

Boone County Preservation Plan

Goals and Objectives

I. Promote historic and prehistoric resources as a viable part of the county's lively past and vibrant future.

- A. Encourage the study of Boone County history and its historic and prehistoric resources.
 - 1. Work with property owners and others to be curious about and seek additional information on resources which may or may not have been surveyed.
 - a) Identify interested property owners.
 - b) Create information packet, including existing survey, National Register, archaeology and cemetery information, for historic property owners in Boone County.
 - c) Disseminate information to property owners using various media to explain various definitions (i.e. survey, National Register, archaeology, and cemetery resources).
 - d) Create information packets for new historic property owners and pass the information packets along as soon as property transfers occur.
 - 2. Make use of existing data resources and libraries which contain information about historic and prehistoric resources in the county.
 - a) Create an annotated list of data sources which can be forwarded when requested.
 - b) Forward list of resources to public and private agencies, organizations, and others.
 - c) Update list as necessary.
 - d) Investigate potential of publishing list electronically as an element of a world wide web presence for Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board.
 - 3. Compile additional data and materials to enable individual research and investigation.
 - a) Determine existing data gaps for Boone County.
 - b) Plan publications to help fill data gaps.
 - c) Disseminate publications to the public and to public and private agencies and organizations, as appropriate.

4. Provide mechanism to allow reporting and storage of data collected by individuals in a central location with public access.
 - a) Determine most appropriate method for reporting and storage of data.
 - b) Work with individuals, government agencies, businesses, and organizations to create a network for sharing data.
 - c) Define a central location for retention of records and objects.
 - d) Secure funding for stabilization and continued preservation of records and objects as well as stabilization (if needed) and continued preservation of storage facility.

- B. Support organizations and government agencies seeking to educate the citizens of Boone County about historic and prehistoric resources and their value to the county.
 1. Assist in organizing and maintaining a county historical society, archive, and museum which, as part of its mission, focuses on historic and prehistoric resources.
 2. Determine appropriate roles for existing government agencies in providing information and programs to the public which relate to historic and prehistoric resources.
 - a) Define on-going programs within government which address preservation issues.
 - b) Resolve any disparity in program efforts to provide preservation based services.
 - c) Investigate possibility of periodic self-assessment for Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board to ensure base-line preservation programs and services are being fulfilled according to the Boone County Historic Preservation Plan and/or the Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board Mission.
 - d) Re-visit and update the recommendations of the 1994 National Trust assessment visit to Boone County.
 3. Develop partnerships, co-sponsored programs, and maintain alliances with city, county, regional, and state organizations to promote and encourage awareness of history, historic and prehistoric resources.
 - a) Determine list of potential partners for co-sponsored programs.
 - b) Prioritize list of projects for potential co-sponsorship.

- c) Form committee/designate individual to co-ordinate the formations of partnerships and to ensure the appropriate relationship among individuals and organizations remains intact.
- C. Develop education programs centered on historic and prehistoric resources.
 - 1. Secure funding for education programs.
 - a) Establish fund raising strategy and process for government- business-citizen partnership to raise money for education programs.
 - b) Investigate the possibility of fund generation program from the sale of property in Boone County.
 - c) Determine appropriate grant agencies with funding for heritage education.
 - d) Seek funding from appropriate agencies in support of education programs.
 - 2. Develop curricula for public education and community education programs.
 - a) Work with educators, preservation professionals, and Boone County Review Board members to determine appropriate elements of a curricula which relates to and focuses on the importance of Boone County history and prehistory.
 - b) Tie curricula developed to current state standards.
 - c) Determine most appropriate school(s) and grade(s) in which to introduce the program.
 - 3. Work with government officials, educators, and members of the community to pilot these programs in a public elementary school, a public middle school, a public high school, and a community setting.
 - a) Provide teacher mini-workshops and seminars for continuing education credit.
 - b) Create multiple sets of support materials for classroom and outdoor use.
 - c) Within the Boone County school system, determine the best way to disseminate information to a broad number of teachers at multiple grade levels.
 - 4. Evaluate the effectiveness of curricula.
 - a) Reconvene curricula planners and review effectiveness of programs.
 - b) Modify programs based on input.
 - 5. Incorporate modifications and expand curricula year by year, class

by class, and sector by sector of the county to provide a wide range of education programs to focus on Boone County's history, historic and prehistoric resources.

- a) Determine most appropriate grades in which to expand.
 - b) Determine geographic areas and subject areas in which to expand.
 - c) Evaluate each lesson plan as appropriate and make modifications.
6. Investigate provision for education programs through electronic media to the schools and to the community.
- a) As an alternative or a supplement to education program as outlined above, consider the placement of the same or similar resources on a world wide web site or through other electronic technology.
 - b) Determine feasibility, funding and location of electronic data centered on heritage education.
 - c) Retain consultant to assist in posting and maintaining a web site or other electronic presence.
7. Provide education programming during Historic Preservation Week celebrated annually in May.
- a) Convene diverse sub-committee representing many facets of Boone County population.
 - b) Plan 1-2 educational events during the week.
 - c) Enlist volunteers to assist with these events.
 - d) Publicize the events through formal and informal media contacts and other relationships.
8. Develop an oral history program within the county.
- a) Determine appropriate organization and funding sources for an oral history program.
 - b) Develop a list of citizens to be interviewed.
 - c) Consider establishing an oral history day to tie in with broad public participation in electronically recording past community events and facets of the built, social, and cultural environment of Boone County.
9. Promote and support active participation in existing preservation award programs.
- a) Seek nominations from a broad-based population.
 - b) Encourage nominations from the public at large by explaining award criteria and categories for recognition.
 - c) Disseminate information about award winners in local, state and national media and preservation outlets.

- D. Enhance on-going tourism promotion efforts which focus on historic and prehistoric resources.
 - 1. Develop a series of brochures relating to Boone County history, historic and prehistoric resources.
 - a) Build on the strength of existing publications and determine gaps or new publications needed for the dissemination of information to Boone County residents, as well as visitors to Boone County.
 - b) Sponsor a "Visit Boone County Day" for Boone County residents so they can take on the role of visitors and learn about the many tourism opportunities which exist in the county.
 - 2. Create and maintain a web site and related technologies to promote tourism.
 - a) Determine feasibility, funding, and location of electronic data centered on heritage education.
 - b) Retain consultant to assist in posting and maintaining a web site or other electronic presence.

II. Identify historic and prehistoric resources as valuable assets to the county and to its citizens.

- A. Maintain architectural and archaeological inventories of the county's resources.
 - 1. Continue on-going architectural and archaeological survey efforts.
 - a) Evaluate newly eligible properties for inventory purposes annually.
 - b) Develop a list of properties to be surveyed.
 - c) Work with Kentucky Heritage Council staff in preparing survey information for submission.
 - 2. Secure funding to continue survey work.
 - a) Contact local businesses and individuals to supplement the government's pledge for the continued survey of Boone County history and prehistory.
 - b) Investigate additional non-KHC grant possibilities to continue survey and to publish survey results.
 - 3. Promote survey program as a base program of Boone County.
 - a) Utilize media contacts to explain the purpose of history and prehistory surveys.
 - b) Disseminate information gathered to targeted audiences, at first, and then to the residents and property owners of the county.

- B. Nominate appropriate historic and prehistoric resources to the National Register of Historic Places.
 - 1. Develop list of potential National Register eligible properties.
 - a) Investigate possible multiple resource and thematic resource nominations.
 - b) Follow up on CLG Grant projects to provide addendum to existing multiple resource nomination.
 - 2. Work with property owners to understand the responsibilities and privileges of a National Register listing.
 - a) See education objective # IA1.
 - 3. Secure funding to retain consultants for preparation of National Register nominations.
 - a) Contact local businesses, agencies, and individuals sympathetic to National Register activities to discuss funding on project-by-project or more long-term basis.
 - 4. Prepare nominations.
 - a) Submit nominations to the Review Board and Kentucky Heritage Council for review.
 - 5. Promote National Register properties to the general public.
 - a) See education objective # IA2.
- C. Create a comprehensive list of natural resources in Boone County.
 - 1. Investigate programs which encourage recording of natural resources at local, state, and federal levels.
 - a) Contact other communities, agencies, and governments who might have such a program in place.
 - b) Determine most appropriate type of survey process.
 - c) Seek funding for survey program from government sources, grant agencies, businesses and individuals.
 - 2. Work with government officials and property owners to create a list and to create a survey process.
 - a) Record information, as appropriate, on Geographic Information System (GIS) in a suitable format.
 - b) Regularly update information.
 - 3. Promote natural resource survey program to the public at large.
 - a) See education goal # IA2.
- D. Secure appropriate recording of survey, National Register, archaeological, and cemetery site information for use in planning and zoning within the county.
 - 1. Work with government officials to determine the most appropriate method of recording survey, National Register, archaeological, and cemetery sites in the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) format.

- a) Contact GIS administrator.
 - b) Record information in GIS format.
 - c) Regularly update information.
- 2. Ensure proper use of information in county planning and zoning decisions.
 - a) See protection objective # 3B.

III. Protect historic and prehistoric resources from physical threats which endanger their preservation.

- A. Maintain the historic and cultural character of Boone County's communities, and its rural and agrarian landscapes.
 - 1. Promote compatible growth patterns throughout the county to guide development while protecting the existing character of historic and prehistoric resources.
 - a) Distribute information on appropriate preservation standards and issues of concern to preservation advocates, decision-making bodies, government officials, organizations, and citizens.
 - b) Sponsor periodic workshops for interested parties on appropriate preservation standards and practices.
 - c) Determine key resources which should be protected and work pro-actively to ensure appropriate re-use.
 - 2. Encourage land use alternatives in the county geared toward uses which create a minimum impact on the county's historic and prehistoric resources.
 - a) As the Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board, remain vocal in community and county planning and zoning decisions which involve historic or prehistoric resources.
 - b) As the Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board, work to educate government officials and citizens as to appropriate and compatible land uses.
 - c) Co-sponsor periodic day-long workshops on preservation planning issues for government officials, organizations, and individuals.
 - 3. Encourage development which sensitively incorporates historic and prehistoric resources into development plans.
 - a) With information recorded in GIS format within government recording systems, work to utilize the information to negotiate alternative development plans which place historic preservation values in an equal

- relationship with economic, political, and other values.
4. Strengthen the existing protection program for cemeteries within the county.
 - a) Review existing cemetery plan.
 - b) If appropriate, strengthen regulations at time of 5 year zoning updates.
 - c) Improve cemetery documentation.
- B. Make the preservation of historic and prehistoric resources a high priority in ongoing comprehensive and other planning efforts. (See Legal Basis Section)
- C. Evaluate and monitor historic and prehistoric resources to discourage destruction or alteration of these resources.
1. Promote local designations which place resources under the protection of design review to monitor changes.
 - a) Consider review of exterior or interior changes to all government-owned properties within the county.
 - b) Determine potential local landmarks/districts for key historic and prehistoric resources.
 2. Adopt an archaeological resource protection program including a system to identify, evaluate, and protect prehistoric resources.
 - a) Determine other communities/local municipalities where such a program exists.
 - b) Define appropriate limits for the program.
 3. Investigate the possibility of a demolition review process for historic and prehistoric resources.
 - a) Determine other communities/local municipalities where such a program exists.
 - b) Define appropriate limits for the program.
 4. Consider implementation of demolition delay documentation period from historic and prehistoric resources.
 - a) Determine other communities/local municipalities where such a program exists.
 - b) Define appropriate limits for the program.
 5. Create standards and guidelines for salvage operations as a last resort.
 - a) Determine other communities/local municipalities where such a program exists.
 - b) Define appropriate limits for the program.
 6. Provide appropriate storage and documentation of salvaged historic and prehistoric materials in a secure location.
 - a) Determine other communities/local municipalities

- where such a program exists.
 - b) Define appropriate limits for the program.
- D. Investigate the creation of heritage areas which embrace both historic and prehistoric resources, as well as natural or scenic areas, and provide a centralized focus for county tourism efforts.
 - 1. Develop funding sources for the study of the concept.
 - a) Seek financial support from grant sources, local and county government, tourism sources, businesses, and individuals.
 - 2. Articulate the purpose for Boone County heritage areas.
 - a) Appoint a study committee to address the issue.
 - b) Set a time limit in which the issue should be addressed and recommendations made first to the Boone County Preservation Review Board and then to appropriate county and local municipality government agencies and organizations.
 - c) Articulate the purpose of heritage areas to government officials and the public.
 - d) Determine appropriate legislative actions required to create heritage areas.
 - 3. Provided the program moves forward, retain a consultant(s) to assist in the identification of appropriate locations in the county for the creation of heritage areas.

IV. Preserve historic and prehistoric resources through a variety of economic and other programs.

- A. Maintain Boone County's Certified Local Government (CLG) status.
 - 1. Satisfy requirements of the CLG program as promulgated by the Kentucky Heritage Council, as per National Park Service Guidelines, listed below.
 - a) Enforce State or local legislation for the designation and protection of historic properties.
 - b) Establish and maintain a qualified historic preservation commission.
 - c) Maintain a system for the survey and inventory of historic properties in coordination with the Kentucky Heritage Council.
 - d) Provide for public participation in all activities.
 - e) Perform other agreed upon functions as delegated by the Kentucky Heritage Council.

- B. Create economic incentives to encourage the retention of historic and prehistoric resources.
 - 1. Recommend Boone County local tax credits/incentives for the appropriate rehabilitation or preservation of historic and prehistoric resources.
 - a) Determine other communities or localities where such a program is in place.
 - b) Define limits of enabling legislation to create such economic incentives.
 - c) Create enabling legislation for such a program.
 - d) Widely disseminate information about incentives and the local incentive process.
 - 2. Advocate for state and federal tax credits/incentives for both owner-occupied and investment properties.
 - a) Plug local review board members and key government officials into the information network, along with Preservation Kentucky and the Kentucky Heritage Council.
 - b) Call on state representatives, senators and other political figures, as appropriate, to explain value of such an incentive program.
 - 3. Establish good working relationships with local banks and lending institutions in providing funding for preservation projects.
 - a) Host a seminar/get to know your banker luncheon or gathering to introduce Review Board members, government officials, and property owners to one another.
 - b) Learn the limits of financial institution support as to public programs.
 - c) Work with bankers and banking institutions to increase level of funding support in terms of outright gifts and loan packages.
 - 4. Emphasize the economic value of retaining historic and pre-historic resources.
 - a) Perform a study to show the economics of investing in Boone County historic preservation.
 - b) Model the study after the 1997 study produced by Commonwealth Preservation Advocates and the Kentucky Heritage Council so that data from KHC/CPA study can be compared to Boone County data.
- C. Develop strategies to encourage the appropriate use of Boone County's historic and prehistoric resources.
 - 1. Distribute information on appropriate preservation standards and issues of concern to preservation to decision-making bodies,

- government officials, organizations, and citizens, and sponsor periodic workshops for interested parties on appropriate preservation standards and practices.
2. Recognize government bodies, organizations, and individuals who have an outstanding track record for the sensitive re-use of historic properties.
 3. Determine key resources which should be protected and work proactively to ensure appropriate re-use.
- D. Encourage high standards for maintaining historic and prehistoric resources.
1. Emphasize good stewardship within the county for both privately owned and government owned property.
 - a) Sponsor periodic seminars for interior and exterior maintenance personnel for cleaning and minor repair work in government-owned historic properties.
 - b) Offer recognition program to maintenance personnel who perform outstanding service.