

David Llewellyn Morgan



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council / State Historic Preservation Office **June 1984-December 2006 (retired)**

For more than two decades, provided direction and leadership to a dynamic, award-winning state historic preservation office. Responsibilities included supervising a staff of 24 in three divisions:

- Site Protection and Archaeology – Comprising the agency’s professional archaeology component and federally mandated protection of historic properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places
- Site Identification and Registration – Responsible for managing the state’s comprehensive inventory of historic sites, National Register nominations, planning and ongoing survey of historic resources
- Site Development – Providing education and training, incentives such as the federal and state historic preservation tax credit programs, and technical and design assistance to encourage protection of and investment in Kentucky’s historic places

As state historic preservation officer, responsible for implementing provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act, quarterly meetings of the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board, drafting the federal annual plan and progress reports. As executive director, responsible for implementing agency policies, achieving annual goals and objectives and overseeing grant programs. Other responsibilities included meeting with and advising grassroots and local preservation organizations, legislators and elected officials, community leaders and individuals; preparing and administering the agency’s budget; overseeing a biennial state historic preservation conference; representing the agency at national conferences; and hiring and reviewing employees.

- Successful track record of outreach and developing partnerships with state and federal agencies and other organizations to achieve preservation goals
- Established the Kentucky Main Street Program, the oldest statewide Main Street program in the nation, based on the National Trust Four-Point approach and now serving more than 100 communities
- Introduced Kentucky’s first statewide rural preservation initiative
- Worked in partnership with national, state and local organizations to emphasize military sites preservation
- Established the Kentucky Civil War Sites Preservation Program, a partnership that – along with local “friends” organizations – has helped preserve more than 60 Civil War sites across the state
- Created the Kentucky Archaeological Survey, a partnership between the Kentucky Heritage Council and the University of Kentucky Department of Anthropology
- Led Kentucky to achieve the rank of fourth in the nation in the number of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places, totaling nearly 3,200 districts, sites and structures encompassing 41,000 resources
- Kentucky also continues to be ranked Number One in the Preserve America program, whose honorary chair is First Lady Laura Bush, with 65 designated Preserve America Communities, three Preserve America Neighborhoods and one historic district.

Manager, Site Development Program, Kentucky Heritage Council **1982-1984**

Responsibilities included supervising a staff of three, expanding the Kentucky Main Street Program, overseeing the federal historic rehabilitation tax credit program, and administering historic preservation grants and technical assistance programs. Additional responsibilities included assisting the director in the development of policies related to these program areas, preparing federal and state reports and representing the agency at public functions.

Preservation Planner, Kentucky Heritage Council **1977-1982**

Hired as the agency’s first preservation planner. Duties included assisting local communities and organizations with preservation issues, working with Kentucky area development districts to include historic preservation in regional land use and zoning plans, assisting with the federal historic rehabilitation tax credit program and assisting the

executive director in drafting the agency's annual work plan. Established the Kentucky Main Street Program

**Consultant / Director, Danville and Boyle County,
Kentucky Foundation for Historic Preservation**

March-October 1977

EDUCATION

Centre College of Danville, Kentucky – Bachelor of Arts in History, June 1975

Columbia University, New York, New York – Master of Science Degree in Historic Preservation, 1981

Thesis topic: *A Report on the Preservation Provisions of the Tax Reform Act and its Application in Kentucky*

18th Williamsburg Seminar for Historical Administration, June-July, 1976

HONORS AND AWARDS, David L. Morgan

- 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers
- 2006 Land Hero Award, presented by River Fields, Inc., a regional Ohio River conservation organization
- 2005 Louisville Historical League Preservation Service Award, for efforts such as helping to bring the 2004 National Preservation Conference to Louisville and assisting efforts to preserve the U.S. Marine Hospital in Portland and historic properties potentially affected by the Louisville bridges project
- 2004 National Trust for Historic Preservation President's Award
- 2003 National Park Service Director's Heritage Partnership Award
- 2002 Centre College Distinguished Alumnus Award
- 1998 National Park Service, National Historic Landmarks Certificate of Appreciation, for participating in a joint program for the acquisition of lands to preserve the Perryville Battlefield in Boyle County
- 1994 National Park Service, Southeast Regional Office Historic Preservation Award, for outstanding leadership and contributions to historic preservation

HONORS AND AWARDS, Kentucky Heritage Council

- 2002 National Trust for Historic Preservation, John H. Chafee Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement in Public Policy, presented to the Kentucky Heritage Council, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Federal Highway Administration, Kentucky Division for effectively partnering to preserve the unique character of Kentucky through smart transportation planning and pioneering concepts of context-based road design
- 2002 Cultural Landscape Foundation Stewardship Excellence Award, presented to the Kentucky Heritage Council for creative efforts to identify and preserve significant cultural and designed historic landscapes in the Commonwealth
- 2001 City of Louisville Millennium Historic Preservation Award, presented to the Kentucky Heritage Council for its role in preserving and protecting historic properties in Jefferson County
- 2000 Louisville and Jefferson County Convention and Visitors Bureau Partnership Award, honoring the Kentucky Heritage Council for its leadership role in securing the 2004 National Preservation Conference
- 2000 U.S. Department of Agriculture Certificate of Appreciation, in recognition of the agency's strong commitment to the preservation of our national heritage and improving ways to implement the federal archaeology program
- 1993 National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program, Battlefield Preservation Award, in appreciation for and in recognition of the Kentucky Heritage Council's dedication and efforts to preserve America's Civil War heritage and for its role as a national model for Civil War battlefield preservation

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board member, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

Board of Advisors, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Advisory Board, Center for Preservation Leadership, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Vice Chair, 2004 National Historic Preservation Conference

Founding member, Preservation Kentucky, Inc.
Founding partner, University of Kentucky Graduate Program in Historic Preservation
Board member, Kentucky Mansions Preservation Foundation
Board Member, Kentucky Housing Policy Advisory Committee, Kentucky Housing Corporation
Board of Directors, Kentucky Center for African American Heritage Foundation
Advisory Committee, Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, Kentucky Heritage Council

As Executive Director, provided administrative oversight to:

- Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board
- Kentucky African American Heritage Commission
- Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission
- Kentucky Military Heritage Commission
- Kentucky Underground Railroad Advisory Committee

Perryville Battlefield Commission
Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Management Team, Co-Chair
Kentucky Transportation Enhancement Committee
Kentucky Transportation and Tourism Inter-Agency Committee

REFERENCES

Provided on request