

The Network

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Welcome to the Network

In response to interest expressed in the recent CLG Training and Education Questionnaire the Ohio Historic Preservation Office introduces an on-line newsletter for Ohio's Certified Local Governments.

The newsletter will be sent quarterly or more often if the quantity and timeliness of the information requires it. To maximize the usefulness of the newsletter we hope you will forward it to your commission or board members or print copies for distribution at commission meetings.

We would like this newsletter to be interactive so we have created a group email link of all contacts and encourage you to communicate with one another by sending your questions, ideas, and suggestions to fellow Certified Local Governments contacts.

We would like to hear from you so tell us what you think of this first issue. How can we improve it and what kind of

information would you like to see in the newsletter? Also feel free to send us information for future issues.

Glenn Harper Assumes Job of Certified Local Governments Manager

Glenn Harper, a fifteen-year employee of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, has assumed the job of managing Ohio's Certified Local Government program.

He replaces Franco Ruffini, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, who has taken on additional administrative responsibilities. Glenn is no stranger to the CLG program, having provided training to local commissions and assisted with performance evaluations.

Most recently, Glenn prepared a CLG Training and Education questionnaire to determine how best to assist local boards and commissions in meeting their training and education needs and thus insure those members has the expertise to fulfill their responsibilities.

Please contact Glenn with your questions or concerns at gharper@ohiohistory.org or a 614/298-2038.

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Preservation Cuts Will Hurt Certified Local Governments

On February 3, 2003, President Bush delivered his FY 2004 budget to Congress.

The administration request calls for level funding for State Historic Preservation Offices.

This level represents a decrease to the program nationwide of some \$12.6 million since 2001, and this decline, coupled with unprecedented state budget cuts, is proving very difficult

The following chart compares several years of actual funding levels with the Administration proposal for 2004 as well as

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the 2004 request submitted by the National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO).

In millions

	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04 Administrative Budget	FY04 NCSHPO Request
SHPOs	46.598	39	33.7	34	50
Tribes	5.572	3	3	3	10
SAT*	35	30	30	30	30
HBCUs* *	6.8	--	--	--	--
Trust Sites***	--	2.5	2	--	--
Survey	--	--	--	--	10
Total	94	74.5	68.7	67	100

In dollars:

OHIO **1,112,75** **926,537** **734,943** **740,000** **1,090,000**
 FY04 President & FY04 Request estimated

*Save America's Treasurers Grants

** Historically Black Colleges and Universities,

*** National Trust for Historic Preservation Historic Sites Fund

The Program:

Thirty-five years ago, the National Historic Preservation Act established a set of incentives and programs supported by the Historic Preservation Fund that foster local decision making and re-direct private investment to existing resources.

Funding cuts for these core programs undermine the ability of the program to contribute fully toward achieving our national livability and resource protection objectives. Now more than ever, we need to work to defend the very places that give meaning and context to the American experience.

State Historic Preservation Offices:

The Historic Preservation Fund supports the staff and programs of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office. The program has established a successful set of incentives, procedures, and assistance to foster local decision-making and direct private investment to maximize the viability of existing resources. Some of the many activities made possible by the HPF include the Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit, Section 106 review, Certified Local Governments, State preservation plans, National Register nominations, Technical Assistance, and Grants-in-Aid. Effectiveness in these areas is increasingly threatened by pending staff layoffs, lack of funds for survey and documentation work, and slow turn around times for reviews and certifications. Request: \$50 million nationwide, which will mean \$1.09 million for Ohio.

Survey and Documentation Grants:

Congress and the Administration have made "streamlining" a major goal of many federal programs. Streamlining essentially means more timely and efficient federal project development and delivery. The Section 106 review process is an important step in the development of federal undertakings. Its timely and efficient implementation is stymied by inadequate funding for review and incomplete survey data. Ohio could use these grants to complete historic resource surveys and to make historic site information easily accessible through computer searches and on the web. Such survey and digitization would expedite project reviews and assist federal agencies to meet their streamlining goals. Request: \$10 Million.

Budget Alert!

Ohio House Also Cuts Funding for Historic Preservation.

The Ohio House of Representatives passed HB 95, the 2004 Budget Bill, early last week. The House re-established the separate line item (Line 504) for the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, which had been eliminated in the Governor's budget, but it cut the appropriation 15% from 2003. OHPO started out 2003 with \$383,704 in state funds. This was cut during the year to \$340,862, and now the House proposes \$289,733 for 2004. These funds help meet the matching share requirements for the federal grant the office receives from the National Park Services.

Attention on the budget now turns to the Senate where the Senate Finance Committee is scheduled to hold a hearing on the Ohio Historical Society budget on April 21. Efforts are underway to request the Senate Committee to restore funding to the Society's historic preservation programs.

You and your Commission members can help by writing letters or contacting your members of congress and members of the Ohio Senate Finance Committee to ask them to restore state funding and ask them to restore funding to the Historic Preservation Fund.

Ohio's Newest CLGs

Congratulations to the cities of Delaware and Canal Fulton on becoming Ohio's newest Certified Local Governments

2003 Certified Local Government Grant Recipients Illustrate Diversity of Grant Program

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office recently awarded the Certified Local Government grants for Federal fiscal year 2003. As a result of Federal budget cutbacks and use of 2000 population statistics in the apportionment formula, Ohio was only able to award \$73,494. This is a 20.7% reduction in

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Historic Preservation Funds allocated to the State of Ohio and less than received a decade ago.

Cincinnati was awarded \$4,759 to conduct Phase III of the survey of historic properties in the City. The areas to be surveyed in this phase include the Central Business District, Mt. Adams, and the riverfront neighborhoods of East End and California. The results of this survey will update the Cincinnati Historic Inventory done in 1978, and be used as a planning tool for the city. William Forwood, Urban Conservator, City of Cincinnati, is the CLG Program Coordinator and contact person for this project (513) 352-4853

Cleveland has been awarded \$10,332 to conduct a historic schools feasibility study. The Cleveland Landmarks Commission, working with the Cleveland Restoration Society, the administrative agent for this project, will examine four selected historic schools in the city's school district to determine the potential for rehabilitation and restoration of these structures, and to demonstrate how existing school buildings can be renovated to create a high quality environment for teaching and learning. Kathleen Crowther, Executive Director, Cleveland Restoration Society, (216) 426-1000 is the project coordinator

Medina has received its first grant since becoming a Certified Local Government, in the amount of \$9,915 to conduct an intensive-level survey of historical/architectural resources in the community. This project will coincide with the Community Housing Improvement Program grant that the city has been awarded by the Ohio Department of Development for the rehabilitation of older housing stock in low-to-middle income areas. For further information about this grant, contact Barbara Dzur, Economic Development & Grants Administrator for the City of Medina at (330) 722-9023.

Oberlin has been awarded \$9,482 to further work on the citywide historic site inventory. The City of Oberlin will contract with the Oberlin Historical and Improvement Organization, the administrative agent for this grant, to continue a four year long program to inventory historic resources in the community. The project will assist the community to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and will also help to identify minority-related properties throughout the City of Oberlin. Please contact Patricia Murphy, Executive Director of the Oberlin Historical and Improvement Organization (O.H.I.O.) for further information (440) 774-1700.

Parma has been awarded \$19,830 to assist the City in acquiring the Henninger House, a historic property in the West Creek Valley. This vernacular Greek Revival era building was built in 1849 from stone quarried from the

crescent outcrop of Berea Sandstone. It and the shingled barn adjacent to it are the oldest structures in Parma. Private donations and other federal funding are helping the City to acquire this property. The Certified Local Government grant is contingent upon this property being listed on the National Register of Historic Properties. For further information, contact Gary Sufl, Service Director for the City of Parma, at (440) 885-8000.

Shaker Heights has been awarded \$7,278 to examine and update its historic preservation ordinance. Following the goals in the City's historic preservation plan, the City will review the existing ordinance, compare it to the experience of other communities, and make recommendations to City Planning Commission and City Council for potential modifications, updates, and improvements to assist the Landmark Commission in carrying out its duties. For further information, contact Audra Bartley, CLG Program Coordinator, (216) 491-1430.

Waynesville has been awarded \$11,898 to create a local grant program to assist in the preservation of Village properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This program will provide both technical and financial assistance to National Register property owners and as a result, improve the viability of the Village's historic resources. Contact Rodney Smith, Village Administrator (513) 897-8015 for additional information.

Waynesville: Antiques Capital of the Midwest

In each issue of Network we will feature one of Ohio's Certified Local Governments. This month the spotlight is on Waynesville.

Antiques Capital of the Midwest and home of the annual Ohio Sauerkraut Festival, Waynesville, located southeast of Dayton, is a fascinating combination of the old and new.

Samuel Hieghway founded Waynesville in 1797. The Quakers played a strong role in the development of Waynesville and it was an integral part of the Underground Railroad. Today Waynesville is a thriving Warren County community that attracts thousands of tourists to its dozens of antique and craft shops. Nearby attractions include the Little Miami River Hike and Bike Trail and the Accommodation Line State Scenic Byway, which passes through the heart of the town.

Since becoming a Certified Local Government in May 1995, Waynesville has strengthened its local historic preservation program by taking advantage of Certified Local Government grants, to prepare a community historic preservation plan, write architectural design guidelines, nominate two historic districts to the National Register of Historic Places, and restore a historic jail known as the "old lockup" as a

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community visitor and interpretative center for the scenic byway. Most recently Waynesville received a grant to provide technical and financial assistance to National Register property owners. For more information about this exciting community and dynamic Certified Local Government contact Rodney Smith, Village Manager at (513) 897-8015 or by email at rodsmith@donet.com

Questionnaire Reveals Training Needs

Seventeen CLG's responded to our recent Training and Education Questionnaire.

We would like to thank all of you who took the time to respond. You told us what training you have conducted in the past and what your current training needs are. You also told us what subjects you would like us to cover. Here is a summary of the results.

Training

During the past year six Certified Local Governments said they conducted training or educational sessions for Commission members.

Orientation Materials and Training for New Members

Eleven Certified Local Governments provide this type of service to new members.

Consultation with the OHPO

Eight Certified Local Governments consulted with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office during the past year regarding the work or functions of the commission or on specific historic preservation issues.

Training You Would Like the Ohio Historic Preservation Office to Provide - Top Five

- Introduction to the Secretary of the Interior Standards and how to apply the Standards
- Financial incentives for historic preservation
- How to develop and use design guidelines
- General introduction to historic preservation
- Local preservation planning

Some interest was also shown in:

- Treatment of archaeological properties
- Survey and inventory of historic properties
- Introduction to the National Register
- Section 106 review

Media Resources Slide Presentation, Videos and PowerPoint Presentations on Historic Preservation and Related Topics

Fourteen Certified Local Governments expressed an interest in receiving a list of slide presentations, videos, and PowerPoint presentations on related to historic preservation. A copy of this list is available in Adobe .pdf format at

<http://ohiohistory.org/resource/histpres/docs/Talks.pdf>

Best Time for Training Sessions

The majority felt the best time to hold a training session is during or after a regularly scheduled commission meeting. A small number felt an evening other than a regularly scheduled meeting would be best.

Combining Training Sessions

Nearly all felt your commission would be willing to attend a training session combined with another nearby Certified Local Government.

Sharing Information Online

All but one CLG is willing to share information about commission activities or historic preservation in their community with other Certified Local Governments

Did You Know?

The Ohio Historic Preservation offers a list of things to consider when publishing guidelines in your community. If you are contemplating a design guideline publication or would like to update your current publication, take a look at the list on our web site:

www.ohiohistory.org/resource/histpres Click on "Preservation in Your Town" and then click on Design Guidelines.

A complete list of the Ohio's Certified Local Governments is available under the "Preservation Toolbox" section of the same web site.

Planned and Purposeful Preservation: Workshops on the Section 106 Review Process and Conducting Survey

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office will be offering workshops on the Section 106 review process and conducting history/architecture and archaeology survey.

Watch for further information in The Network E-Newsletter.

Great Ideas! Surfing the Web

Perhaps you don't need another web site to browse away your time. Nevertheless, here are several that might be of help to you:

"Better Buildings/Better Places":

<http://www.betterbuildings.org>

Great American Station Foundation

<http://www.achp.gov>

Historic Preservation Advisory Council

<http://www2.cr.nps.gov/tps/care/>

Heritage Preservation Services

<http://www.ncptt.nps.gov/>

National Center for Preservation Technology and Training

<http://www.enhancements.org/>

National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse

<http://www.nthp.org/>

National Trust for Historic
Preservation

<http://www.ohiohistory.org/resource//histpres/>

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

<http://www.preservationaction.org/>

Preservation Action Working on the Past in Local Historic
Districts <http://www2cr.nps.gov/workingonthepast/>

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