Preservation with Purpose:
How Historic Preservation Can Make a Tangible Difference in Your County
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Dramatic changes in the U.S. after World War II
... in response, the historic preservation movement emerges in the 1960s....
National Historic Preservation Act – 1966

• Created a program between the Federal Government and the States; established a SHPO in each state

• Early work focused on finding and documenting historic properties

– 1980 amendment added the local government by creating the Certified Local Government (CLG) program

The Manning CLG has done several grant funded projects downtown
Iowa has the 3rd largest CLG program in the nation!
How it all works together: Iowa’s preservation network

Local: CLGs, local preservationists, historic preservation commissions, local main street organizations, nonprofits, RC&Ds, COGs, etc.

State: SHPO, Main Street Iowa, Preservation Iowa, etc.

National: NPS, Advisory Council, National Trust, etc.

Other important players at the national level include: Preservation Action, Partners for Sacred Places, League of Historic Theatres, Vernacular Architecture Forum, etc.
Historic Preservation and the CLG Program

• Local government (county or city) partners with state and federal government

• Institutionalizes historic preservation at the local government level; historic preservation commission is an arm of the local government

• Framework is established by the *National Historic Preservation Act, as Amended* and the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards
Benefits

• Facilitates preservation at the local level

• Provide technical assistance to cities and counties

• Provide funding to underwrite various historic preservation activities (CLG and state preservation grant money)
Activities and responsibilities

• The preservation voice in community decisions

• Being a source of information and ideas

• Public education
CLG requirements

- Enforce local ordinance
- Maintain a system for the survey and inventory of properties
- Nominate properties to the National Register
- Preservation activity
- Maintain commission qualifications, meetings, communication with state, annual training
Clayton County has been a CLG since 1985
Clayton County, Iowa Stone Structures

An Inventory of Clayton County's Limestone Structures by Township

Immigrants to the United States in the 1800's who would want to pursue their trade as Stonemasons would want to settle in an area that would have an abundance of exposed limestone. The Western Settlement Society headquartered in Cincinnati, OH offered lots in Guttenberg, Iowa in the mid 1860's. Because the majority of immigrants that settled in Clayton County, Iowa were German the exposed limestone and steep bluffs would have reminded them of the areas along their native Rhine River. Therefore this area of northeast Iowa
Garnavillo Township
Van Buren County came into the CLG program in 1991.
SITE OF THE VILLAGE OF
SALUBRIA
FOUNDED IN 1839

The Village of Salubria was founded by members of the First Society of Free Enquirers of Boston who were seeking religious freedom on the frontier.
The first known member of the Society to live in Salubria was Tyler Parsons who arrived in the summer of 1837. The permanent settlers, Silas Smith, Abner Kneeland and Benjamin Franklin Tower, arrived only after the land was purchased from the government in 1839.
The best known of these settlers was the famous American pantheist, Abner Kneeland. He came to Salubria after being the last person imprisoned by Massachusetts for blasphemy.

Silas Smith
Out lot 1
Abner Kneeland
Land to old ridge
B.F. Tower

A project of the
Van Buren County
Historic Preservation
Commission 2010

The town of Up

Towne lines
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WHO IN THE WORLD IS BRENDA HOLLINGSWORTH AND WHY IS SHE TALKING TO US ABOUT PRESERVATION?

- farm wife, mother of 3, grandmother of 10
- researcher, farm record keeper
- community volunteer
- BA Interior Design, ISU
- retired Chamber Director
MADISON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION & VOLUNTEERS

Row 1: JoAnne Walker, Sally Oldham, Molly Clause, Linda Smith
Row 2: Carol Liechty, Ron Howell, Beth Grey, Brenda Hollingsworth
Row 3: Jared McDonald, Jean Fifo, Steve Reed, Dave Braga, Roslea Johnson
WHAT OUR COMMISSIONERS AND VOLUNTEERS HAVE IN COMMON

- Love of community
- Passionate about history
- Willing to make a time commitment to meetings and projects
- Variety of skill sets
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PROJECT STEPS

WROTE GRANT - DIDN’T GET GRANT 2011
STARTED PROJECT RESEARCH ANYWAY 2011
WROTE ANOTHER GRANT 2012 - RECEIVED GRANT
PHASE 1 PROJECT LAUNCH 2012, COMPLETED 2013
PROJECT STEPS

WROTE ANOTHER GRANT - RECEIVED GRANT 2013
PHASE 2 PROJECT LAUNCH 2014
PHASE 2 COMPLETED 2015
BOUNDARIES
Contributing
Non-contributing
Already listed

Survey area - Phase 1
WINTerset Courthouse
HISTORIC DISTRICT

- 74 contributing buildings
- 7 non-contributing buildings
- 1 non-contributing object
- 3 previously listed buildings
WORK ON THE DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT NOMINATION RESULTED IN THESE SPIN OFF PROJECTS

- Madison Co Underground Railroad Research
- Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Project
- Traveling History & Photo Display
- Hosted 2015 Preserve Iowa Summit
- Historic District Bronze Plaques
- Research Library Archival Preservation Project
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LOCAL PRESERVATION BENEFITS

- Creates pride of ownership
- Promotes good stewardship
- Stimulates downtown revitalization
- Grows public/private investments & partnerships
- Attracts investment
- Generates another reason for people to visit - Heritage tourism
- Raises local awareness and creates momentum
Who is Aaron Price?
• Family man married for 24 years and counting, father of 4 children, and looking forward to grandchildren

• Madison County Supervisor since 2013

• Field Artillery Officer that served in the Army for 26 years

• Bachelor’s degree in Physical Geography, MS degrees in Engineering Management and Business Ethics and Compliance.
Why Historic Preservation?

- Reluctant Historic Preservationist
- Ties to the past
- It is Interesting
Benefits to participate

• Why take an active role in preservation?
  Elected officials
  Community

• Economic
• Cultural
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Questions?
Thanks for participating!
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