Program Highlights

**MAIN STREET**

**22 CERTIFIED MAIN STREET COMMUNITIES**

Using the Main Street Approach™, these communities have utilized their downtowns unique assets: historic buildings, small businesses, and the hard work of hundreds of citizens to revitalize their downtowns into thriving regional destinations. To become a Certified Main Street community, each of these communities met criteria centered on the Four Point Approach as well as passed a rigorous annual evaluation to ensure standards of the Ohio Main Street Program are being upheld.

In 2022, the Ohio Main Street family welcomed 1 new community: Lorain.

**2022 OHIO MAIN STREET PROGRAM REVITALIZATION STATISTICS**

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**DOWNTOWN AFFILIATES**

**32 DOWNTOWN AFFILIATE COMMUNITIES**

Downtown Affiliate communities are using the Main Street Approach™ to revitalize their historic downtowns. Many of these communities join the Downtown Affiliate program after completing their DART assessments and are working toward becoming Certified Main Street communities.

In 2022, we welcomed 9 new communities as Downtown Affiliates: Barberton, Caldwell, Camden, Grafton, Marblehead, Marysville, Peninsula, Sidney, and Sylvania.

**OHIO MAIN STREET AND AFFILIATE COMMUNITIES**

**OHIO MAIN STREET PROGRAM COMMUNITIES**

Cambridge  
Coshocton  
Delaware  
Kent  
Lorain  
Marietta  
Medina  
Middletown  
Milwaukee  
Painesville  
Piqua  
Ravenna  
Tiffin  
Tipp City  
Troy  
Van Wert  
Vermilion  
Wadsworth  
Wellington  
Wooster

**DOWNTOWN AFFILIATE COMMUNITIES**

Ashland  
Barberton  
Bedford  
Caldwell  
Cameron  
Chillicothe  
Circleville  
Cuyahoga Falls  
Defiance  
Eaton  
Franklin  
Freemont  
Grafton  
Greenfield  
Lima  
Louisville  
Marblehead  
Marion  
Martins Ferry  
Marysville  
Newark  
Newcomerstown  
Peninsula  
Port Clinton  
Portsmouth  
Sidney  
South Euclid  
Sylvania  
Urbana  
Westerville  
Worthington  
Xenia
DOWNTOWN ASSESSMENT RESOURCE TEAM

In 2022, we completed 6 Downtown Assessment Resource Team (DART) reports for Barberton, Camden, Grafton, Marblehead, Marysville, and Peninsula.

Resource team visits and their reports give communities a clear direction on how to start undertaking and developing a sustainable downtown revitalization plan. Using the Main Street Approach™ as a guiding principle, the plans are custom tailored to every community’s needs. Once the report is presented to the community, they can start day one to implement the strategy outlined in the report. All DART participating communities begin as Downtown Affiliate members to provide them with the support they need to become successful in their downtown revitalization missions.

PRESERVATION EASEMENTS

Heritage Ohio holds 16 historic preservation easements in 5 communities across Ohio. These easements protect historic buildings via annual property inspections to assure the protected historic nature of the buildings is maintained in perpetuity. Our current portfolio of easement holdings exceeds $19 million.

PAUL BRUHN HISTORIC REVITALIZATION GRANTS

Heritage Ohio and the State Historic Preservation Office of the Ohio History Connection currently have two active Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants funded through the National Park Service. The Paul Bruhn funds support a re-grant program, making it possible for us to directly invest in brick and mortar investments in historic properties in Ohio.

In 2021, we were awarded $750,000 to re-grant for building improvements in the Ohio Appalachian Communities of Cambridge, Coshocton, Marietta, Millersburg.

In 2020, we received $556,327, and re-granted those funds to eligible projects in the Main Street Communities of Painesville, Piqua, Ravenna, and Van Wert. We look forward to sharing the outcomes of these investments in 2023.

SAVE OHIO’S TREASURES

Heritage Ohio is proud of our initial Save Ohio’s Treasures (SOT) grant, to Doug and Melissa Shelton, to support the renovations at the historic Riddle Block #9 in Ravenna. SOT is a pilot program that we hope to expand in the future as we are able to increase funds available. SOT will position Heritage Ohio as a more responsive and engaged preservation organization by helping fund stabilization and revitalization projects in the future.

Heritage Ohio’s first Save Ohio Treasures project is taking place at Riddle Block 9 in Ravenna. Left to Right: Heritage Ohio board member Steve Coon, building owners Doug and Melissa Shelton, Heritage Ohio executive director Matt Wiederhold, Main Street Ravenna executive director Arasin Hughes, and Main Street Ravenna board member Amy Adams.
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AROUND OHIO

Heritage Ohio engages regularly with communities across Ohio to support preservation and revitalization efforts, offering suggestions for local funding, doing site visits, and providing solutions for adaptive reuse, historic resources, funding programs, and advocacy efforts. In 2022, our staff responded to over 150 individuals and organizations asking for technical assistance.

GLOUSTER

Heritage Ohio staff made a return visit to Glouster in Athens County to do a site tour with the Athens County Land Bank. Following our insightful tour, structural engineer Don Gillie visited the community and wrote up his suggestions for several key buildings. Glouster is home to some wonderful architecture (including several notable storefronts produced by the Mesker Bros. Company), and we look forward to being part of the revitalization efforts.

BURLINGTON

Heritage Ohio has worked with several preservation organizations around the state to protect and preserve African-American historic sites. One of these historic sites is the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Burlington. After many calls and emails with their board, we’re pleased to share that the rehabilitation project on the church has started. They have managed to raise over $300,000 for the project, including an African American Cultural Heritage Fund Grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and a grant from the Jeffris Family Foundation.

SYLVANIA

A local group in Sylvania is working with the City of Sylvania and ProMedica, to save and repurpose an historic barn into an art cinema and special events space. The Harroun Family Barn was built in 1858, and was a stop on the underground railroad. Heritage Ohio provided a list of potential funders for the project, and made connections to other barn rehabilitation projects across Ohio, for their expertise.

Government Relations

STATE

Heritage Ohio is the lead organization advocating for the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit (OHPTC). The standard state credit provides a tax credit up to 25% of qualified rehabilitation expenditures (QREs), up to $5 million. A temporary, but significant change was signed into law by Governor DeWine, as SB225 was approved. The increase offers greater financial incentives for projects in smaller communities, such as an increase from a 25% to 35% credit in communities with under 300,000 in population, an increased project cap from $5 million to $10 million, and a total appropriation increase from $60 million to $120 million. This should generate a far greater number of projects in smaller communities than ever before.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Heritage Ohio welcomed over 200 guests to our annual conference in Toledo on October 3-5. It was a great event at which we offered over 25 different educational sessions, 7 special tours, hosted our annual awards and film festival, and celebrated the outstanding preservation and revitalization work being done in Ohio.

Our conference sessions this year were rich and varied, and covered everything from creating SIDs and BIDs to working with elected officials, marketing and communications, neighborhood revitalization best practices, funding opportunities, and public art. We also included sessions on including infrastructure in historic preservation efforts, how to maintain historic properties as museums, and how archaeology fits into the preservation field.

Our conference would not have been complete without our Annual Awards Ceremony and our inaugural Film Festival, hosted at the Ohio Theatre. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur shared an insightful and personal keynote address, which included her thoughts on the importance of neighborhood revitalization and reinvestment in historic properties. The awards ceremony celebrated the best work done across the state, and we were thrilled to recognize the winners.

FILM FESTIVAL
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OUR 2022 REVITALIZATION WORKSHOPS AT A GlANCE
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ANNUAL AWARDS

In October, 17 Awards were presented to hardworking, creative individuals and organizations, as well as spectacular rehabilitation projects from around the state, for their achievements in preservation and revitalization.

11TH ANNUAL APPALACHIA HERITAGE LUNCHEON

The 11th Annual Appalachia Luncheon was held in early December at the Ohio Statehouse. This annual event, held in partnership with Ohio’s Hill Country Heritage Area, is a wonderful celebration at which we honor organizations and individuals for their contributions to the culture of Ohio Appalachia. This year, awards were given to the Tablertown People of Color Museum (Athens County), Lynn Drive-In Movie Theatre (Tuscarawas County), Ohio’s Appalachian Country (an organization representing all 32 counties of Appalachia), John Gee Black Historical Center (Galia County), Monroe Arts Council (Monroe County), Noble County Historical Society (Noble County), and The Castle Historic House Museum (Washington County). The Sam Jones Model Citizenship Award was given to Patty Mitchell, founder of Passion Works Studio (Athens County).

Over the past 11 years, 106 people, businesses, and organizations have shared their success stories and have been recognized as important leaders of Appalachian culture.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS

52 weekly newsletters were delivered to your inbox. Each week, we bring you the best news in preservation and revitalization, as well as important upcoming events.

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City of Cashocon
City of Cuyahoga Falls
City of Defiance
City of Delaware
City of Hubbard
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City of Kent
City of Lebanon
Village of Lewisburg
City of Lima
City of Marietta
City of Medina
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Village of Millersburg
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FINANCIALS

Revenue

Expenses
**HO LEADERSHIPS CHANGES**

2022 was a momentous year of change for Heritage Ohio, as our long-time executive director, Joyce Barrett, retired in May after 18 years of outstanding service to the organization, including 15 years as the executive director. Joyce led the organization with a passionate commitment to historic preservation, enthusiastic support of the Ohio Main Street Program, and a broad commitment to partnerships and initiatives to realize our mission of saving the places that matter, build community, and helping people live better.

In October, W. Kevin Pape, our long-term board chairperson, also stepped down from his leadership role with the organization. These two incredible leaders guided Heritage Ohio through the good and bad, the ups and downs, and wonderful achievements that most non-profit organizations experience. We are deeply indebted to both of them for their service.

In May, Matt Wiederhold joined the team as our new executive director. Matt has a 20-year history with Heritage Ohio, as a Main Street director in Toledo, Cleveland, and most recently in Medina. His passion for community and preservation, along with his broad experience with the Main Street approach, will continue the legacy of Barrett and Pape, along with some new initiatives to grow Heritage Ohio.

Dave Williams, Senior Development Director with Cross Street Partners Development in Dayton, was elected to the Board Chairperson position in October. Dave has devoted many years of service to Heritage Ohio, along with being a major advocate for the Historic Tax Credit program and a key developer of historic properties across Ohio. His enthusiasm for preservation and marketing will be great assets to the future direction of Heritage Ohio.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**EX OFFICIO, NON-VOTING**

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**STAFF**

Joyce Barrett, Columbus, Executive Director (Jan-May)
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MISSION: As Ohio’s official historic preservation and Main Street organization, Heritage Ohio fosters economic development and sustainability through preservation of historic buildings, revitalization of downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts, and promotion of cultural tourism.

ABOUT HERITAGE OHIO: Heritage Ohio began as Downtown Ohio, Inc., organized in 1989 as a statewide nonprofit corporation that encouraged the development, redevelopment, and improvement of downtowns and neighborhood commercial district areas throughout Ohio. Heritage Ohio works as a catalyst for downtown and neighborhood district development by gathering together revitalization organizations, conducting statewide seminars and conferences, and providing a network of members to share knowledge, common experiences and challenges concerning downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts. Heritage Ohio is dedicated to assisting self-motivated communities through technical assistance, training, and networking in all facets of downtown and commercial district development. Heritage Ohio advocates for revitalization and historic preservation issues at the state and federal levels.