

Monticello Main Street Receives 2009 National Main Street Program Accreditation

Monticello Main Street, Inc. has been accredited as a *2009 National Main Street Program* for meeting the commercial district revitalization performance standards set by the National Trust Main Street Center®. Monticello Main Street joins over 675 other Main Street™ revitalization programs being recognized as *2008 National Main Street Programs*. Each year, the National Trust Main Street Center and its coordinating program partners announce the list of accredited National Main Street Programs around the country that have demonstrated their ability to follow the Main Street methodology.

“We congratulate this year’s accredited National Main Street Programs for meeting our established performance standards,” says Doug Loesch, director of the National Trust Main Street Center. “Rebuilding a district’s economic health and maintaining that success requires broad-based community involvement and support, in addition to establishing a solid organization with sound management that is committed to long-term success.”

The National Trust Main Street Center works in partnership with Coordinating Main Street Programs throughout the nation to identify the local programs that meet the National Trust Main Street Center’s ten basic performance standards. These standards set the benchmarks for measuring an individual Main Street program’s application of the Main Street Four-Point Approach™ to commercial district revitalization. Evaluation criteria determines the communities that are building comprehensive and sustainable revitalization efforts and include standards such as developing a mission, fostering strong public-private partnerships, securing an operating budget, tracking economic progress, and preserving historic buildings. For more information on the *National Main Street Program* accreditation, visit www.mainstreet.org/nationalprograms.

“We are again honored to receive this important program recognition from National Main Street,” said Executive Director, Linda Miller. “Our Board and all our volunteers work extremely hard to reach these high performance standards and they should be very proud of this accomplishment. This accreditation brings national attention to our program and the entire community.”

Since 1980, the National Trust Main Street Center has helped hundreds of downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts across the nation reclaim the unique quality of life that only a thriving community center can provide. Through the Main Street Four-Point Approach to commercial district revitalization, which combines historic preservation and economic development, the Center has forged a nationwide movement for the revival of America's historic and traditional commercial districts. The Center provides a nationwide membership network, comprehensive on-site consulting services, in-depth seminars and conferences, technical publications and training materials, and national advocacy for