



DOWNTOWN AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT SMALL-SCALE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP AND HISTORIC TAX CREDIT TRAINING

What is it?

Fostering small-scale development is key to creating a strong downtown or neighborhood commercial district. A small-scale developer rehabs one building at a time, learning as they go, and completes a custom project with the rehabilitation of each building. These developments translate into new businesses, jobs, and housing units, and most importantly, they catalyze incremental investments in downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts for continued economic growth.

Join us to learn how economic development professionals can take the mystery out of redevelopment and grow more local developers for your community. This day-long training is intended for any North Carolina community that has a commercial National Register Historic District or a commercial district that is on the National Register Study List.

This training will position small-scale developers and the local staff, such as Main Street programs, city staff, and local economic development staff, that developers will work with to better understand the process of using historic tax credits as a funding mechanism to redevelop historic commercial properties.

These workshops are hosted by the NC Department of Commerce Main Street & Rural Planning Center, the NC Department of Natural & Cultural Resources State Historic Preservation Office, and the host community.

Who should attend?

Anyone who supports the redevelopment of historic properties, including but not limited to, Main Street Directors, Economic Developers, Historic Preservationists, City/Town Staff, including building inspectors and fire marshals, CPA's, Architects, Engineers, and especially, Small Scale Developers working in small to mid-sized communities, and Downtown or Neighborhood Commercial District Property Owners.

Schedule

2024

Apr 24 - Tryon, NC (Western)

June 12 - New Bern, NC (Southeast)

July 17 - Washington, NC (Northeast)

Aug 21 - Lenoir, NC (Northwest)

Oct 2 - Mount Airy, NC (Piedmont-Triad)

Nov 13 - Salisbury, NC (Southwest)

2025

Jan 8 - Clinton, NC (Sandhills)

Feb 12 - Oxford, NC (North Central)