

Downtown Revitalization Conference to be Held Sept. 27 & 28
Registration Now Open

DOVER, Del. (Aug. 31, 2010) – [Downtown Delaware](#), a program of the [Delaware Economic Development Office](#), will present the inaugural 2010 Delaware-Maryland Downtown Revitalization Conference on Sept. 27 and 28 at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center in Rehoboth Beach, Del. The conference will include networking opportunities and informational workshops designed to help attendees strengthen their downtown business communities.

Rehoboth Beach, Delaware is a recipient of the Great American Main Street Award, recognizing the town's commitment to historic preservation, its ability to successfully foster small businesses development, and its evolving track record of successful commercial district revitalization. It is an exemplary host for the conference, dubbed "**Revitalize!**" Attendees will hear from leaders of the Delaware and the National Trust Main Street Center, meet with experienced small business specialists and network with other professionals involved in downtown and preservation efforts. Attendees may also participate in several tours, including Delaware's new Wine and Ale Trail.

Michael Shuman, director of Research and Public Policy at the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies, will deliver the keynote luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 28. The afternoon program will feature remarks from [Governor Jack Markell](#), followed by Anirban Basu, chairman & CEO of Sage Policy Group, Inc.

Early bird registration through Sept. 12 is \$55. Regular registration is \$70. To review the agenda or to register, visit the [conference website](#). The National Trust for Historic Preservation, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, Downtown Delaware, Main Street Maryland and Baltimore Main Streets are major sponsors of the event.

Follow the conference highlights and participate in the discussion on Twitter [@DEDOgov](#) or #Revitalize.

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