

PRESERVING BARDSTOWN

Summer 2014

Certified Local Government (CLG) Program

The CLG program is a local-state-federal partnership, and it promotes historic preservation planning and protection of prehistoric and historic resources at the local level. The program is jointly administered by National Park Service and Kentucky Heritage Council. Kentucky has 23 CLG programs. Bardstown has been a CLG since 1986.

A CLG program is required to undertake the following:

- Adopt local historic zoning regulations that meet KHC guidelines.
- Establish qualified preservation commission.
- Establish and maintain a system for the survey and inventory of historic properties.
- Provide for public participation in the local historic preservation program, including nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

The benefits of becoming a CLG are:

- Eligibility for matching grants annually for approved projects. At least 10% of the state's annual federal Historic Preservation Fund [HPF] allotment must be allocated to the Certified Local Government fund. The City of Bardstown received \$18,000 in FY 2013 and will receive \$13,500 in FY 2014.
- Access to expert technical advice from the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office, as well as, the National Park Service
- Formal role in the National Register nomination review process.

Main Street Program

Main Street is a unique preservation-based economic development program offered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and administered by the Kentucky Heritage Council. This national movement has spanned three decades and has taken root in more than 2,000 communities. The movement has spurred \$49 billion in reinvestment in traditional commercial districts, galvanized thousands of volunteers, and changed the way governments, planners, and developers view preservation. The program uses a Four-Point Approach to enable communities to revitalize downtown and neighborhood business districts by leveraging local assets – from historic, cultural, and architectural resources to local enterprises and community pride. It is a comprehensive strategy that addresses the variety of issues and problems that challenge traditional commercial districts. Kentucky has 22 certified Main Street Programs and 23 affiliate programs. The Bardstown Main Street Program is currently an affiliate program, and is administered by Samantha Brady.

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Preservation and Pizza

Bardstown Historic Review Board Neighborhood Outreach Initiative

As part of the City of Bardstown’s Certified Local Government grant, the Bardstown Historic Review Board developed a neighborhood outreach initiative to enhance public awareness of preservation. The HRB divided the historic district into eight smaller neighborhoods and hosted “Preservation and Pizza” meetings to allow those living and working in neighborhoods to learn more about historic preservation and offer any concerns or issues about the historic district.

Date:	Attendees:	Location:	Neighborhood
April 21, 2014	4	Nelson County Public Library	South Fifth Neighborhood
April 28, 2014	4	City of Bardstown Education Complex	East John Fitch Neighborhood
May 5, 2014	14	Bardstown Methodist Church	East Flaget Neighborhood
May 12, 2014	4	Bardstown Baptist Church	Upper Third Neighborhood
May 26, 2014	11	Civic Center	South Third Street Neighborhood
May 19, 2014	5	St. John AME Zion Church	Upper Second Street Neighborhood
June 9, 2014	7	American Legion	W Broadway-Flaget Neighborhood
June 16, 2014	7	Old Courthouse	Central Business District & 150/MOKH

Total Attendees: 56

Invitations Sent: 345

RuskinArc

As part of our Fiscal Year 2012 and 2013 Certified Local Government grants, a cloud based program, RuskinArc, was purchased. The Preservation Administrator has entered 52 properties located within Bardstown's Historic Overlay Zoning. With this program, information regarding homes in the National Register Historic District, Overlay Zoning, and Local Landmarks can be maintained on-line. After information from various print sources is entered and completed, the information will be available to the community and submissions of more information will be accepted.

Having this resource is yet another way the Bardstown Historic Review Board is making the history and protection of historic resources open and available for public use.

The program not only automatically creates Kentucky Heritage Council Historic Building Survey forms, but also creates summaries as those shown below.

9. 115 E Broadway Ave

This is a 1.5-story, 5-bay central passage single-family residence in the Federal style with Greek Revival influences built ca. 1826. The foundation is stone. Exterior walls are original brick. The building has a side gable with prominent shed roof clad in asphalt shingles. There is a single-story, three-bay open porch characterized by a flat roof with turned wood posts on paired wood piers. There is a single-story, rear, brick addition.

Resource ID: NEB30 Tracking No. 221



10. 202 E Broadway Ave

This is a 2-story, 5-bay rectangular entertainment facility in the Colonial Revival style built in 1908. Exterior walls are original brick. The building has a medium side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles with box cornice. There is one side right, front slope, brick chimney. There is a platform/stoop.

Resource ID: NEB29 Tracking No. 231



11. 203 E Broadway Ave

This is a 1.5-story, 6-bay single-family residence in the Vernacular style with Federal influences built before 1810. The foundation is stone. Exterior walls are original brick (primary) and weatherboard (secondary). The building has a cross gable roof clad in modern asphalt shingles with flush eaves. There is one offset left, front slope, parged brick chimney. There is a single-story, side, frame addition.

Resource ID: NEB27 Tracking No. 226



12. 204 E Broadway Ave

This is a 2-story, 5-bay I-house single-family residence in the Federal style with Greek Revival influences built ca. 1828. The foundation is stone. Exterior walls are original brick. The building has a medium side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles with flush eaves. There is one side right, straddle ridge, brick chimney. There is a platform/stoop.

Resource ID: NEB28 Tracking No. 230



13. 110 W Broadway Ave

This is a 2-story, 5-bay I-house single-family residence in the Federal style built ca. 1795. The foundation is stone. Exterior walls are original brick (primary) and wood siding (secondary). The building has a medium side gable roof clad in modern asphalt shingles. There is a single-story, rear ell, brick addition. The property includes a smokehouse that appears to contribute to its historic character. Square, brick smokehouse with standing seam metal, gable roof. English bond brick with diamond accents created by missing headers.

Resource ID: NEB36 Tracking No. 24



National Register District and Historic Overlay Zoning

Many citizens have questions about the extent of our historic district. Below is an excerpt from the Amended National Register District. The historic overlay zoning also includes 67 more properties creating a total of 432 properties located within the historic overlay. Below is an excerpt from the Amended National Register District Nomination.

Summary Paragraph

The Bardstown Historic District was listed on the National Register in 1983 (NR ID# 83002837) as a mixed-use historic district of approximately thirty-four blocks in central Bardstown. In 1983, this area contained 279 properties, consisting of 208 contributing buildings, 61 non-contributing buildings, 5 contributing sites, and 5 non-contributing sites. This present application proposes to expand that boundary to include an additional 57 properties, as well as to update the status of the 279 originally listed. Thus, the proposed expanded district results in a cohesive group of 365 commercial, residential, religious, governmental, educational, and public properties, 252 of which contribute to a sense of place and time for the period of significance 1795-1960. A tabularization of these findings appears here and is repeated toward the end of this section:

Area	Buildings C	Buildings NC	Total Buildings	Sites C	Sites NC	Total Sites	Total
Original NR District, 1983	208	61	269	5	5	10	279
Original NR District, 2010	194	100	294	4	10	14	308
Proposed Expansion Area Properties	40	15	55	2	0	2	57
Proposed NR District, Amended and Expanded*	246	103	349	6	10	16	365

*Includes 12 buildings amended in 2010 Original District from NC to C

Narrative Description

Area, Location, and Boundaries

Bardstown was settled in 1780 and became the county seat of Nelson County in 1785. Its location in the western bluegrass region and its access to Louisville and Lexington along early roads and turnpikes attracted settlers from Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. The town quickly became a center of commerce, education, and religious instruction and worship. The original plan of the town, centered on the court square, remains unchanged. The courthouse (the original stone courthouse was replaced in 1892) continues to dominate the court square and the historic commercial districts of the 100-200 blocks of North Third Street and East and West Stephen Foster Avenue retain their identities as the commercial center of Bardstown. Late-20th century commercial development has not altered the appearance or feeling of the district. The court square, for example, continues to be dominated by historic buildings spanning the period 1797-1914. Many residential areas also retain their historic identities, such as the 200 block of East Flaget Avenue (1856-1900), the 200 block of South Third Street (1819-1910), and the 200 block of East John Fitch Avenue (1840-1920).