

Delaware Main Street Nominated for National Award

Downtown Newark Partnership Selected for 2011 Great American Main Street Award Semifinalist

NEWARK, Del. (Dec. 23, 2010) The Downtown Newark Partnership has been selected as a 2011 Great American Main Street Awards (GAMSA) semifinalist. The National Trust for Historic Preservation will announce five winners at the Main Street Awards Ceremony in Des Moines, Iowa on May 23, 2011.

“As a juror in last year’s GAMSA selection process, I am well aware of the high level of competition among applicants across the country.” said Diane Laird, State Coordinator, Downtown Delaware and regional representative of the National Main Street Executive Committee. “It is a highly coveted national award and it, in fact, represents the highest recognition that a designated Main Street city or town can attain.”

The National Trust Main Street Center’s annual GAMSA winners are recognized for their exceptional accomplishments in revitalizing the nation’s historic and traditional Main Street commercial districts. Rehoboth Beach, Del. was a recipient of the prestigious award in 2009. In addition to Newark, the other 2010 semifinalists include:

Downtown Beloit, Inc., Beloit, Wisconsin
Boyne City Main Street Program, Boyne City, Michigan
Durant Main Street, Durant, Oklahoma
Farmland Downtown Historic District, Farmland, Indiana
Downtown Fort Pierce, Fort Pierce, Florida
Hobart Main Street, Hobart, Oklahoma
Old Town Lansing, Lansing, Michigan
Main Street Marshfield, Marshfield, Wisconsin
Silver City Main Street Project, Silver City, New Mexico

“Community leaders and local volunteers have dedicated their time over many years to bring profound, positive change to their communities. These semifinalists have demonstrated a commitment to building sustainable, vibrant Main Streets with successful businesses and exciting events that can weather this recession,” said Doug Loescher, director of the National Trust Main Street Center. “They are models for others to follow.”

The winners will be selected by a national jury composed of former award winners, community development professionals, representatives from government and foundations, and journalists who are active in community economic development and historic preservation.

About the Delaware Economic Development Office

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and developing tourism and creating new and improved employment opportunities for all citizens of the State. Visit dedo.delaware.gov. Follow us on [Twitter](#).

About Downtown Delaware

Downtown Delaware, a program of the Delaware Economic Development Office, provides Delaware's historic downtowns, communities, and small businesses with tools to revitalize their commercial districts, increase entrepreneurial opportunity, and enhance quality of place. To learn more about the Main Street program, visit www.delawaremainstreet.com.

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