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Vicksburg Main Street Program Receives 2009 National Trust Main Street Association

Vicksburg, Mississippi, May 7, 2009 – The Vicksburg Main Street Program has been designated an accredited National Main Street Program for meeting the commercial district revitalization standards set by the National Trust Main Street Center. Vicksburg Main Street Program joins 650 other Main revitalization programs nationally recognized as 2009 Accredited National Main Street Program. Each year, the National Trust and its partners announce the accredited Main Street programs that have demonstrated their ability to build strong programs by following the Main Street Four-Point Approach – Organization, Design, Promotions, and Economic Restructuring methodology.

Main Street's performance was evaluated by the Mississippi Main Street Association, which is the coordinating organization for Main Street programs in Mississippi.

Rebuilding a downtown district's economic health and maintaining that success requires community involvement and financial support such as the program receives from the City of Vicksburg, Warren County Board of Supervisors, and Members of Main Street.

The Vicksburg Main Street Program is guided and directed by ten board members. Current Board members to be commended for their efforts are Harry Sharp, Chairman; Ronnie Bounds, Vice-Chairman; Nancy Bell, Secretary; Alice Hebler, Treasurer; Jerry Hall, Norma Massey, Robert Ware, Lauchlin Fields, Ginny Tzotzolas, and Lamar Horton, City of Vicksburg ex-officio representative. Kim Hopkins is the Executive Director of the Program.