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DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER MAIN STREET PROGRAM RECEIVES 2010 MAIN STREET MARYLAND AWARD

Main Street Program Recognized for Design Excellence

Westminster, MD – The Downtown Westminster Main Street Program received the 2010 Main Street Maryland Excellence Award for Design during the Main Street Maryland luncheon held at the Preservation & Revitalization Conference in Easton, Maryland, on Friday, May 21st.

According to Tim Murphy, Assistant State Main Street Coordinator, “The Downtown Westminster Main Street Program is being recognized for the physical enhancement of its Main Street and Maple Street program areas through the use of its Downtown Westminster Façade Improvement Program on commercial structures and Paint Up, Fix Up Program on residential buildings, along with the implementation of the Locust Lane Xeriscape Demonstration Project.”

The Main Street Maryland Excellence Awards are selected annually to recognize projects and programs that further Main Street’s mission to improve the economy, appearance and image of traditional downtown business districts. Main Street Maryland presents five awards annually. Four of the awards are based on the “4-Point Approach” of the National Main Street Center, with awards given for excellence in design, economic restructuring, organization and promotion. The fifth award is based on the Main Street Maryland component entitled “Clean, Safe and Green.”

Stan Ruchlewicz, Administrator of the Westminster Office of Economic Development and Main Street Program Manager, received the award on behalf of the program from State Main Street Coordinator Amy Seitz.

This is the second Excellence Award for the Westminster program since the inception of the awards program in 2007. In 2008, the Downtown Westminster program received the Main Street Maryland award for organizational excellence. Downtown Westminster is one of 23 commercial districts in the State of Maryland designated as a Main Street Maryland community.

For more information about the award or the Main Street Program, call Stan Ruchlewicz at (410) 848-5294.

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