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PRESS RELEASE

Missouri Main Street Connection Hosts Main Street Capitol Day

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Missouri Main Street Connection Inc, (MMSC) hosted Main Street Capitol Day in Jefferson City on January 25, 2022. The annual event gathered Main Street communities across the state to visit with legislators to celebrate their achievements through participating in the Missouri Main Street state-wide revitalization program. Members of Main Street organizations throughout the state attended to share information and insight with the legislators about the impact Main Street has had on their communities. MMSC has advanced economic and workforce development in both Main Street communities and the entire state of Missouri.

Missouri Main Street Connection is a non-profit designed to help communities preserve their historic commercial districts through economic revitalization. MMSC has empowered downtown revitalization in Missouri communities since 2006, resulting in \$1.04 billion of private and public investments, the creation of 902 net new businesses, and the development of 4,421 net new jobs in Main Street districts as of the end of 2020.

State Director, Gayla Roten noted, "Missouri Main Street communities have worked diligently during the past year to provide business and revitalization support to their downtown districts and we were happy to share that success with legislators during Main Street Capitol Day this year."

Missouri Main Street Connection is a statewide program currently providing services and training to over 180 communities across the state. MMSC offers education and mentoring in downtown revitalization strategies using the Main Street Approach™ to revitalization as developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The approach is a comprehensive methodology addressing all components of revitalization including organization, design, economic vitality, and promotions, all within the context of historic preservation.