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### ***Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development announces Virginia Main Street Milestone Achievement Awards***

*– Virginia communities recognized for downtown revitalization efforts –*

**RICHMOND** – The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development announced today the Virginia Main Street Program Milestone Achievement Awards to designated Virginia Main Street communities. The awards were presented at a luncheon at Richmond's historic Hippodrome Theater.

Main Street communities and organizations were recognized for achieving notable milestones in volunteer contribution, private investment and building rehabilitation. Culpeper Renaissance, Inc. and Historic Manassas, Inc. were also recognized for 25 years of membership in the Virginia Main Street program.

Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade Jim Cheng spoke to the audience of more than 70 downtown revitalization volunteers and professionals about the visible results of their leadership. "Virginia Main Streets are thriving because of the collaboration between public and private sector, local and state governments and the citizens of each community getting involved to make their downtowns an attractive place to live, work and play," said Secretary Cheng.

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Director Bill Shelton pointed to downtown progress through the numbers. "In the last five years, designated Main Street communities have sparked more than \$252 million in private investment in their districts," said Shelton. "As a result, last year, there was a net collective gain of 424 jobs across the 25 Main Street downtown districts."

Below is a list of award recipients:

#### **Volunteerism Milestone Achievement Awards**

##### ***1,000 Volunteer Hours***

St. Paul Tomorrow, Inc.

##### ***5,000 Volunteer Hours***

Advance Abingdon

Downtown Blackstone, Inc.

**20,000 Volunteer Hours**

Berryville Main Street

Orange Downtown Alliance, Inc.

**25,000 Volunteer Hours**

Waynesboro Downtown Development, Inc.

**55,000 Volunteer Hours**

Historic Manassas, Inc.

**80,000 Volunteer Hours**

Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance

Staunton Downtown Development Association

**90,000 Volunteer Hours**

Lynch's Landing Foundation

**Private Investment Milestone Achievement Awards**

***\$100 Million in Private Investment***

Lynch's Landing Foundation and the city of Lynchburg

***\$110 Million in Private Investment***

Winchester Old Town Development Board and the city of Winchester

**Building Improvement Milestone Achievement Awards**

***250 Building Projects***

Main Street Radford, Inc. and the city of Radford

***500 Building Projects***

Staunton Downtown Development Association and the city of Staunton

**Special Achievement Awards**

Marion Downtown Revitalization Association

Believe in Bristol

**25 Years of Main Street**

Culpeper Renaissance, Inc. and the town of Culpeper

Historic Manassas, Inc. and the city of Manassas

The Virginia Main Street program, managed by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, provides assistance and training to help communities increase the economic vitality of their downtown commercial districts. Virginia Main Street uses the National Main Street model to help communities revitalize their downtowns by focusing on their unique heritage and attributes. The program helps communities implement a comprehensive revitalization strategy that creates economic growth and pride in downtowns.

For more information about the Virginia Main Street program, call (804) 371-7030 or visit [www.dhcd.virginia.gov/MainStreet](http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/MainStreet).