

Historic Preservation Education Grants—2023

The following projects received a Historic Preservation Education Grant from Indiana Humanities and Indiana Landmarks in calendar year 2023. For more information about the projects and to discuss ideas for your own programs, contact Indiana Humanities' grants team at grants@indianahumanities.org or 317.638.1500.

Preserving Historic Places: Muncie Walking Tour

Ball State University, Muncie

Congressional District: 5

Awarded: \$3,000

In conjunction with the Preserving Historic Places Conference, which took place in Muncie in September 2023, public-history students at Ball State University developed a walking tour of downtown Muncie. The tour highlights the architectural and historical significance of 23 buildings. Project directors made the tour available to conference attendees and provided digital files to the public library and historical society for further dissemination.

Delaware Street Walking Tour Brochure Reprint

Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, Indianapolis

Congressional District: 7

Awarded: \$3,000

The Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site used grant funds to reprint its “Historic Walking Tour of Delaware Street” brochure, which tells the stories of the buildings that still stand—and used to stand—on Indianapolis’s Delaware Street, between 12th and 16th Streets. The four-color brochure is available for free at the presidential site and other locations throughout Indianapolis’s Old Northside neighborhood.

Metamora Historic Walking Tour

Franklin County Community Foundation, Brookville

Congressional District: 9

Awarded: \$3,000

The Franklin County Community Foundation produced a brochure that maps a walking tour through historic Metamora, Indiana, and provides historical and anecdotal information on approximately 30 historic buildings. The tour also shares information via YouTube videos accessed using QR codes.

2023 Quality of Place Conference

Richmond Columbian Properties, Richmond

Congressional District: 6

Awarded: \$2,050

Richmond Columbian Properties hosted a Quality of Place Conference to present to the public how to organize a neighborhood Community Development Corporation (CDC) and a community Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). Speakers explored the importance of CDCs and HPCs, why preservation is a viable development tool, and how neighborhoods can influence development in a way that preserves architectural heritage.

TradeWorks Field School

South Bend TradeWorks, South Bend

Congressional District: 2

Awarded: \$3,000

TradeWorks Field School provided regional high-school students with a one-week introduction to historic preservation-related traditional trades. Participants learned about preservation trades and connected with employers looking to fill apprenticeships in preservation trades.

Historic Preservation Workshops

City of Richmond, Richmond

Congressional District: 6

Awarded: \$3,000

The city of Richmond hosted a series of six monthly preservation workshops in 2024. The free programs took place on Saturdays in the Starr Historic District, which at one time was one of the best-preserved Victorian neighborhoods in the Midwest but which has declined in recent decades and is now on Indiana Landmarks' 10 Most Endangered list. Although the workshops were open to the public at large, the city targeted them to the residents of the Starr Historic District. Workshops examined the history of Richmond and Wayne County and focused on historic window restoration, brick and mortar repair, plaster repair, and more.

Reimagining Building Possibilities

Harrison Center, Indianapolis

Congressional District: 7

Awarded: \$3,000

The Harrison Center offered workshops to area youth (from elementary school to high school) highlighting the importance of historic preservation and the value of adaptively reusing historic structures. Lorie Lee Andrews, artist and author of the book *Building Possibilities*, led participants in discussions about historic buildings, their preservation, and the ability to reimagine them for future use. The youth created artworks showing their own imagined business and describing its transformation in an accompanying essay. The Harrison Center displayed the works in one of its exhibition galleries.

Reprint Georgetown Neighborhood Interpretive Walking Tour Brochure

Historic Madison, Inc., Madison

Congressional District: 9

Awarded: \$1,014

Historic Madison, Inc., used grant funds to update and reprint its walking tour brochure highlighting Madison's Georgetown neighborhood, one of the nation's only antebellum free-Black urban neighborhoods still intact. HMI incorporated new information learned since the brochure's original publication in 2008 and printed 5,000 copies for free distribution at HMI's offices and the Madison visitors center.

Architecture in Indianapolis, Volume 1: 1820–1900

Trustees of Indiana University/Indiana University Press, Bloomington

Congressional District: 9

Awarded: \$3,000

Indiana University Press used grant funds to support publication of the first volume of *Architecture in Indianapolis* covering the years 1820 to 1900. The 600-page book, researched and written by historic preservation expert James A. Glass, discusses the evolution and development of Indianapolis's architecture and includes more than 400 full-color illustrations, including locator maps. As part of public-outreach efforts, Glass delivered a series of lectures highlighting many of the buildings featured in the book.

East-Munson Barn Digital Scanning and Exhibit Virtual Reality Experience

Monroe County History Center, Bloomington

Congressional District: 9

Awarded: \$2,966

In its exhibition *Barns of Monroe County: Our Heritage Built in Wood*, the Monroe County History Center included the opportunity for visitors to engage with a virtually scanned historic barn. Grant funds allowed the history center to collaborate with Indiana University Information Technology Services to digitally scan Monroe County's historic East-Munson barn and introduce it as a virtual reality element for the exhibition. Visitors were able to put on a VR headset and explore the nearly 200-year-old barn, learning about its construction and understanding how it has been utilized for agricultural purposes over the decades.

Historic Indianapolis Builders: What's Your Story?

Trustees of Indiana University/IUPUI University Library, Indianapolis

Congressional District: 7

Awarded: \$2,997

IUPUI's University Library hosted two events that honored Junglaus-Campbell Co., the builders of many historic Indianapolis structures. The first event celebrated the release of the company's recently digitized historical photos and records at University Library. The second event included a panel discussion about the history of Junglaus-Campbell and its importance to the city of Indianapolis.