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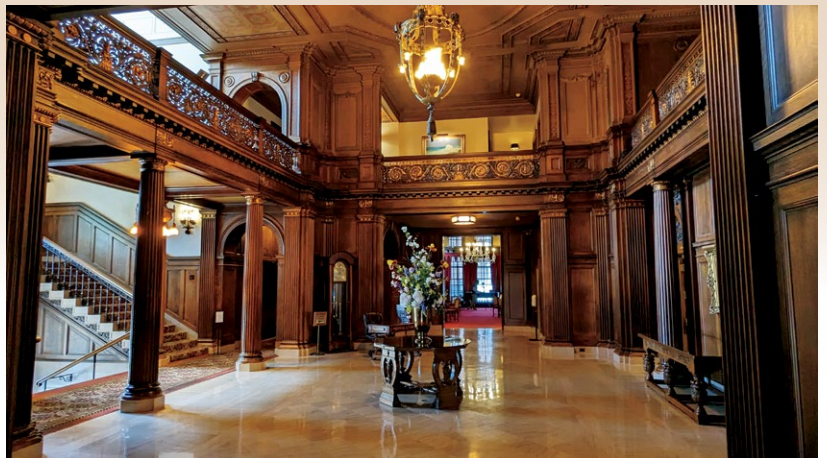
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ON THE COVER:

Join us the evening of October 11 at our preservation and revitalization conference as Heritage Ohio presents its 2nd Annual Film Festival, highlighting our work across Ohio. We'll visit Cincinnati to discuss Historic Preservation, Newark to see historic tax credits in use, Tiffin to see the transformation through the Ohio Main Street Program, Toledo to discuss preservation easements (featured on cover), and finally Wooster to see the result of over three decades of downtown revitalization.



Executive Director Note

Many times, I'm asked, "What does Heritage Ohio do?", and the answer isn't something we can neatly wrap up in a box. Since 1989, we've traveled across the State, providing technical assistance or moral support to hundreds of communities who are trying to save their historic schools, old theaters, local houses of worship, or homes with a notable history. We've worked with over fifty communities through the Main Street approach to downtown revitalization. We've partnered with elected officials to create tax incentives for historic preservation, and continue to advocate both at the state and federal Level, for the continuation of this funding. We've helped tell thousands of stories of historic people, places, and things unique to Ohio. When the phone rings or an email is received, we never know where it will lead.

Here are some of our current projects and initiatives:

We're proud to partner with the State Historic Preservation Office, National Park Service, and the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program to administer over \$1.1 million in historic preservation grants in seven Ohio Main Street Communities, including Cambridge, Coshocton, Marietta, Middletown, Millersburg, Painesville, Ravenna, and Van Wert.

We recently received a two-year, \$500,000 appropriation from the State of Ohio to expand the Ohio Main Street Program and offer more technical assistance, and to deepen our programs and outcomes through historic preservation. This program is currently under development, but will have long-term, positive effects for historic downtowns.

Thanks to \$55,200 in 2023 grant support from the USDA Office of Rural Development, we've worked with Downtown Redevelopment Services to provide Redevelopment Roadmap studies and Downtown Development Readiness training in Cambridge, Coshocton, Middletown, and Wellington. We anticipate receiving another grant valued at \$36,695 in 2024 to provide Redevelopment Roadmap studies for Medina, Piqua, and Ravenna.

We participate in the OSU Creative Writing Intern Program, and the OSU Federal Work Study program, both providing us

with a student to provide support for Heritage Ohio programs and staff. Our creative writing student will research something of historic interest to them, and will write a feature article for Revitalize Ohio. They will also assist with writing the presentations for the Appalachia Heritage Luncheon, which will be held December 12th at the Ohio Statehouse. Our work study student will help create a census data-based tracking system for Ohio Main Street communities, to gauge the effectiveness of the program over time.

Our team and the State Preservation Office traveled to Findlay to participate in a public forum on possibly creating an historic district and how to start an historic preservation design review board. We also met our friends from Coon Restoration and Newark Development Partners in Newark to tour representatives from Kenton around Newark's downtown as inspiration for what they might achieve.

And of course, this is in addition to producing an Annual Conference and quarterly Revitalization Workshops, presenting a minimum of 12 webinars and at least 4 targeted educational sessions on preservation Incentives, and much more. We love what we do, and we love working with individuals, communities, and municipalities in helping save the places that matter, build community, and live better. We look forward to hearing from you!



Matt Wiederhold,
Executive Director of Heritage Ohio



Upcoming Events

Revitalization Series Workshop: Vibrant Communities

September 19th
Millersburg

Legacy Circle Member Networking

September 19
Millersburg

Webinar: Crowdfunding Vibrant Communities

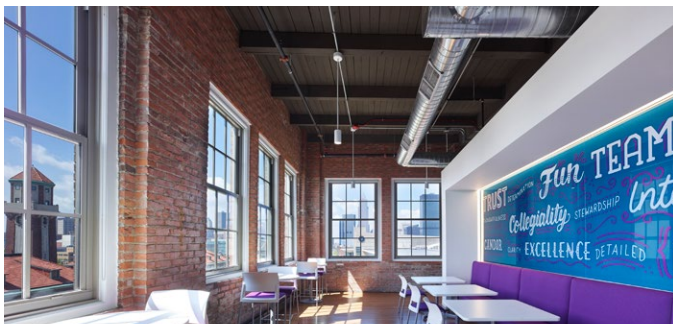
September 27

Heritage Ohio Annual Conference

October 10-12
Dayton

Webinar: Ohio Mausoleums & Their History

October 18



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Join Heritage Ohio and the Ohio Historic Preservation Office in the Gem City on October 10-12th at the 2023 Annual Preservation & Revitalization Conference, Presented by Coon Restoration & Sandvick Architects!

A Unique Experience

When you join us for this year's conference, you'll be one of the first people to experience the newly rehabbed, historic Dayton Arcade! For years, it was a foregone conclusion that the arcade would be demolished; it was only a question of when. Luckily for all of us, the redevelopment plan was accepted and the results are stunning. Come see for yourself what makes the Dayton Arcade a truly unique experience.

While you're in Dayton, you'll have plenty of opportunities to discover the rich history of the Gem City, and its ties to the aviation industry and the Wright Brothers; learn about noted poet and novelist, Paul Laurence Dunbar; visit the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the largest and oldest military aviation museum in the world; and take self-guided tours of Dayton's ten historic neighborhoods—Oregon District, Wright Dunbar, Dayton View, Grafton Hill, McPherson Town, Webster Station, Huffman, Kenilworth, St. Anne's Hill, and South Park.

More Sessions

This year, we are pleased to announce we're partnering with the State Historic Preservation Office, and we have over 40 amazing sessions to share with you. We're starting the conference off at CAMP. This National Alliance of Preservation Commissions workshop is an in-depth look at all at the work preservation commissions provide in your communities. Tickets are available for \$25.

You will have the opportunity to learn more about the National Register of Historic Places, including sessions with National Park Service technical services staff, Section 106 review, incentives for historic rehabs, and plenty of case studies. For those of you looking for information focused on community revitalization, we're offering sessions on public art programs and maintenance, urban main street programs, crowdfunding for special projects, regional roadmapping, the ever-changing restaurant landscape, utilizing Ohio's natural resources, and a sneak peek at celebrating America's 250th birthday. View the up-to-date schedule of events and continuing education credit opportunities for AIA members on our website.

Networking with Your Peers

The Heritage Ohio Annual Conference is a great way to build your professional network and share your experience with other leaders in preservation and revitalization in Ohio. We hope you'll join us at one or all of our networking opportunities, from the Legacy Circle Reception to our annual awards ceremony, 2nd annual film festival, our amazing vendor reception, and networking breaks throughout the conference.

Registration is now open! Get your tickets, book your hotel room, and get ready for another amazing conference this fall. www.heritageohioconference.com



5 Things to Do in Dayton During the Heritage Ohio Conference

Home to the Wright Brothers and the birthplace of aviation, Dayton offers a wealth of things to do while you're in town for the Heritage Ohio 2023 Conference.

From Dayton's rich history to its vibrant arts community and diverse dining options, Dayton offers experiences for all interests. In fact, there's far more to see and do than can be fit into three short days (start planning your return visit), so the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau has narrowed it down to their top 5 must-do things during your time in Dayton!

1. National Museum of the U.S. Air Force

A trip to Dayton wouldn't be complete without a visit to the FREE National Museum of the United States Air Force, which is the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum—and it's celebrating its centennial in 2023! The museum is a must-see for both aviation enthusiasts and history buffs, housing over 350 aerospace vehicles and thousands of artifacts in four buildings covering nearly 19 acres. The National Aviation Hall of Fame is co-located at the museum as well.



Information: www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

2. Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park

Did you know Dayton has a National Park? It does! Continuing the aviation theme, the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, which encompasses multiple locations in the Dayton area, explores the pioneering work of the Wright brothers and Dayton's role in teaching the world to fly. It also preserves the legacy of the Wright brothers' friend, Dayton poet Paul Laurence Dunbar, one of the nation's first critically acclaimed African American writers.

Information: www.nps.gov/daav

3. Carillon Historical Park

History buffs will find much to love at the 65-acre Carillon Historical Park. It offers a glimpse into Dayton's rich and unique history of innovation, including its role in developing the cash register and automotive self-starter, as well as many preserved and restored historic buildings. The Park also includes the Wright Brothers National Museum, which houses more Wright artifacts than any other place in the world, including the original 1905 Wright Flyer III (the only airplane designated a National Historic Landmark!).



Information: www.daytonhistory.org

4. Dayton Art Institute

For art lovers the Dayton Art Institute offers impressive collections of American, European, African and Asian art, as well as numerous temporary exhibitions. More than 1,000 works are on view, and the Italian renaissance-styled museum building—completed in 1930 and a work of art in its own right—is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Information: www.daytonartinstitute.org



5. Shopping & Dining in the Oregon Historic District

Located on Fifth Street in downtown Dayton, the city's oldest historic district offers unique and eclectic shops, a variety of dining options and many beautifully restored 19th-century homes.

Information: www.theoregondistrict.org

This only scratches the surface of what Dayton and Montgomery County have to offer! To explore more about attractions, outdoor adventure (including the nation's largest network of paved trails and surfing on the Great Miami River in downtown Dayton, a diverse and vibrant performing arts scene, unique dining and a variety of craft breweries to visit, go to DaytonCVB.com, where you can also download the **Destination Dayton Visitors Guide** and the **Visit Dayton** app.

Enjoy your time in Dayton, and we look forward to seeing you for a repeat visit!

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Who's Who at Heritage Ohio

Meet Two Heritage Ohio Board Members & Learn Why They Serve

Abby Marshall



Where do you work/what is your career/what do you do for a living?

I am a Survey and National Register Manager in the department of Inventory and Registration for the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office.

How did you get involved with Heritage Ohio?

Throughout my work with the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office, I have gotten the opportunity to work with both Heritage Ohio staff and members of the board in the way of conferences and workshops. I have also had experience working with the Young Ohio Preservationists organizing committee.

What do you value about Heritage Ohio?

I value all of the collaborative work that I am able to do with Heritage Ohio to assist communities in preserving the historic integrity of their downtowns. While I am new to the Heritage Ohio board, I hope to continue to work with the Main Street program to help inspire the revitalization of downtowns.

What is your favorite historic building in Ohio?

While there are so many amazing historic buildings in Ohio, if I had to pick just one - it would be the Open Air School in Columbus. The history associated with the building is fascinating, coupled with the detailed design. Additionally, the rehabilitation and reuse of the building was done so well.

What is your dream vacation destination?

Scandinavia has always been on my bucket list to visit. Between the history, architecture, and lore - it is such an amazing place.

What do you collect, and why?

I collect pieces from old buildings - bricks, old nails, signs, etc. I like to have a little piece of history from these great, historic buildings.

What is your favorite community in Ohio and why?

I only moved to Ohio a couple of years ago, so I am still exploring all of the communities that the state has to offer. Delaware has a beautifully intact downtown that it seems to be always active. I also love the prohibition history associated with Westerville. Overall, I am drawn to communities with bustling downtowns and historic buildings.

Eric Stachler



Where do you work/what is your career/what do you do for a living?

Community Development for Huntington Bank with responsibilities that include affordable multifamily housing and the bank's branch network.

How did you get involved with Heritage Ohio?

I joined the board in 2004 after being contacted by a Heritage Ohio board member. I quickly recognized a shared vision of what was being accomplished and began working to support the mission.

What do you value about Heritage Ohio?

That Heritage Ohio embraces progress and growth while respecting history. That the vision includes vibrant main streets and historic buildings that return value to the community. That the organization doesn't promote unsustainable economics or turning every historic building into a museum.

Instead, we are working to adapt and leverage Ohio's historic resources into healthy main streets that create opportunity for small businesses, generate jobs and improve the quality of life.

What is your favorite historic building in Ohio?

My home which is part of a main street business district and will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2024. It has provided shelter to my family for 30 years, and with care, will do so for many years.

My second is the Buckeye Overall Building in Versailles, Ohio. Once the largest employer in town, it housed dozens of sewing machines, producing clothing for factory workers, farmers, and soldiers. While closed for

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many years, my great grandfather's building remains one of the largest structures in town and an opportunity for commercial, residential, or retail.

What do you collect, and why?

History. Ranging wildly from military history to any black and white photo that comes within sight. I appreciate the lessons of the past and how they impact the present.

What is your favorite community in Ohio and why?

My community of Versailles, which offers the best of small town. There isn't a superstore and tractors on main street are common. But there is a spirit of cooperation and commitment to progress that has more value. Established

shortly after the war of 1812, the community has survived fire and flood. The Main Street was completely rebuilt in a single year after being devastated by a fire in 1901. The community is the unofficial Poultry Capital of Ohio and the home of the World's Largest Chicken Barbecue.

What do you foresee as the future of preservation? What are we missing in the conversation?

Significant opportunity is overlooked in our rural communities. The scale is smaller, but the same approaches can be applied. The challenge is building local capacity while connecting experienced developers and ensuring that the financial tools are scalable.

Getting to Know Ohio's Main Street Directors

Renee Fitzgerald-Palacio
Downtown Painesville



What is one thing that instantly makes your day better?

My dog, Charlie, iced coffee (AM), glass of wine (PM)

Who in your life knows you best?

Toss up between my husband and my mom

Tell us about your oldest friend.

The friend I've known the longest I met in 4th grade. Our moms were in a Junior Women's Club together and became besties and so did we. We are still in touch, see each other when we can, even though life has taken us on very different paths and have never lived in the same place since high school.

Tell us about your best friend.

I am a part of a group of 5 women that are best friends, checking in daily via text thread. I have known 3 of them for over 35 years (graduating high school together). I couldn't choose just one. We truly support, care, and love one another to get through this adventure called life.

How old is your current home?

It will be 100 years old in 2031 :)

How different are you now from your 20-year-old self, what is the biggest change, and what is one thing that remains the same?

At 20, I had never been out of the country but had a deep sense of wanderlust and adventure. That wanderlust and sense of adventure hasn't changed (if anything it has gotten stronger) but seeing the world has truly been magical for me. I have also gotten more confident, calm, and secure over the years—building on a solid foundation my family and education has created in me and for me.

Kennedy Coomes
Troy Main Street



What is one thing that instantly makes your day better?

My kids... Or ice cream. Pretty much one in the same - sweet as can be!

Who in your life knows you best?

This would be my mom. We have lots of similarities and for the most part tend to think the same way. She can understand and relate to me in ways

that no one else can. She has held my hand at my lowest and has cheered me on at my highest.

Tell us about your oldest friend.

When I think about this question, there is a specific person that comes to mind. My childhood best friend is someone

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that I have not connected with recently (and by recently I mean several years), but still consider to be my friend. But, Arden, if by some occurrence you are reading this... Thank you for being such a wonderful friend to me all those years! I am and will always be here rooting you on.

Tell us about your best friend.

My best friend is truthfully like a replicated version of me! We met 7-ish years ago at a job we shared and seriously have been best friends since. So much so that we both were induced with our children on the same day, in the same hospital, rooms away, and had our babies hours apart! Crazy! She is one of those people that just gets you. Thankfully, I was able to coax her into being one of my bridesmaids so now I get to see her more than usual with all the fun wedding related festivities!

How old is your current home?

The initial parts of the home are dated roughly in 1900 making it 123 years-old. There have been several additions made to the house prior to us purchasing the home.

How different are you now from your 20-year-old self, what is the biggest change, and what is one thing that remains the same?

20-year-old Kennedy is entirely different from the person you meet or see today. She lacked confidence in herself, was lost in what she wanted to do in life, and at times she doubted her self-worth. I am very close to my faith and completely believe that everything in my life was meant to happen the way that it has and for some reason or another was meant to shape the person I am today. I like to think that I was given the knowledge that I have to help shape and guide my two young children and the parent that I am to them. I continue to learn and grow right alongside them. I have the same love for life and enjoyment of adventure but now I get to also take those things in through their little eyes!

Tasha Weaver

Downtown Tipp City Partnership



What is the one thing that instantly makes your day better?

A smile. A genuine smile, even from a stranger, tends to always make my day better. Happiness is contagious!

Who in your life knows you best?

My mom has to know me best. I tell her everything. She is also the answer to my best friend.

Tell us about your oldest friend.

My oldest friend is a hard one. I have friends that I went to elementary school with that I still talk to but we never get the chance to see each other. Tricia Skinner would be my oldest friend that I get to spend quality time with.

She reached out to a company I used to work with about a product they offered and I was the representative that was sent to meet her. As soon as we met, it felt as if we had known each other forever. That seems like it was only yesterday but has been over 10 years ago now. She is compassionate, intelligent, trustworthy and fun.

Tell us about your best friend.

My mom is my best friend. She is wise through experience and will tell me all the things I don't want to hear. Growing up we didn't have a great relationship so I am very thankful that as adults we have become great friends.

How old is your current home?

My house was built in 1964.

How different are you now from your 20-year-old self, what is the biggest change, and what is one thing that remains the same?

If my 20-year old self were to meet me today, she wouldn't recognize her. At 20, I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life, but I thought I knew it all. As we age, we learn all the life lessons, yet I can say I still do not know it all. I have a great "workplan" for how I want my life to be, but I am wise enough to know that I need to be flexible and allow changes that will align with my happiness. The one thing that has never changed has been my heart. I have a strong desire to help people and to try to fix things that need fixed. I don't think that will ever change.



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Pictured: the Carlisle Building in Chillicothe, OH



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Saving the Selby

Historic Building in Downtown Coshocton Saved from Neglect

Don Gillie, StructurePoint, Structural Engineer
Lanny Spaulding, Our Town Coshocton, Executive Director

At 60,000 sq ft, the Selby building at 441 Main Street stands strongly at the core of Coshocton Ohio's Historic District. Just over two years ago, this enormous and historically important structure, dating back to the late 19th century, was on the short list for demolition. Thankfully, two years ago, Our Town Coshocton, a designated Ohio main Street Program with Heritage Ohio, took possession of the building and began a campaign to repurpose the building for the next generation.

In 1899 when the Selby first opened on Main Street, all available space was leased, and up until 1990, it held a prominent position at the center of Coshocton's Main Street. More recently, the three-story Selby Building sat empty for over a decade, and was allowed to deteriorate for many years. Roof leaks saturated wood floor and roof framing leading to a partial collapse of the roof. Missing or broken windows had been hastily covered with oriented strand board (OSB) that did not provide a weather tight seal. Brick masonry had cracked which allowed water to easily enter the wall cavities that caused spalls and efflorescence. Several people expressed concerns about the stability of the structure, and there was talk of demolishing the building for a parking lot.

Several options were considered to retain portions of the building. One proposal involved demolishing the east portion of the building in the worst condition and repairing the remaining portion. This solution was not recommended because the exterior walls of the building provided much of the building's lateral stability. Removing this wall would require a complete analysis and reinforcement of the building's lateral force resisting systems. The second proposal would have demolished the top two stories of the building, leaving the bottom story for commercial renovation. This solution was not advisable considering the difficulty of protecting lower portions of the building during demolition of the upper stories. Demolition activities are difficult to perform precisely, and there is a high risk of damaging portions of the building to remain. The most feasible option was to repair the deteriorated wood framing.

Today, thanks in large part to the Coshocton Foundation, Montgomery Foundation, and the State of Ohio (through a budget appropriation from the legislature); the Selby building is moving in a forward direction to reclaim its past place as a pillar of the Coshocton Main Street. The collapse of the roof structure has been fully repaired, along with other repairs, to make the building structurally intact. Our Town Coshocton worked with American Structurepoint and Midstate Contractors on the stabilization, both of which are no strangers to challenges with historic buildings.

The road ahead looks bright as Our Town Coshocton seeks financial support to complete the project, with funding assistance through the Ohio Appalachian Grant program and its private partners. It has already received support from Central Ohio Technical College, the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, and close partner Standard Power. The vision entails repurposing the ballrooms for community event space, having office space to house corporate partners, building out an industrial kitchen to be a center for career-based learning that expands our regional colleges culinary arts programs, and providing an outdoor recreation information center. At 60,000 square feet, the possibilities are endless; and considering Coshocton's strategic location at the gateway to Appalachia, all roads leading to the Selby building will benefit the greater region.



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Understanding the Standards

Standards 5 & 6 as applied to windows

By Frank Quinn, Director of Preservation

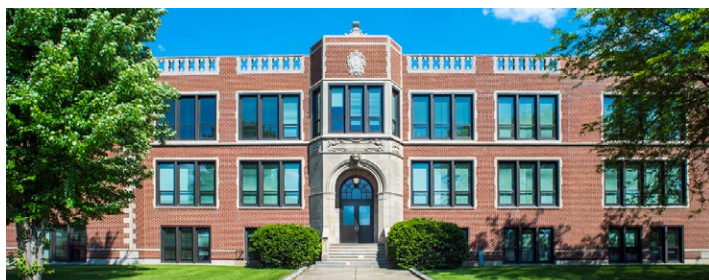
In the last issue we touched on Standard 7 and how it applies to cleaning historic materials. Today, we're diving into windows, and how Standards 5 & 6 apply to the decision-making process for their treatment.

Standard 5 focuses on the character that makes a historic building truly unique: *Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.*

Standard 6 serves as guidance for how we treat those elements that have suffered wear & tear: *Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.*

For comparison's sake, let's evaluate these two images of windows on pre-1900 buildings. In both examples, windows make up important character-defining features of the façades, and in the case of the house, the windows still fit in the original openings, still retain their arched tops, display dimensionality (the oriel window on the second story has not been sliced off to flatten the façade), and contribute to the architectural integrity of the home. The preservationists are happy: Standard 5, ensuring that we keep and maintain important elements, has been perfectly followed.

From a preservationist's standpoint, the commercial building's windows (at least at the second story) have suffered a worse fate: original windows have been removed with new undersized sash now "complemented" with wood shakes to fill in the remaining opening. A radical change, and not for the better; the window removal has eroded the architectural importance of this building, but also provides for an intriguing scenario: what if the owner wanted to install new windows that matched the size of the original window opening? Can new windows meet the Standards for Rehabilitation?



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Yes, but, new windows need to complement the historic building. While Standard 6 makes note of the need for "documentary and physical evidence" when installing a missing feature, if none of that evidence exists, taking cues from the existing building can help guide the process of installing new compatible windows. As you might guess, the new windows will have to reclaim the full opening size. Additionally, given the age of the building, the original openings were likely filled with wood double-hung sash, so a new window install should also consist of wood double-hung sash.



That's a good start to the treatment strategy, but just the start. Does each sash have just one light? Multiple lights? Is the new sash set flush to the exterior plane of the wall, or is it recessed deeply into the wall? Can we use insulated glass? And that's not the end of the questions.

While these are examples at either end of the rehab spectrum, the more likely scenario we work with entails a building that has changed over time, and at times it may be difficult to properly evaluate what exactly is "historic and important" and what isn't. And what about buildings that changed their appearance radically, but 100 years ago? There's a Standard for that, too, but that's a focus for a future issue.

While windows and their treatment can be a tricky process to navigate, especially if deteriorated (or long gone, the National Park Service has some great online resources where you can learn more. Start here: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/secretary-standards-treatment-historic-properties.htm>

Also then check out this NPS resource on evaluating replacement window options that will also meet the Standards for Rehabilitation: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/taxincentives/windows-replacement-meet-standards.htm>.



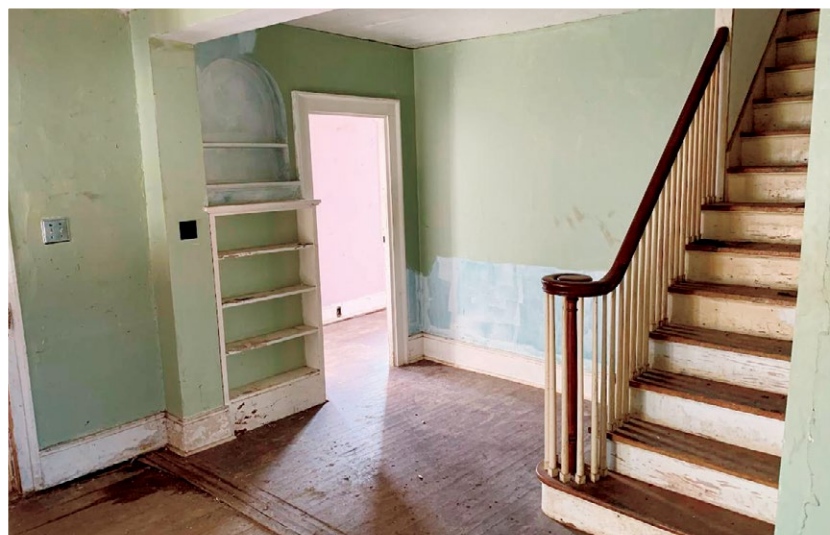
Save This House!

Lake County Land Bank Looking for Historic Home's Next Owner



Located at 1826 Red Bird Rd, in Madison, Ohio, just a few miles from the Lake Erie shore, this brick Greek Revival home could be yours for a bargain price! The Lake County Land Bank hopes to save this house from demolition if the right buyer can be found.

Although the interior will require a full rehab, you'll also have the opportunity to finish to your own tastes and ideas. The home features classic details such as the wide roof entablature and simple interior staircase.



Interested? Get in touch with executive director John Rogers at 440.350.2133 to learn more or to schedule a visit.

In Honor of Former State Representative Charles “Chuck” Calvert

Charles “Chuck” Calvert, 84, Rittman, died August 8, 2023.

State Representative and Chair of the House Finance Committee, Chuck Calvert championed House Bill 149, the legislative vehicle that became the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit (OHPTC). Introduced in both the House and Senate (by Senator Kirk Schuring) in 2005, the legislation was enacted in the final days of the 126th General Assembly.

Since 2007, the program has resulted in 868 buildings being rehabilitated in 83 communities, with a value of \$5.13 billion in investments. This critical economic development program’s ongoing impact helping revitalize Ohio’s Downtowns and Main Streets will be felt for generations.

In 2007, Heritage Ohio honored Representative Calvert and Senator Schuring for their work passing OHPTC with the inaugural Heritage Award.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Chuck’s wife Sandy and his family.



Founding Heritage Ohio Board member Sandra Hull of Wooster presenting the Heritage Award to Representative Calvert in 2007.

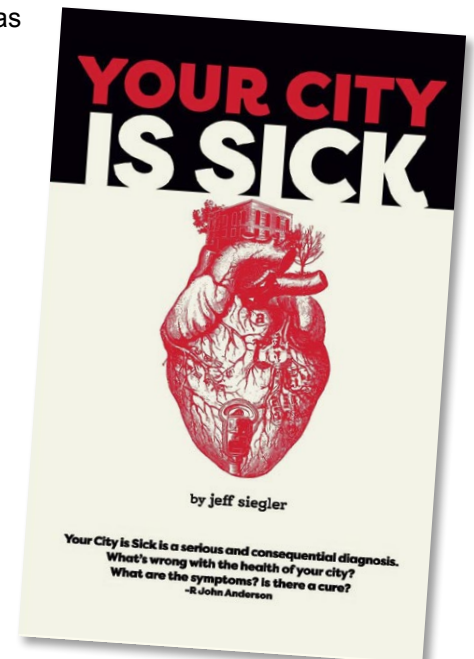
Your City is Sick

New book by Heritage Ohio alum available in your favorite book stores

Former Director of Revitalization Jeff Siegler has a new book, *Your City is Sick: How We Can Improve the Economic, Social, Mental and Physical Health of Millions by Treating Our Cities Like People.*

Humans greatest strength is our ability to adapt to our surroundings, but what if those surroundings are unhealthy? What are the conditions we are growing accustomed to are not fit for our own habitation? What if the very places we find ourselves living are making us sick? The places we shape, in turn, shape our lives. We are a product of our environment and our environment has degraded to the point of having severe consequences

for our personal health. As we have experienced decline all around us, we can’t help but follow suit internally. Our places dictate the people we become, the friends we will make, and our health and happiness. Food has become an obsession in our culture, yet we only eat three times a day. We are shaped by our places 24/7 and it is time we flip the table and give as much thought to the places that shape our lives as we do the ingredients we consume. Ultimately, it is the places in which we exist in that will dictate the people we will be. In understanding this, we can begin to grasp how important it is to shape those places accordingly.



You can find a copy of Jeff’s latest book at a bookseller near you.

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Scenic Ohio's History

In the 1930's, the Garden Club of America led national land conservation efforts, and created the Conservation and Roadside Beautification Committee. The Committee evolved into the National Roadside Council, which advanced the movement throughout the country to act locally to improve communities. Roughly twelve states created Roadside Councils. In 1933, the Ohio Roadside Council (ORC; which would evolve to become Scenic Ohio) was founded, and today is the only remaining statewide council in the country. Founding member, Elizabeth Ring Mather, stated the conservation efforts of the ORC, which included Roadside improvements, billboard eradication, and town planning; Preservation of wildflowers, wildlife, parks, trees, and forests; and Extensive educational programs on conservation.

The Ohio Roadside Council's early efforts focused upon using native plantings along highways, controlling billboard proliferation, educating the public on good planning, and advancing landscape architects and horticulture professionals in district transportation offices while working with Ohio's Governors and Transportation Directors. Twenty-five years ago, the ORC aligned with Scenic America and became an affiliate as Scenic Ohio. Scenic Ohio, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, has broadened its mission slightly to include; advancing the creation of scenic byways, using community-based context sensitive transportation planning and protecting all Ohio scenic places.

What is a Scenic Byway Corridor?

The automobile revolution changed the face of America. Wagon Trails over Buffalo Trace and American Indian footpaths became gravel roads, then paved highways and interstates. In the early 1900's, and peaking in the mid 1960's, after-church carriage rides evolved into weekend recreational motor drives and day trips through

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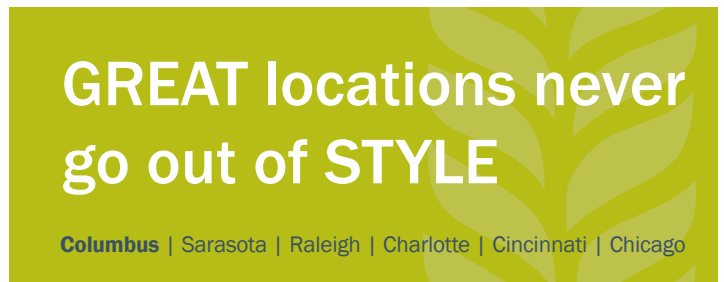
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A collage for the 2023 Scenic Ohio Awards. On the left is a dark green vertical banner with a white outline of Ohio and the text "2023 SCENIC OHIO AWARDS". To the right are six photos of scenic locations: Lakeside Chautauqua (a lake with a stone sculpture), Millersburg (a street scene with brick buildings), Chagrin Falls (a waterfall), Coshocton (a boat named "MONTICELLO" on a shore), and Yellow Springs (a bridge over a waterfall). A central green box contains the text "CELEBRATE OHIO'S HISTORIC AND SCENIC SMALL CITIES AND VILLAGES".



A poster for the "Past DC 2023 Forward" conference. It features a blue background with a white outline of the US Capitol building, a white statue, and a white classical building. The text reads "Past DC 2023 NOVEMBER 8-10 FORWARD A CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION". The National Trust for Historic Preservation logo is in the top right.



A green banner with a white leaf pattern. The text reads "GREAT locations never go out of STYLE". Below the text are the cities: "Columbus | Sarasota | Raleigh | Charlotte | Cincinnati | Chicago".



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1937 Roadside Park.

To support this recreational wave of exploration and to serve the motoring public, The Ohio Guides were written during the Great Depression and distributed in the 1940's. The guides charted paths to historic places and out-of-way small towns while incorporating educational experiences into family trips.

With support from ORC and Scenic Ohio, and

Scenic America, (the National Scenic Byways Program was launched by the Federal Highway Administration in 1991. This program recognizes roads having outstanding scenic, historic, cultural, natural, recreational and archaeological qualities. Categories include: National Scenic Byways, All-American Roads or America's Byways. Currently, there are 27 Ohio Scenic Byways, 6 of which are also America's Byways. You may find more information about these on the ODOT website, www.transportation.ohio.gov.

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Ohio country-sides. Country roads with tree tunnels were abundant. Scenic corridors, with views of lakes, rivers, hills, forests and orchards were popular, and farmland roads featuring amber waves of grain and tall cornfields seemed magical. Many contemporary paths with historic and natural roots are honored today by becoming designated Scenic Byways, which connect historic villages and municipalities in Ohio.

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RECENT PROGRAMS

Scenic highway corridors are like your front yard; they create the images remembered. When we conserve these scenic highway corridors and manage them as we would our front yards, we honor natural places, enhance safety, and connect the thread of Ohio's history to future generations.

Scenic Ohio is working with the Governor's Office, ODOT, TourismOhio, OFCC and others to reinvent our interstate Welcome Centers as rest areas with native plantings, tourism and educational exhibits. Six have been completed, and many more are scheduled with updated buildings, native planted sites, and interpretive displays.

Scenic Ohio created the Green Highway Workshops Program to help educate the 12 ODOT District Offices and County Engineer staff on sustainable practices for roadway corridors. The public is always welcome and invited to the workshops.

Annually, Scenic Ohio hosts our Scenic Awards, which highlight great scenic places and organizations in Ohio that manage the corridors. Past honorees include Ohio zoos, canal restoration groups, archaeological site managers, nature preserves, and farmsteads. In 2022, Chagrin Falls, Coshocton, Lakeside Chautauqua, Millersburg and Yellow Springs were honored at the awards ceremony, presented in partnership with Heritage Ohio, Ohio History Connection, Ohio Byway Links and the National Scenic Byway Foundation.

Learn more about Scenic Ohio, and how you can help, manage and support Ohio Scenic places, highway corridors, downtowns and our scenic byways at www.scenicohio.org.

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