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Hello Colleagues,

This edition of the Heritage Development Institute (HDI) E-Newsletter includes:

- The new HDI website,
- Upcoming workshops in Montana and Kentucky,
- A summary of the recent HDI workshop in Reston, Virginia,
- The Historic Preservation Learning Portal, and
- New additions to your heritage development reading list.

www.heritagedevelopmentinstitute.org

The HDI recently launched its website to better facilitate workshop registration and information sharing. Visit the site to learn about the Institute's faculty, upcoming and past workshops, see photographs, read past newsletters, register for workshops, and access important links. What else would you like to see? Please send us your comments as we appreciate feedback!

Speaking of important links, information about the ANHA's 2005 International Heritage Development Conference to be held in Nashville, Tennessee, June 4-8 is now available online at www.ihdc2005.org. The conference, entitled *Creating Economic Futures One Story at a Time*, will feature interactive sessions and workshops with heritage development professionals, local historic resource stakeholders, economic development professionals, chambers of commerce, planners, park agencies, non-profit organizations, and elected officials. Keynote speakers will include David Brown, Executive Vice President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Diane Nash, educator and a leader in America's Civil Rights Movement, and author and environmentalist Janisse Ray. Southern traditions in heritage, food, and music will be showcased throughout the conference, which will include an entire day of off-site workshops highlighting heritage development challenges and solutions. Visit the website for the latest information regarding speakers, sessions, registration, tours, travel, and accommodations.

Register for Upcoming HDI Workshops to be held in Montana and Kentucky

The HDI is offering two workshops on the basics of heritage areas to be held in Virginia City, Montana, on September 23 and in Butte, Montana, on September 24. These six-hour workshops will feature several National Heritage Area directors, National Park Service officials, and private heritage consultants. Visit our website (www.heritagedevelopmentinstitute.org) for registration information and to see a draft agenda. A similar workshop will be held the following week on Wednesday, September 29 in Louisville, Kentucky, as part of the annual conference of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Register now through the Trust at www.nthpconference.org.

Reston, Virginia, Workshop Wrap-Up

Partnerships and collaboration were the topics of conversation at the HDI's recent workshop at the US Geological Survey headquarters in Reston, Virginia. National Heritage Area directors Carroll Van West of the Tennessee Civil War NHA, Dan Rice of the Ohio and Erie Canal Corridor Coalition, and Augie Carlino of the Rivers of Steel NHA, spoke throughout the morning about resource conservation, partnerships, and the benefits and burdens of heritage areas.



After a working lunch during which Brenda Barrett, National Coordinator of Heritage Areas, discussed the role of the NPS in National Heritage Areas, Jacquelyn Tuxill (at left) of the NPS Conservation Study Institute moderated a discussion about the theory and practice of Federal partnerships. During a discussion about improving coordination between Federal agencies and



programs, Steve Elkinton of the NPS National Trails System presented a map showing overlapping designations. Terry A'ddio, National Resource Conservation & Development Manager with the US Department of Agriculture also shared a map discussing conservation districts that overlapped with National Heritage Areas.

Constance Ramirez of the NPS Federal Preservation Institute also talked of improving the flow of communication and information using the new Historic Preservation Learning Portal (see below).

The Historic Preservation Learning Portal

A new Internet platform launched by the NPS Federal Preservation Institute provides "discovery, categorization, summarization, and communication of the

historic preservation resources on the Worldwide Web.” The Historic Preservation Learning Portal allows one to easily access laws, regulations, policies, case studies, current news and information, and training opportunities in a variety of data formats (html, .pdf, audio, video, maps, .xml, documents). Access the Portal at www.historicpreservation.gov.

According to the Federal Preservation Institute, funds to develop the concept and user analysis were provided by the NPS in FY2001-02. In FY2003, NPS and eight other federal agencies pooled funds for purchase of a limited-use license to develop and test a prototype. Representatives of the funding agencies constitute the Portal’s governing team. Development of all portal functions for use by all agencies and the public in FY2004-06 depends upon funding pooled from the approximately 65 agencies that have historic preservation responsibilities and other partners. While spreading the costs among many Federal agencies, this project meets the President’s management objectives for e-government and many elements of Executive Order 13287, Preserve America.

New Additions to Your Heritage Development Reading List

Barrett, Brenda, and Suzanne Copping. “National Heritage Areas: Developing a Model for Measuring Success.” Paper presented at US/ICOMOS 2004 Annual Conference, Natchitoches, Louisiana. [Accessible on-line <http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/REP/research.htm>]

Heat-Moon, William Least. *PrairyErth (A Deep Map): An Epic History of the Tallgrass Prairie Country*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1991.

Lowenthal, David. “Pioneering Stewardship: New Challenges for CRM.” *CRM: The Journal of Heritage Stewardship* 1:1 (Fall 2003), 7-13. [Accessible on-line at www.cr.nps.gov/CRMJournal]

Ray, Janisse. *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*. Minneapolis, MN: Milkweed Editions, 1999.

Stilgoe, John. *Outside Lies Magic: Regaining History and Awareness in Everyday Places*. New York: Walker and Company, 1998.

That’s all for July! Thanks for checking in.

The Alliance of National Heritage Areas (ANHA) established the Heritage Development Institute (HDI) as a way of proving leadership to the heritage development field as well as creating training and analysis of the best practices in our heritage areas across the country. The HDI Newsletter is sponsored by the ANHA, Middle Tennessee State University’s Center for Historic Preservation, and the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area. To submit information, and update email addresses, please email us at hdi@mtsu.edu.