places, held in Lakewood; and the Main Street Refresh, held in Wooster all played a role in continuing the education of our Ohio Main Street programs and their revitalization efforts. Heritage Ohio's State Conference was held in Columbus in October. Of the 23 Main Street Programs in Ohio, 17 achieved National Accreditation which reflects the continued level of excellence among our Ohio Main Street communities. Lastly, we welcomed one new community into the Ohio Main Street program. We were proud to welcome Middletown in 2017 and look forward to another successful year with the Ohio Main Street program.

# **DOWNTOWN AFFILIATE PROGRAM**

The Downtown Affiliate Program continues to grow and improve and has become a very effective tool for assisting communities with capacity building efforts and striving to become Main Street Communities. Affiliate Level Communities continued to take advantage of the workshops and webinars offered throughout the course of the year and made the most of the resources available to them. Affiliate program managers took advantage of an inclusive networking at the Heritage Ohio State Conference in 2017. Spending the day networking with Ohio Main Street Program Executive Directors provided an invaluable experience for everyone. There are a total of 30 communities participating at the Downtown Affiliate level, and in 2017 we welcomed 6 new programs.

# **NEW IN 2017**

## **OHIO MAIN STREET COMMUNITIES**

Middletown

### **DOWNTOWN AFFILIATES**

Circleville Martin's Ferry

Greenfield Cuyahoga Falls

Franklin

Lorain

# REINVESTMENT STATISTICS

Total Private Investment
Total Public Investment
Total Investments\$1.65 billion
Net new businesses
Net new jobs 4,510 Full-Time/4,647 Part-Time
Total cost per new full-time job created\$11,609
Reinvestment ratio
Volunteer hours donated over 1 million
Value of volunteer hours donated

Jan 1998 - Dec 2017



## **DOWNTOWN WORKS**

Thanks to an innovative partnership with Franklin County Economic Development, Heritage Ohio has been providing specialized technical service and support to Franklin County communities outside of the city of Columbus since 2015. We have been working closely with Worthington, Westerville, Grove City, and Hilliard and continue to reach out to the communities surrounding the capital city. Some of the services that we have provided through this program include specialized training, networking opportunities, strategic planning, organizational capacity building, work planning, and board development.

# **DOWNTOWN ASSESSMENT RESOURCE TEAM VISITS**

Downtown Assessment Resource Team Visits or DART visits are two-day intensive visits to launch a community on their path to successful downtown revitalization and are a required step on the path to becoming an Ohio Main Street Community. We were very busy in 2017 helping communities around the state get a plan in place to preserve and revitalize their downtowns.

DART visits were held in: Wellington, Franklin, Greenfield, Buckeye Lake, Cuyahoga Falls, and Circleville.





# **RETAIL IS DETAIL**

Heritage Ohio obtained a USDA grant to provide retail coaching to five Downtown Affiliate Communities working with Deb Miller of Boulevard Strategies. The communities chosen to participate in this round were Xenia, Sidney, Wellington, Ashland, and Ravenna. Businesses in each of these communities will, over the course of the program, receive coaching in topics relevant to increasing their success as a small business in their community. This is the third grant we've received from USDA to help small business owners in rural communities. The project will conclude in December 2018.





# **ADVOCACY**

# **JOHN H CHAFEE AWARD**

The highlight this year was national recognition of Heritage Ohio's leadership on the national stage in advocacy efforts for historic preservation and in particular the fight to save the federal historic tax credit. In November Heritage Ohio was awarded the John H Chafee Award at the National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference in Chicago.

# **WORKING WITH WASHINGTON**





# STATEHOOD DAY

Heritage Ohio joined a coalition of history advocates at the Statehouse on March 1st. The state's birthday is the perfect time each year for history advocates to come together (on or near March 1) to help showcase the importance of Ohio's history, and how history, historic preservation and the organizations that help provide access to Ohio's rich history benefit the Buckeye State.

"Save
Historic Tax
Credits!"

## HISTORIC TAX CREDIT DINNERS

Heritage Ohio hosted two Historic Tax Credit Dinners in Toledo and Springfield. These dinners are an opportunity to showcase historic tax credit projects with our elected state representatives. Seeing projects come to fruition shows how an abstract tax credit truly changes a neighborhood and provides increased tax revenue.

# **ADVOCACY VISITS AND TOURS**

Cincinnati staff from Senators Brown and Portman's offices, as well as staff from Congressmen Chabot and Wenstrup's offices toured historic tax credit projects in Over-the-Rhine and Congressman David Joyce visited the Steele Mansion in Painesville, to learn more about how critical historic tax credits are to rehabilitation projects. Heritage Ohio made calls and DC visits in the spring and summer to support National Park Service deferred maintenance in Ohio.





# OTHER EVENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

# THE WINDING ROAD

A heritage tourism project was initiated by Ohio Hill Country Heritage Area for Southeast Ohio, to grow their local economy by enhancing authentic local experiences through outdoor adventure, food, lodging and history. A one day conference was held at Burr Oak Lodge to engage more conversations through these various businesses and nonprofit sectors.

# **CREATIVE OHIO**

A special one-day convening was held December 4th in conjunction with our partners: Ohio Arts Council, Ohio humanities Council, Ohio History Connection, and Ohio Arts Council

# **APPALACHIA HERITAGE LUNCHEON**

The 7th Annual Appalachia Heritage Luncheon was held in partnership with Ohio Hill Country Heritage Area on December 12th at the Ohio Statehouse. This annual event celebrates the successes of people, projects, and businesses located in Southeastern Ohio's Appalachia Region.





# **WEBINARS**

Heritage Ohio offers monthly webinars on many topics throughout the year. We had a lot of great webinars in 2017 including topics such as "Using Google for Local Business", "Fire Awareness & Prevention Downtown", and "Financing Historic Theater Redevelopment."

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Student Preservationist Conference Scholarship -Thanks to the generosity of former Trustee Glenn Harper, we were able to offer a conference scholarship for an emerging leader in the preservation field.

Scenic Ohio - This year Heritage Ohio partnered with Scenic Ohio to present a joint awards program to recognize the scenic downtowns of Chillicothe, Granville, Marietta, Oxford, & Zoar.

Emerging Professionals Scholarship - With support from Schooley Caldwell architects, YOP was able to offer scholarships to emerging preservation leaders Erin Claussen and Matthew Rubin to attend and present on their work in Toledo.









# 2017 OUTREACH

# OHIO MAIN STREET COMMUNITIES

Cambridge Main Street

Chardon Tomorrow

Downtown Middletown

Downtown Painesville

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LakewoodAlive

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Troy Main Street

# DOWNTOWN AFFILIATE COMMUNITIES

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### DOWNTOWN WORKS

Destination Hilliard

Grove City Town Center

Old Worthington Partnership

Uptown Westerville

### **EASEMENTS**

Akron – Naval & Marine Corps Reserve Center

Columbus – H.C. Godman Company Building

Columbus – The Historic Columbia Building

Columbus – The Historic Del Monte Apartments

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Columbus – Municipal Light Plant Building

Columbus – Ohio Finance & Gaetz Music House Buildings Columbus – Stoddart Block & Zettler Buildings

Columbus – Yuster Building

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Hamilton – The Historic High Street Commercial Block Building

Toledo - The Toledo Club

### HERITAGE OHIO WORKSHOPS

Cincinnati -- Sash Mob Weekend

Columbus -- Annual Conference

Lakewood -- Design Rev. Training

Millersburg -- Organization Rev.

Piqua -- Promotion Rev. Training Toledo --Dollars and Sense

Wooster -- Economic Vitality Rev. Training

### TAX CREDIT COFFEES

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Circleville

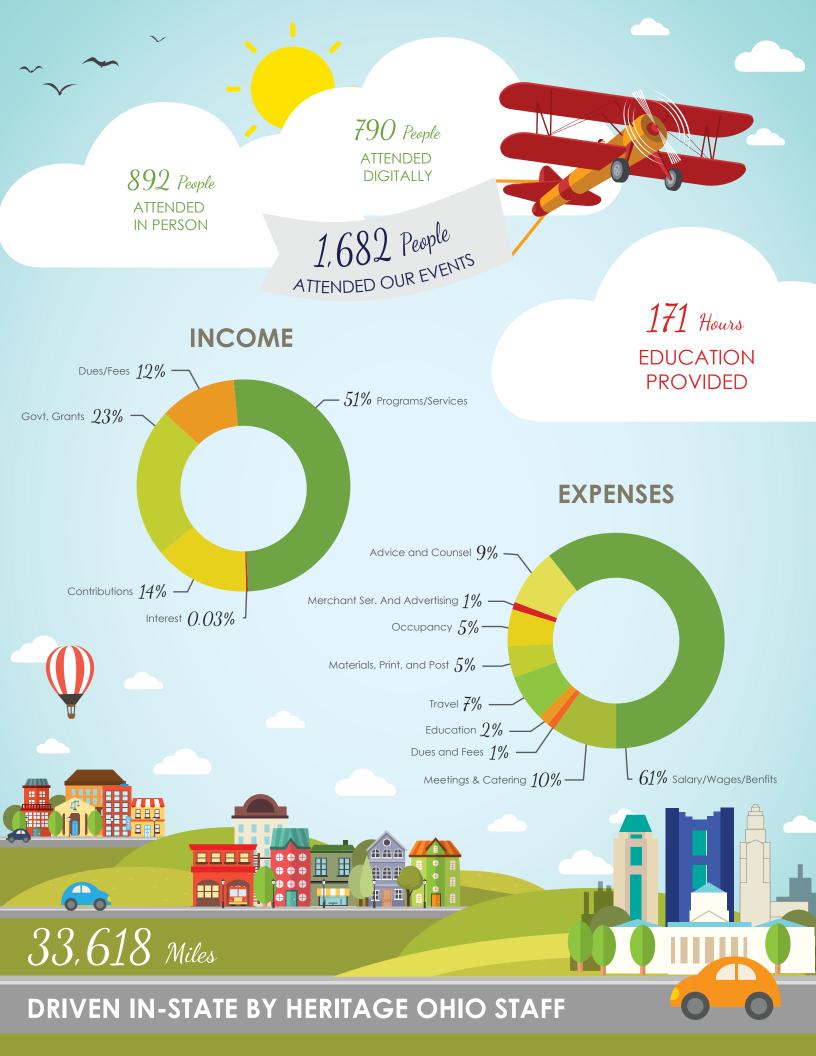
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Wellington





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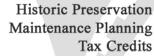
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