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# LANDMARK REPORT of Bowling Green & Warren County

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## KENTUCKY MAIN STREET PROJECT

The Landmark Association hosted the Kentucky Main Street Project managers meeting October 13 and 14. Attending the two day conference were the project managers from Maysville, Frankfort, Paducah and Bowling Green; the Heritage Division staff; and representatives from the Southeast Regional office of the Department of the Interior.

Bowling Green's Main Street Project received a favorable review from the Heritage Division staff. The Landmark Association has been very successful in implementing the Main Street Project's objectives of economic redevelopment and community interaction. Especially noted were Landmark's efforts toward building improvement, our relationship with the Downtown Business Association and support from the community financial institutions.

Representatives from the Department of the Interior presented a session covering the Economic Recovery Act of 1981. Economic incentives were explained as well as the certification and rehabilitation standards and process. Participants in the conference also toured several downtown revitalization projects and the Main Street exhibit at the Kentucky Museum.

One major topic discussed during this conference concerns continuation of federal historic preservation funding. In September, all appropriation bills were put "on hold". This translates into \$4.1 million for federal historic preservation funding in the fiscal year 1982, an 85% cut from the \$26.5 million level already passed by the House and the Senate Appropriations

Committee. This new round of budget cutting would eliminate matching grants to the states. Because the Kentucky Main Street Project is funded through federal historic preservation appropriations, this program is in danger of being seriously crippled, if not eliminated.

The Heritage Division expressed confidence that Bowling Green's downtown redevelopment could continue without state or federal support within the next two years. Federal funding of Bowling Green's Main Street Project through the Heritage Division is not designed to be perpetual. Funding for this project is intended to establish a viable redevelopment program. Continuation of this program is a community responsibility. Landmark's exemplary achievements during these past two years have shown that economic redevelopment/historic preservation can and does work. We have come to the point at which we must seriously consider becoming self-sufficient. We will soon be responsible for carrying out established programs as well as developing new areas of direction. Landmark has more than adequately justified our community's need for the Kentucky Main Street Project. Failure to maintain the successes we now enjoy would negate these efforts of community improvement. Maintaining these programs on our own would not only strengthen the cause for historic preservation, but would provide similar opportunities to other communities currently unable to develop programs of their own.

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## OCTOBER MEETING

The Landmark Association's October general meeting will be held at the Eloise B. Houchens Center for Women, 1115 Adams Street, on Monday October 26, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. A history of the Kister-Houchens House will be given by the Center Board. Landmark members will also be given a tour of the Houchens Center.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 26: Landmark Monthly Meeting  
Houchens Center 1115 Adams  
7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 27: Landmark Board Meeting  
Landmark Office 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 23: Landmark Board Meeting  
Landmark Office 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 30: Landmark Monthly Meeting  
B.G. Public Library 7:30 p.m.

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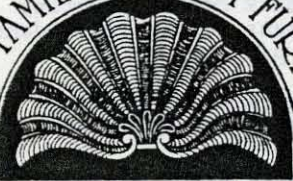
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