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Taylor Main Street Program to Receive National Accreditation

The Texas Historical Commission's Texas Main Street Program (TMSP) announced that the City of Taylor has been designated as a Main Street City to receive national accreditation by the National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, at the National Main Street conference in New Orleans in April.

"It really is a notable accomplishment to be recognized in this way, especially for those programs that do it year after year," said Debra Farst, TMSP state coordinator. "Incremental progress that leads to comprehensive success is at the core of the preservation-based Main Street model and that is exactly what these programs are showing."

Taylor is one of 67 cities in Texas to receive the recognition. Accredited programs show above average performance in ten categories on an annual report. This is the seventh consecutive year that the Taylor Main Street program has been recognized as a National Main Street community.

The Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization program for historic downtown and neighborhood commercial districts. It is based on a Four-Point Approach—organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring—all within the context of historic preservation. Since implementation in 1981, the Texas program has assisted approximately 165 communities throughout the state.

Texas Main Street Director Debra Farst and Brad Patterson, division director, Community Heritage Development Division, Texas Historical Commission, present certificate of recognition to Taylor Main Street Manager Deby Lannen (center).

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