



HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION

The La Grange Historic Districts Commission was established by the La Grange City Council to oversee the regulation of changes to property located in the Historic Districts and to designate future landmarks and Historic Districts within the city. The Mayor and City Council appoint the Commission members. All members shall have a demonstrated interest in preservation. In an effort to simplify the review process, it has been determined that certain types of work proposed for properties within a Historic District may be approved without a hearing, but instead approved by a single Commission Member. Also, some types of work need no approval prior to being performed. Please see the quick reference on pages 10 and 11 to determine which types of work require Certificate of Appropriateness and full Commission or single Member approval, and which types of work do not require a Certificate of Appropriateness before work can commence.

Any changes to buildings or property not listed in the quick reference must be brought before the Commission for consideration. To hear applications for Certificates of Appropriateness and to conduct other business, the Commission holds public meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the La Grange City Hall. Applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness should be turned in to the City Clerk or a Commission member not later than 18 days prior to a scheduled meeting for determination of completeness of the application and to give time for public notice. The hearing on the application shall be held within 30 days after determining that the application is complete. Applications can be obtained at City Hall. All names and telephone numbers of Commission members can be obtained from City Hall.

To apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness or learn more about the commission, visit: www.lagrangeky.net/historic-districts-commission.html.

“Rehabilitating historic properties conserves taxpayers’ dollars, conserves our local heritage, and conserves the natural environment. Rehabilitating historic buildings and using the infrastructure that is already in place to serve them is the height of fiscal and environmental responsibility.”

–Donovan Rypkema,
Place Economics



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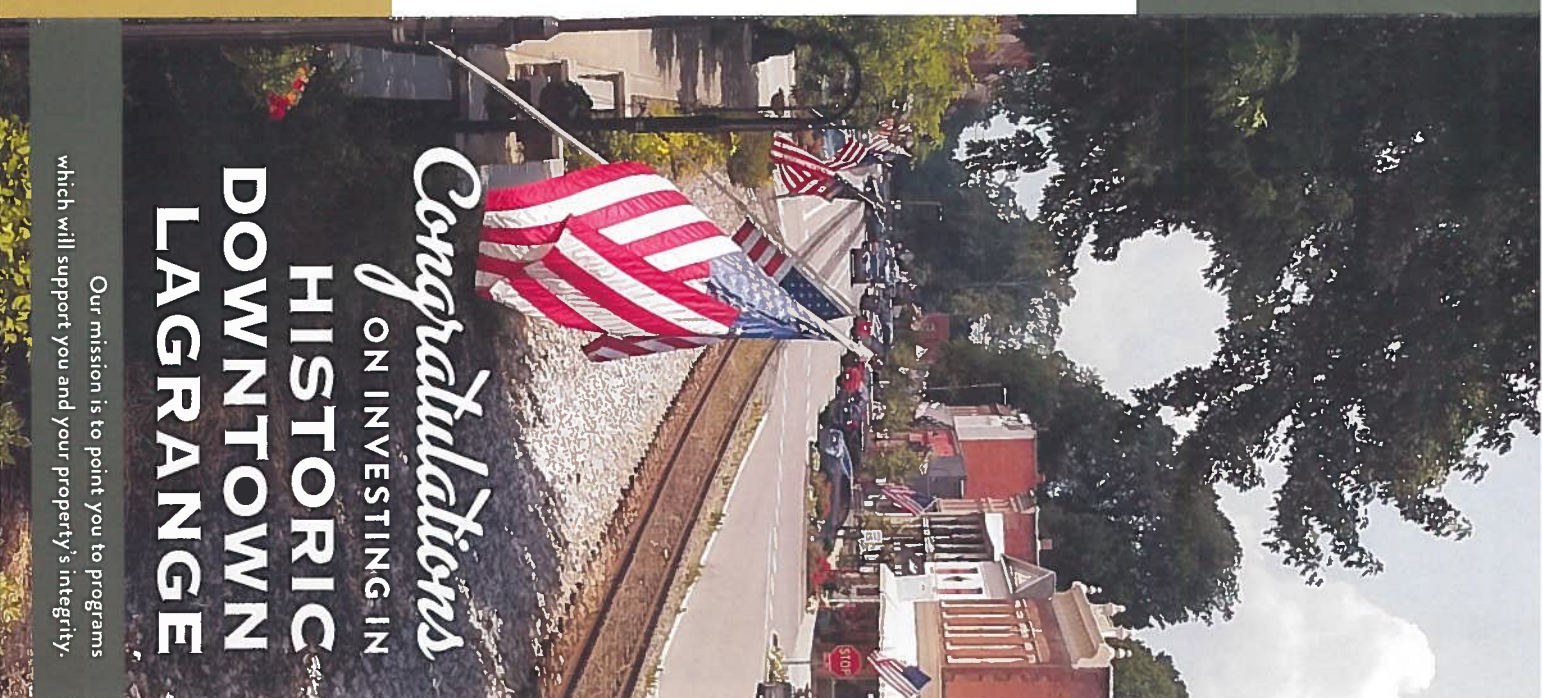
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ON INVESTING IN
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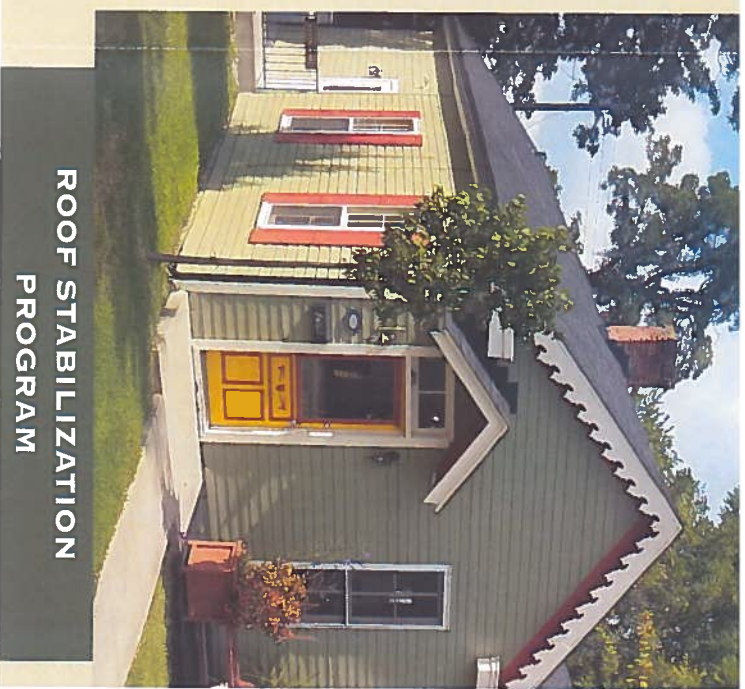
Our mission is to point you to programs
which will support you and your property's integrity.

locally at the most basic level, conserving and enhancing buildings and neighborhoods. Owning a historic property is a huge responsibility and is a calling. It is not for everyone, but if you choose to accept this mission, La Grange Kentucky Main Street and the La Grange Historic Districts Commission would like to help make the process easier, while making sure our community's story is told to future generations.

La Grange has three Historic Districts on the National Register of Historic Places with the Department of Interior. A map of the districts is available on our website. If you have property within those districts there are guidelines to

that are to protect the historic integrity of those structures. The reasons are two fold: 1) When these buildings were constructed the building materials and methods were very different and using modern methods can actually cause more harm. 2) These guidelines help protect our cultural history. The Historic District Commission is made up of commissioners who have been trained in preservation with talents in construction and design. In order to help and to encourage renovations and maintenance the La Grange Kentucky Main Street Program has developed two grant programs to help offset the cost of renovations.

encompasses much of the historic portion of the City of La Grange and provides an excellent picture of what the community was like at the height of its development in the early years of the twentieth century. It includes residential, governmental, religious, and transportation-related resources. La Grange's historic character is derived from its role as a county seat and as a railroad community. The present appearance of the central district is still very much dominated by the courthouse square and the railroad which, with its track slicing down the center of Main Street and its long trains passing regularly through town, provide a strong visual presence.



ROOF STABILIZATION PROGRAM

The Roof Stabilization Program is a vital tool to aid property owners with the comprehensive stabilization and revitalization of La Grange's historic resources that are part of our community's tangible past and an opportunity for the future.

Eligible properties will be located within the La Grange Central Historic District and the Russell Court New and Old Historic Districts.

Purpose: To assist in the continued preservation of the La Grange Historic Districts, Crossroads La Grange Main Street Program will administer a grant programs to assist building owners with facade renovation or repair. The goal of the program is to keep La Grange's historic beauty intact, and to preserve the charm and history of the city.

Facade Grants are available to assist in the continued preservation of the La Grange Historic Districts and the La Grange Historic Districts, La Grange Crossroads Kentucky Main Street Program will administer a grant program to assist building owners with facade renovation or repair. The goal of the program is to keep La Grange's historic beauty intact, and to preserve the charm and history of

the city. These grants are available to offset up to 1/3 of the cost depending on the scope of the project. Before starting any project it is important to contact La Grange Kentucky Main Street, we will help walk you through the process. There are other technical services available through the La Grange Historic Districts Commission and the Kentucky Heritage Council.

> > APPLICATIONS AND DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT LAGRANGEMAINTSTREET.ORG < <

"A human community, then, if it is to last long, must exert a sort of centripetal force, holding local soil and local memory in place. Practically speaking, human society has no work more important than this."

—Wendell Berry, *The Work of Local Culture*

"There may have been a time when preservation was about saving an old building here or there, but those days are gone. Preservation is in the business of saving communities and the values the embody."

—Richard Moe, National Trust for Historic Preservation

"Historic Preservation helps us understand ourselves as humans on this continent, as citizens of the United States, as Kentuckians, and as members of our local communities."

—Vicki Birenberg, AICP, *A Map Made of Memory*