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INDIANA'S  
STATEWIDE  
PRESERVATION  
CONFERENCE

April 7-9, 2010  
New Harmony, IN

Jeana Davis, a member of the New Castle Historic Preservation Committee and Brent Mather of Brenner Design will be attending Indiana's Statewide Preservation Conference.

The DHPA partnered with Indiana University's Cornelius O'Brien Lecture Series and Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana to host the annual Preserving Historic Places: Indiana's Statewide Preservation Conference. This statewide conference is the official forum for preservation issues in Indiana.

Speakers regularly include preservationists from around the state, as well as national figures. The conference features an opening reception, plenary and concurrent sessions, a keynote speaker, and tours of preservation highlights in the host community. Some sessions are free and open to the public, while others require a registration fee.



## NEW CASTLE

## NEW CASTLE, INDIANA –

In 2010 the City of New Castle was awarded an OCRA Community Focus Fund grant for revitalization of the downtown commercial core. The project scope will energize and re-define the infrastructure character for the heart of the New Castle Historic District along Broad Street from 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Streets.

The engineering and design may include new sidewalks, street lighting, benches and streetscape amenities. Façade improvements are also a potential target. Brenner Design and Silver Creek Engineering of Indianapolis have teamed together to develop the engineering and design work for this project.

Key to the revitalization is the New Castle Historic Preservation Commission. The commission has been charged with determining the appropriate types and styles of infrastructure to be selected that are respectful of New Castle's rich heritage.

The committee members are:

David Nantz  
Wayne Goodman  
Jeana Davis  
Richard McKnight  
Scott Heavin  
Christian Miller

The first target meeting was held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brent Mather of Brenner Design opened the meeting providing an overview of the project as well as the purpose of the plan. The Outline Draft of Downtown Revitalization Plan for New Castle's Historic District was presented.

During this meeting, Brent discussed the project goals, the overall master plan, implementation plan, funding sources, and defined the stake holders.

Special attention will also be paid to the design of Race Street between Main & 15<sup>th</sup> which is the site for many community activities, festivals, arts and Indiana Avenue between Main & 14<sup>th</sup> which will serve as the gateway entrances to Historic Downtown New Castle.

A second meeting was held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, where Brenner Design handed out examples of lighting that would fit the period of the town's greatest commercial era, the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Discussion focused on the architectural style of light poles as well as the wide array of amenities including banner posts, lighting strength, scale, detail and power sources to provide for future flexibility.

The committee decided on a historic, small Midwestern town lighting style popular during the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Examples of decorative benches and receptacles were also provided to the committee for their review. The committee chose a family of amenities that will reflect New Castle's tasteful, simple character.

**The next meeting will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the City Council Chambers to review the Engineers Draft and Study of Traffic Patterns and Parking.**



## PRESERVATION CELEBRATION

**NEW CASTLE, IN** Enjoy an evening of events celebrating 50 years of preservation in eastern Indiana on Saturday, August 14, 2010. The celebration starts at 4 p.m. with self-guided tours of homes in New Castle, followed at 6 p.m. by a concert at the New Castle Arts Pavilion, featuring the Baggy Bottom Boys, Brian Wallen, Kevin Stonerock, IndyKlez, and Greg Ziesemer & Kriss Luckett. After the concert, a members-only reception offers an inside glimpse at owner David Nantz's stellar restoration of the Colonial Building, featured on HGTV's show "Rezoned." For more information contact Wayne Goodman, 765-478-3172 or [east@historiclandmarks.org](mailto:east@historiclandmarks.org).

## PRESERVATION FACTS and MYTHS

### DON'T LET THE COLD IN! WINDOWS AND DOORS MAY NOT BE YOUR WORST ENEMY

A recent study by Ball State University of Muncie, Indiana, Architecture Program proved that windows and doors only account for 5% of the heat lost in a traditional building! A surprising 80% of the heat lost was traced to holes in the basement foundation matched by holes in the attic roofs. These often unseen gaps create a 'stack effect' much like a chimney, propelling heat straight out of the building!



## ALL EYES ON BROAD STREET !!! Broad Street Renovation Calendar

- 02 April 10\*     Blue Grass Music  
                      *New Castle Senior Center*
- 06 April 10     Broad Street Design Charette
- 07-09 Apr 10    Statewide Preservation Conference  
                      *New Harmony, IN*
- 10 Apr 10       Surveys Due
- 12 Apr 10       Traffic I Parking Draft
- 17 Apr 10       Broad Street Design Charette
- 26 Apr 10\*      Broad Street Final Draft Meeting
- May 2010        National Historic Preservation Month
- 08 May 10       Cash Bonanza @ Westwood Golf Club  
                      *Presented By New Castle Chamber of Commerce*
- 10 May 10       Final Document to OCRA
- 21 May 10       HC Concert Series- Duke Tomatoe  
                      *Arts Park, New Castle, IN*
- 31 May 10       New Castle Memorial Day Parade
- 04 June 10       HC Concert Series- Cook & Bell  
                      *Arts Park, New Castle, IN*
- 09 Jul 10        HC Concert Series- Sycamore Rhythm  
                      *Kings, Arts Park, New Castle, IN*
- 10 Aug 10        OCRA "Bricks and Mortar" Grant  
                      Application Deadline
- 14 Aug 10        Preservation Celebration  
                      *New Castle, IN*
- 20 Aug 10        HC Concert Series- Lonnie Lester  
                      *Arts Park, New Castle, IN*
- 03-06 Sep 10    Farmer's Pike Antique, Arts & Crafts  
                      Festival, *New Castle, IN*
- 11 Sep 10        HC Concert Series- International Festival  
                      *Arts Park, New Castle, IN*
- 10 Oct 10        Potential Grant Award Date  
                      (OCRA "Bricks and Mortar")
- \* Meetings Are Open to the Public

**NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING**  
April 6, 2010, 5:30 PM  
New Castle City Council Chambers