

Preservation Kentucky 2011 Highlighted Accomplishments

Education



-PK held the first **Preservation Pedal, a Bike Tour of Historic Springfield and Washington County**. On July 2, 2011, 176 cyclists--many of whom were unaware of PK's work-- traversed Washington County's beautiful countryside, and viewed sites such as the Mt Zion Covered Bridge, the Mordecai Lincoln house, and the historic Grundy farms. The tour highlighted PK's historic survey work in the RHDI program, which identified over 1,400 sites in Marion and Washington County, thanks to a Preserve America grant. Next year's location is currently being discussed!

-Preservation Kentucky's **Most Endangered Historic and Prehistoric Places List** was announced in six parts at diverse locations across the Commonwealth. Events were held in downtown Sadieville, Red River Gorge, The Homeplace farm in Taylor County, Pine Mountain Settlement School, Louisville's Cherokee Park, and the State Capitol in Frankfort. PK highlighted themes that impact historic preservation, such as the issues facing small town Kentucky, as well as property types, such as rock shelters, that require public education to understand their plight. More information at <http://www.preservationkentucky.org/pages.php?id=8>

Advocacy

-Held first biennial **Historic Preservation Legislative Summit** in August 2011. The summit was attended by over eighty people from across the state and was intended to acquaint Kentucky preservationists with best legislative practices from both across the Commonwealth and across the United States. The one-and-a-half day summit focused on how best to deliver the preservation message to state and federal lawmakers. A legislative action plan was crafted based on this event that will inform preservation action in the 2012 Kentucky Legislative Session. More info at: www.preservationsummit.org



-Provided **Legislative Action Film Shorts** for Kentucky preservationists who could not attend the Summit. Thanks to a Richard and Julia Moe grant from the National Trust, PK is able to electronically deliver the message that supporting preservation is good public policy and preservation is economic development and job creation. These film shorts are available on the web at the Preservation Kentucky channel on YouTube, or by visiting: www.kypreservationsummit.org

Rural Heritage



-**Rural design guidelines** were developed as part of the extremely successful RHDI program of PK. Through assistance of a Preserve America grant, PK worked with UK's Landscape Architecture program to develop design recommendations for rural commercial centers, rural landscapes, and for preservation of existing buildings. The guidelines address design issues for three key parts of rural landscapes: crossroads communities, farmsteads, and rural businesses. For each category, there is a discussion of the design considerations and a series of case studies meant to illustrate best practices. The guidelines can be downloaded at: www.kycrossroadsregion.com/resources/RuralDesignGuidelines.html

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- The tiny town of Buffalo--population 300--**rehabilitated their 1936 WPA school**, thanks to the efforts of the RHDI program and AU Associates of Lexington. The RHDI worked to list this property on the National Register of Historic Places and completed a market study showing the positive impact that affordable senior housing could have in this area. RHDI staff introduced local stakeholders to AU Associates from Lexington who purchased the property from the local school board, procured state and federal historic preservation tax credits, worked with the Kentucky Housing Corporation on financing, and rehabilitated this space into nineteen affordable senior housing units. The economic impact from this project is estimated around \$2.8 million.



-The RHDI program has expanded to include rural areas outside the original eight-county pilot region. As part of this, PK launched the **Livingston and Crittenden Counties Rural Farm survey** in February 2011, in partnership with architectural historians at the University of Kentucky. The goal of this survey was to build preservation networks in areas with few organized groups and to identify important resources for planning purposes. Thanks to a Survey and Planning grant from the Kentucky Heritage Council, 145 historic sites were identified at the project's conclusion in November 2011---81 in Livingston County and 64 in Crittenden County!! With outbuildings included, the total number of historic resources documented is over 300. Next steps for PK will be to work with local groups to develop a plan to preserve and protect these resources through National Register listing and other preservation tools.

Technical Assistance with Preserving Buildings and Sites



-PK has worked with **numerous local preservation groups and individuals across the state in 2011** to help them preserve their important buildings, sites, and structures. Among many others, PK has provided advice and assistance with preservation of Penn Store in Boyle Co, the Fannie Harrison Farm in Hardin Co, Cattlettsburg National Bank in Carter Co, Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church in Whitesburg, various buildings in Sadieville, the Ripy house in Lawrenceburg, Twig and Leaf in Louisville, the Fleming house in Flemingsburg, Lexington Montessori School's tobacco barn, and the Columbia Courthouse in Adair County.

-**Whiskey Row** in Louisville was an important preservation partnership for PK. PK participated in countless meetings with public officials, presented at the Louisville Metro Council meeting, and wrote an Op-Ed piece about the importance of preserving these buildings, in partnership with local groups Preservation Louisville, the Louisville Historical League, Open Louisville, and Neighborhood Planning and Preservation. Coordinated participation among all groups and concerned citizens led to a successful outcome on the Whiskey Row block.

-The **Kentucky Preservation Fund**, administered jointly by the KY Heritage Council, PK, and the National Trust, has assisted local preservation projects across the state. A 2011 list of recipients and their projects is included below.

- City of Pikeville.....Pikeville Cut-Through Project Documentary, \$5,000
- City of Sadieville.....Stabilization of Sadieville Rosenwald School foundation, \$2,000
- St Paul Parish, LexingtonStabilization of St Paul Catholic Church Tower Clock, \$4,500
- The Portland Museum, LouisvillePlanning and Educational Outreach, \$2,500



Organizational

PK is nearly done with our **strategic planning effort**, which will guide our organization through the next five years. As many of you know, PK held a series of strategic plan listening sessions across Kentucky, including ones in Paducah, Lexington, Whitesburg, and in the northern Kentucky area. These sessions, along with a membership and stakeholder survey, form the basis of the action plan that will be completed by January 2012. Goals already outlined include: increase preservation funding in KY, provide more opportunities for preservation education, and many more...