

**IOWA CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT
2009 ANNUAL REPORT**

CLG Participating City, County and Land Use District Profile

NAME OF THE CITY, COUNTY, OR LAND USE DISTRICT: **MUSCATINE (CITY)**

Mailing Address of the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, or Land Use District Trustees
(PLEASE DO NOT GIVE MAILING ADDRESS OF STAFF OR COMMISSION
CONTACT):

Muscatine City Hall; 215 Sycamore; Muscatine, Iowa 52761

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Section I.

Locating Historic Properties

Identification, Evaluation, and Registration Activity

CLG Standards found in CLG Agreement and National Historic Preservation Act

- ◆ The CLG shall maintain a system for the survey and inventory of historic and prehistoric properties in a manner consistent with and approved by the STATE.
- ◆ The CLG will review National Register nominations on any property that lies in the jurisdiction of the local historic preservation commission.

1. Please provide complete reports and site inventory forms from historic identification/survey, evaluation, and/or registration/nomination projects that the City, County, or Land Use District completed in 2009. Do not include projects that were funded with a CLG grant or mandated by the Section 106 review and compliance process. **NONE**

2. How many NRHP Properties in your City, County, or LUD were altered, moved, or demolished in 2009? **See Attached Sheet 1**

Please list in the space below those NRHP properties altered, moved or demolished:

3. In 2009, how many additional properties (landmarks, sites, zones, or districts) did your city place on its list of locally designated historic landmarks and/or historic districts? Please attach a copy of each designation nomination and ordinance. **NA**

4. In 2009, were there any actions to revise, amend, change, or de-list a locally designated property? If so, how many? Please attach documentation of the review and appeal process and decisions made by the historic preservation commission, planning and zone commission, city Council, District Court or other governmental agency or official involved with the process. NA

Section II
Managing, Protecting, and Preserving Historic Properties

- ◆ The CLG will enforce all appropriate state and local ordinances for designating and protecting historic properties
- ◆ The CLG shall provide for adequate public participation in the local historic preservation programs

5. Did your city, county, LUD or its historic preservation commission undertake any of the following activities in 2009? Please think broadly about this question and include any activity (small or large) that facilitated historic preservation in your community.

- a. Historic preservation planning. Examples include the development or revision of an preservation plan, development of a work plan for your commission, etc. (use additional pages if needed) See Attached Sheet 2

- b. Provided technical assistance on historic preservation issues or projects. Examples include working with individual homeowners, business owners, institutions to identify appropriate treatments and find appropriate materials, research advice, etc. (use additional pages if needed) See Attached Sheet 2

- c. Undertook educational programming in historic preservation. Examples include training sessions offered to the public, walking tours, open houses, lectures, Preservation Month activities, etc. (use additional pages if needed) See Attached Sheet 2

6. If the city or county amended its historic preservation ordinance or resolution or passed additional ordinances or resolutions that impact historic properties, please attach copies of the amendments and new ordinances or resolutions. **NA**

7. If new or revised design standards and/or guidelines were developed and adopted during 2009, please attach a copy. **NA**

8. Are there any particular issues, challenges, and/or successes your preservation commission has encountered or accomplished this year? **Continued to conduct initial research on approximately 190 Mulberry Avenue properties; continued joint collaboration with Friends of Historic Muscatine.**

Section III
Historic Preservation Program Administration

- The CLG will organize and maintain a historic preservation commission, which must meet at least three times per year.
- The commission will be composed of community members with a demonstrated positive interest in historic preservation, or closely related fields, to the extent available in the community.
- The commission will comply with Iowa Code Chapter 21 in its operations.
- Commission members will participate in state sponsored or approved historic preservation training activities.

10. List dates of meetings held. **See Attached Sheet 3**

11. Please update the attached CLG Personnel Information Table.
See Below

12. Please attach biographical sketches or resumes of commissioners who were newly appointed in 2009. **See Attached Sheets**

13. Please complete the 2009 Commission Training Table. **See Below**

PLEASE SIGN and DATE

(James Rudisill)

<i>Name of person who completed this report</i>	<i>Date</i>
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(Richard W. O'Brien)

<i>Mayor or Chairman of the Board of Supervisors</i>	<i>Date</i>
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2009 Historic Preservation Training Table

In this table, provide information about the commissioners' involvement in historic preservation training, listing the name of the conference, workshop or meeting (including on-line training opportunities); the sponsoring organization; the location and date when the training occurred. Be sure to provide the names of commissioners, staff, and elected officials who attended.

Name of Training Session: **Preservation in Progress**

Sponsoring organization: **Main Street Iowa, Main Street Ottumwa, Iowa State Historic Preservation Office, Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance, City of Ottumwa**

Location: **Ottumwa, Iowa**

Date: **May 13-14, 2009**

Names of historic preservation commissioners, staff and elected officials who attended:
Dan Clark

Name of Training Session: **Historic Preservation Basics**

Sponsoring organization: **State Historical Society of Iowa; Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission and Louisa County Historic Preservation Commission**

Location: **Wharf Freight Warehouse (Pearl City Station); Muscatine, IA**

Date: **September 17, 2009**

Names of historic preservation commissioners, staff and elected officials who attended:
Dan Clark, Jane Reischauer, Jo Ann Murray and Jim Rudisill

Name of Training Session: **National Register of Historic Places Workshop**

Sponsoring organization: **Same as above**

Location: **Same**

Date: **September 18, 2009**

Names of historic preservation commissioners, staff and elected officials who attended:
Dan Clark, Jane Reischauer and Jim Rudisill

Name of Training Session:

Sponsoring organization:

Location:

Date:

Names of historic preservation commissioners, staff and elected officials who attended:

Name of Training Session:

Sponsoring organization:

Location:

Date:

Names of historic preservation commissioners, staff and elected officials who attended:

2009-2009 CLG Personnel Table

A. Please list the names of the Historic Preservation Commissioners who served during 2009:

Ramiro Vazquez

Devin Pettit (Term ended June 30, 2009. Was not re-appointed because of term limit)

Jim Schmidt (Appointed July 1, 2009 to fill vacant seat)

Dan Clark

Jo Ann Carlson

Diane Mayer-Day

Jane Reischauer

Mary Anne Kessler

B. CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL 2009

Name of , Chairman of Board of Supervisors, President of LUD Trustees:

Mrs. Ms. Dr.

First Name: **Richard**

Initial: **W.**

Last Name: **O'Brien**

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL 2009

Name of , Chairman of Board of Supervisors, President of LUD Trustees:

Mrs. Ms. Dr.

First Name: **Richard**

Initial: **W.**

Last Name: **O'Brien**

C. STAFF PERSON FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Mrs. Ms. Dr.

First Name: **James**

Initial: **A.**

Last Name: **Rudisill**

Job Title: **Planning & Community Development Coordinator**

Mailing Address: **Muscatine City Hall; 215 Sycamore; Muscatine, IA 52761**

Phone Number: **563-264-1550 (Ext. 134)**

Email Address: jrudisill@ci.muscatine.ia.us

Please indicate if this person serves as the Contact with the State Historic Preservation Office for the Commission. Circle No

2009 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

Please complete the following and provide information about the 2009 commission. Be sure to indicate how the individual wishes to be addressed (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr.). Please provide a work (circle W) or a home (circle H) mailing address, work (circle W) or a home (circle H) phone number and work (circle W) or a home (circle H) email address. Please provide new or updated information on past and present: profession, employment, training, preservation skills including ownership of a historic property (Past or present: profession/employment, preservation skills, historic property owner). If the commissioner represents a locally designated district, provide the name of the district (Representative, Name of Historic District). Specify the month, day, and year that the commissioner's term will end (Term Ends). If a commission member serves as contact with the State Historic Preservation Office for the Commission, please mark the check off box below that individual's name.

CHAIRPERSON/COMMISSIONER

First Name: **Daniel**

Initial: **G**

Last Name: **Clark**

Mailing Address: **1221 Mulberry; Muscatine, IA 52761**

Home Phone Number: **563-264-5990**

Work Phone Number: **Same**

Email Address: dclark@muscanet.com

Past or Present profession/employment, preservation skills, historic property owner:
Previous member of the Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission, local historian who operates a historic trolley in the community. He also hosts a local radio talk show that focuses on local historic preservation and other issues. Clark is also a local, historic property owner.

Representative, Name of Local Historic District: **NA**

Term Ends:	Month	Day	Year
	June	30	2010

Please indicate if this person serves as the Contact with the State Historic Preservation Office for the Commission. Circle Yes ☐ No ☒

VICE CHAIRPERSON/COMMISSIONER

First Name: **Jo Ann**

Initial

Last Name: **Carlson**

Mailing Address: **212 W. 11th Street; Muscatine, IA 52761**

Home Phone Number: **563-262-8523**
Work Phone Number: **563-263-4740**

Email Address: joann@machlink.com

Past or Present profession/employment, preservation skills, historic property owner:
Musser Public Library historical researcher; genealogy researcher, previous member of the Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission

Representative, Name of Local Historic District: **NA**

Term Ends: Month Day Year
 June **30** **2012**

Please indicate if this person serves as the Contact with the State Historic Preservation Office for the Commission. Circle Yes ☒ No

COMMISSIONER

First Name: **Diane**

Initial

Last Name: **Mayer-Day**

Mailing Address: **301 W. 11th Street; Muscatine, IA 52761**

Home Phone Number: **563-264-1146**
Work Phone Number:

Email Address: snoopy@machlink.com

Past or Present profession/employment, preservation skills, historic property owner:
Educator, previous member of the Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission

Representative, Name of Local Historic District: **NA**

Term Ends: Month Day Year
 June **30** **2011**

Please indicate if this person serves as the Contact with the State Historic Preservation Office for the Commission. Circle Yes ☒ No

COMMISSIONER

First Name: **Mary Anne**

Initial

Last Name: **Kessler**

Mailing Address: **1222 Mulberry Avenue; Muscatine, IA 52761**

Home Phone Number: **563-607-7057**

Work Phone Number:

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Past or Present profession/employment, preservation skills, historic property owner:
Educator; historic property owner, previous member of the Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission

Representative, Name of Local Historic District: **NA**

Term Ends: Month Day Year
 June **30** **2010**

Please indicate if this person serves as the Contact with the State Historic Preservation Office for the Commission. Circle Yes ☐ No

COMMISSIONER

First Name: **Jane**

Initial

Last Name: **Reischauer**

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Work Phone Number: **563-263-3545**

Email Address: janereischauer@hotmail.com

Past or Present profession/employment, preservation skills, historic property owner:
Historic property owner, historic renovation/rehabilitation, previous member of the Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission

Representative, Name of Historic District: **NA**

Term Ends: Month Day Year
 June **30** **2010**

Please indicate if this person serves as the Contact with the State Historic Preservation Office for the Commission. Circle Yes ☐ No

COMMISSIONER

First Name: **Ramiro**

Initial

Last Name: **Vazquez**

Mailing Address: **1707 Foster Street; Muscatine, IA 52761**

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Work Phone Number: **563-571-0188**

Email Address: nconstruction@machlink.com
lupita120@machlink.com

Past or Present profession/employment, preservation skills, historic property owner:
**Residential construction contractor, historic property owner, previous member of
the Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission**

Representative, Name of Local Historic District: **NA**

Term Ends: Month Day Year
 June **30** **2011**

Please indicate if this person serves as the Contact with the State Historic Preservation
Office for the Commission. Circle Yes ☒ **No**

COMMISSIONER

First Name: **Jim**

Initial

Last Name: **Schmidt**

Mailing Address: **313 W. Second Street; Muscatine, IA 52761**

Home Phone Number: **563-264-0872**

Work Phone Number: **563-571-0188**

Email Address: schmidttdesign@machlink.com

Past or Present profession/employment, preservation skills, historic property owner:
Residential construction contractor, historic property owner

Representative, Name of Local Historic District: **NA**

Term Ends: Month Day Year
 June **30** **2012**

Please indicate if this person serves as the Contact with the State Historic Preservation
Office for the Commission. Circle Yes ☒ **No**

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**ATTACHMENT SHEET 1
SECTION 1**

**Locating Historic Properties
Identification, Evaluation and Registration Activity**

2. Monitoring Properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Please answer the following, making sure that you include the historic name and address for each property. If necessary, list on a separate sheet (s)

Downtown Commercial Historic District,; Muscatine, Iowa: (70-01004): Exterior/interior work on several contributing buildings to this listed historic downtown was done in 2009. This included: Schmidt Shoe Factory, 115 Chestnut (70-00375) – renovation of top two stories into apartments, brick and foundation repair. Fisher-Foley Tin Shop, 117 Chestnut (70-00377) – brick and foundation repair.

West Hill Historic District; Muscatine, Iowa (70-01005): Exterior work on several contributing buildings to this listed historic downtown was done in 2009. This included: Olds-Munroe-Welker-Schomberg House, 417 W. Third (70-00222) – exterior restoration of severely deteriorated house continued in 2009. Webster-Sawyer-Stein House & Carriage House, 503 W. Second (Main House: 70-00182; Carriage House: 70-00183) – porch restoration. Stephen E. Whichler House, 612 W. Second (70-01013 – new siding. J.C.B. Warde House, 205 Cherry (70-00370) – back porch restored. Clark-Blackwell House, 208 Cherry; Muscatine, Iowa: (70-00371): Simulated slate roof installation started.

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**ATTACHMENT SHEET 2
SECTION 2**

Managing, Protecting, and Preserving Historic Properties

5a: Historic Preservation Planning

A training workshop for local historic preservation agencies and interested individuals was jointly sponsored by the Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission and the Louisa County Historic Preservation Commission on September 17 & 18 at the Wharf Freight Warehouse (Pearl City Station) in Muscatine. Nearly 30 people attended the event over the two-day period.

The Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission launched discussions with the Muscatine Art Center to preserve a historic house adjacent to the art center. Although the art center eventually declined to preserve the building on its original site, the discussion did lead to the art center offering the house for sale through an auction. One stipulation of the auction was the owner had to move the house to a new property. Despite this loss of site integrity, the house was not demolished. The discussion also led to continued review within the community of its historic heritage and need for preservation efforts.

The city continued to contact the commission throughout 2009 whenever a demolition permit was issued. The commission would then review records and attempt to document as much of the building as possible before demolition occurred.

Although commission members initially continued an informal survey of approximately 190 properties along Mulberry Avenue in 2009, they agreed to temporarily suspend the effort later in the year because of time constraints. It is anticipated when the survey is completed, it will provide a foundation for a future intensive survey and evaluation of Mulberry Avenue.

The commission continued joint discussions and planning with the Friends of Historic Preservation, which was created by the MHPC in 2007 to assist with fundraising and other activities related to historic preservation in the community.

5b: Technical Assistance Provided

There were no organized or specific technical assistance programs provided to the public in 2009. However, individual commission members and staff responded on a regular basis to questions and concerns directed specifically to them.

The commission did participate in two tours conducted of historic buildings. The tours were intended to familiarize commissioners to various historic property styles and conditions; and also provide them with an opportunity to provide information to the property owners, managers and/or realtors on proper historic preservation techniques and preservation opportunities.

Commission members also collaborated with Muscatine County officials and individuals interested in developing a plan for restoration of a Civil War Memorial that is currently located on the lawn of the Muscatine County Courthouse.

The commission also continued to work with local historian Kent Sissel with his effort to recognize Muscatine's Alexander Clark, a 19th-century civil rights leader in Iowa. With the help of various state, federal and local individuals, Sissel, who lives in Clark's Muscatine home, is investigating the possibility of establishing a National Landmark of the property. He and the commission are also reviewing options for establishing a local recognition area for this influential black leader. The commission held a public informational meeting for a proposed two-block historic area in 2009.

5c: Educational Programming Provided

Commissioner Dan Clark continued to produce and broadcast a weekly radio show that often featured local historians. Historic topics covered in 2009 included the Henry Jayne House (adjacent to the art center), abolitionist John Brown and his connection with the area, the Underground Railroad around Muscatine, Dubuque's "Demolition by Neglect" ordinance and other topics.

The MHPC and the Friends of Historic Preservation continued planning in 2009 to conduct joint activities and programs, especially relating to historic preservation month activities held in May 2009.

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**ATTACHMENT SHEET 3
SECTION 3
Historic Preservation Program Administration**

The Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission held 11 regular monthly meetings in 2009. It did not hold a 2009 meeting. It also did not hold any special meetings. The table below lists the meeting dates and locations.

The minutes and agenda for each meeting held by the MHPC are included in the report after this page.

Meeting	Date	Location
Regular Monthly	January 21, 2009	Muscatine City Hall
Regular Monthly	February 18, 2009	Muscatine City Hall
Regular Monthly	March 18, 2009	Muscatine City Hall
Regular Monthly	April 15, 2009	Muscatine City Hall
Regular Monthly	May 20, 2009	Muscatine City Hall
Regular Monthly	June 17, 2009	Muscatine City Hall
Regular Monthly	July 23, 2009	Musser Public Library
Special Meeting	July 23, 2009	Musser Public Library
Regular Monthly	August 19, 2009	Muscatine City Hall
Special Tour	September 16, 2009	Henry Jayne House
Regular Monthly	October 21, 2009	Muscatine City Hall
The MHPC did not hold a meeting in November		
Regular Monthly	December 16, 2009	Muscatine City Hall