



Preserve America Designations and Events in 2010

February 2, 2010: First Lady Michelle Obama sends a letter of congratulation to 19 new Preserve America Communities, for a total of 814 designated communities.

The 19 new communities are:

American Samoa
Peoria, Arizona
Camden, Arkansas
Douglasville, Georgia
Hailey, Idaho
La Porte, Indiana
Adams County, Iowa

Lawrence, Kansas
Biddeford, Maine
Boyne City, Michigan
Big Horn County, Montana
Boone, North Carolina
Muskogee, Oklahoma
Oregon City, Oregon

Pottstown, Pennsylvania
Greenville County, South
Carolina
McCormick, South Carolina
Pierre, South Dakota
Walker County, Texas

February 3, 2010: First Lady Michelle Obama sends a letter of congratulation to eight new Preserve America Stewards, for a total of 21 designated volunteer programs.

The eight new Preserve America Stewards are:

The Friends of 'Iolani Palace (Hawaii)
Kaibab Vermilion Cliffs Heritage Alliance (Arizona)
Maine Maritime Museum
Museum at Eldridge Street (New York)
Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center
Pleasant Home Foundation (Illinois)
Southern Nevada Agency Partnership & Public Lands Institute, UNLV
Thacher Island Association (Massachusetts)

February 5, 2010: Tupelo, Mississippi Mayor Jack Reed, Jr., Congressman Travis Childers, D-Miss., and a representative of Congressman Roger Wicker, R-Miss., join members of the City Council and the Historic Preservation Commission to celebrate Tupelo's Preserve America Community designation. The ceremony features the Preserve America street sign and certificate of designation. Also participating in the City Hall event are former Mayor Ed Neely and former Council members, during whose term the designation process began.

February 26, 2010: Mr. Jim Chaplin, Department of Housing and Urban Development Field Office Director, presents a Preserve America Community designation certificate to Greenville County, South Carolina Councilors Liz Seaman and Fred Payne as part of a ceremony dedicating the Williams-Earle Cabin. This former slave cabin, threatened by development, is now part of a Living History Farm at the Roper Mountain Science Center. The cabin's relocation and rehabilitation was funded, in part, by a Save Our History grant from the History Channel and a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The farm is owned by the Greenville County Schools, and over 120,000 South Carolina students visit each year. The ceremony is followed by an informal tour of the farm's historic buildings, with interpreters on hand to answer questions.

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March 5, 2010: Solvang, California celebrates its Preserve America Community designation at an event held at the Elverhoj Museum of History and Art. Mayor Jim Richardson and over 60 dignitaries and guests, including city, county and state officials and representatives of preservation and tourism organizations participate in a ceremony and reception sponsored by the Solvang Conference and Visitors Bureau.

March 22, 2010: Boone, North Carolina, Mayor Loretta Clawson, Town Council Member Rennie Brantz, and State Representative Cullie Tarleton participate in a reception for elected officials, Boone town staff, and representatives of arts and history organizations. Also in attendance to celebrate Boone's designation as a Preserve America Community is a representative of U. S. Senator Kay Hagan's office. The event takes place in Jones House, an historic home owned by the town which has been restored as a venue for community and cultural activities and events.

March 30, 2010: Brandon Reese, a representative from Congressman Kevin Brady's office, presents the Preserve America designation certificate to the Commissioner's Court of Walker County, Texas, at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum. Over 200 people participate in the event, which takes place during the opening reception of the third annual "Huntsville: Then & Now" exhibit, which displays historic photos next to contemporary photos of the same locations.

April 10, 2010: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Bob Abbey presents Preserve America Steward certificates to two organizations that partner with BLM in helping to preserve cultural resources. At a ceremony opening the new Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Visitor Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, Director Abbey presents certificates to the Kaibab Vermillion Cliffs Heritage Alliance and the Southern Nevada Agency Partnership.

April 16, 2010: A reception is held honoring Mayor Roy Smith and the citizens of McCormick, South Carolina upon receipt of their Preserve America certificate. Senator Jim DeMint and Shaaron Kohl of the McCormick Chamber of Commerce participate in the program. The event is held at The McCormick Arts Council at the Keturah, an historic former hotel.

May 14, 2010: Douglasville, Georgia's Preserve America Community designation is announced at the annual City Historic Preservation Luncheon at the Downtown Douglasville Conference Center. The program, with the theme, "Old is the New Green," focuses on preservation and sustainability. Local volunteers are also honored.

July 8, 2010: First Lady Michelle Obama sends a letter of congratulation to 29 new Preserve America Communities, for a total of 843 designated communities.

The 29 new communities are:

Boonville, Arkansas	Fort Wayne, Indiana	Waxhaw, North Carolina
Calico Rock, Arkansas	Carthage, Missouri	Durham Township, Pennsylvania
Alameda, California	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Nevada	East Pikeland Township, Pennsylvania
Napa, California	Portsmouth, New Hampshire	Columbia, South Carolina
Pasadena, California	Binghamton, New York	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
San Francisco, California	Asheboro, North Carolina	Frisco, Texas
Ukiah, California	Hendersonville, North Carolina	George West, Texas
Tallahassee, Florida	Hillsborough, North Carolina	Elkins, West Virginia
Hawkinsville, Georgia	Transylvania County, North Carolina	Fremont County, West Virginia
Winder, Georgia		
Marion, Iowa		

July 26, 2010: The Honorable Togiola T.A Tulafono, Governor of American Samoa, and Daniel J. Basta, Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, participate in a ceremony marking the designation of the territory of American Samoa as a Preserve America Community. Other government officials, representatives of the Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and the education coordinators from the entire ONMS system join the celebration at Utulei Beach Park, Utulei Village, Pago Pago. The event features an island market day, the blessing of the sanctuary's vessel "Manuma" and island performances.

August 2, 2010: First Lady Michelle Obama sends a letter of congratulation to nine new Preserve America Stewards, for a total of 30 designated volunteer programs.

The nine new Preserve America Stewards are:

DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (Michigan)
 Fairfield Foundation (Virginia)
 German Texan Heritage Society
 Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Sandy Spring Lodge #6430 (Maryland)
 Independence National Historical Park (Pennsylvania)
 Olmsted Historical Society (Ohio)
 Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill and Fell's Point (Maryland)
 Texas Historical Commission
 Valles Caldera National Preserve (New Mexico)

August 23, 2010: Congressman Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas, celebrates the designation of Smithville, Texas as a Preserve America Community with Mayor Mark Bunte and members of the community instrumental in securing the designation. The Preserve America sign is unveiled at the City Hall event with an announcement that five additional signs were purchased to post at all the major entrances to Smithville.