

July 17, 2009

TO: Belmont County and Eastern Ohio
FROM : Sue Douglass, Executive Director DOD/CIC
RE: New Round of Ohio Historic Tax Credits

The state of Ohio has announced new opportunities to use historic tax credits. Enclosed you will find the 3 page memo from the state Department of Development.

As you review the information, I am happy to announce that help will be available for you in making the application. Beginning in September, Heritage Ohio is managing state-wide workshops in Canton, Lima, Dayton, Akron, and ST. CLAIRSVILLE !

The main goal is to provide very specific, hands-on help in the applying for the credits. The sessions are designed for anyone who is interested in the application, including private citizens and private businesses who may have eligible properties. It is also a wonderful way for your town to have someone trained in this tax incentive program, and make connections with the experts who can be the key help needed.

Please mark your calendars with this basic information about the meeting :

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009TIME : 9am-4pm
St.Clairsville Public Library, St.Clairsville, OH

COST : \$20 (Heritage Ohio members)..... \$25 (non-members)includes snacks and lunchReservations will be necessary.

Details will follow in early October. You may want to check the Heritage Ohio website (www.heritageohio.org) for additional information about that organization and the tax credit workshops.

We are pleased to be helping Heritage Ohio plan this, and very excited to be on the state's schedule. This will be open to all of the surrounding areas. We encourage strong local attendance.

It has become apparent that we have the history, sites and structures, which can be translated into viable economic development activities. This is an opportunity to get *real* help ; it just needs to be utilized. We would like to have at least one representative from each one of your towns.

Please call me if you have any questions or comments. The DOD/CIC supports your efforts.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this news.