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TEXAS MAIN STREET CITIES RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION

BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION, Texas — The Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation recently recognized (insert name of your city) as one of the 56 National Main Street Cities in Texas. Other 2005 National Main Street Cities include: Amarillo, Beaumont, Bowie, Brenham, Canton, Canyon, Carthage, Celina, Clarksville, Clifton, Comanche, Corsicana, Decatur, Del Rio, Denison, Denton, Eagle Lake, Electra, Elgin, Farmersville, Gainesville, Georgetown, Gilmer, Gonzales, Grand Saline, Greenville, Henderson, Hillsboro, Irving, Kerrville, La Grange, Levelland, Llano, Lufkin, Luling, Marlin, McKinney, Mineola, Monahans, Mt. Vernon, Nacogdoches, New Braunfels, Odessa, Paris, Pharr, Pilot Point, Pittsburg, Quanah, Rio Grande City, San Marcos, Seguin, Sonora, Taylor, Tyler, Waxahachie and Winnsboro (remove your city from this list).

“Our National Main Street Cities have worked really hard to achieve this distinctive honor. Establishing and maintaining an active and successful Main Street Program is a great accomplishment and we are proud of the cities that achieved national recognition,” said Kim McKnight, state coordinator of the Texas Main Street Program.

The cities were honored at the recent Texas Downtown Association/Texas Main Street Conference in Bryan/College Station. The National Trust for Historic Preservation’s National Main Street Center will honor these cities at the 2005 National Main Streets Conference to be held May 8–11 in Baltimore. Cities chosen as National Main Street Cities must show above average performance in 10 categories. The selection criteria focus on planning, staff and volunteers, preservation ethic, training and program assessment. For additional information, visit the National Main Street web site at www.mainstreet.org and the National Trust for Historic Preservation web site at www.nationaltrust.org.

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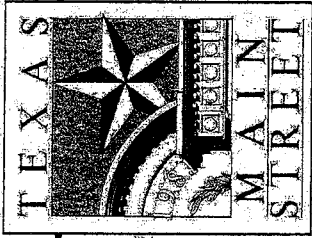
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The THC's Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization program for historic downtown and neighborhood commercial districts. It is based on a four-point approach — organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring, all within the context of historic preservation. Implemented in 1981, the program has assisted more than 140 communities throughout the state. For more information, contact Kim McKnight at 512/463-6092.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

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