

FRANCES JO HAMILTON

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GENERAL INFO

I facilitate community change around organizational structure that helps local people create places that endear them to their home and provide them with a sense of emotional attachment.

MY QUALIFICATIONS

- Strategic planning
- Grassroots organizer
- Board development planning
- Non-profit best practices
- Local and State advocacy
- Community coordination of local agencies
- Volunteer recruitment, development and succession planning
- Leadership training and development
- Business recruitment and retention
- Business development
- Building owner support
- Pedestrian-friendly downtown planning
- Historic preservationist
- Strong interpersonal skills, mediator

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Downtown Delaware vacant property numbers went from over 50% vacancy to 100% occupancy and realized over 70 million private dollars invested in the years I served
- Increased Main Street Delaware program budget by 50%
- Founded and directed local reentry non-profit for 5 years helping female returning citizens with job placement
- Founded local neighborhood association with non-profit status to focus on historic neighborhood advocacy.
- Currently working with over 60 communities in Ohio to facilitate grass-roots efforts and organization around downtown revitalization

WORK HISTORY

Director of Revitalization

Heritage Ohio, Inc. | August 2016-Present

Primary duties include development, coordination, and delivery of technical services and training to local partners to assist with downtown and neighborhood district revitalization strategies. Work with communities providing economic development and capacity building expertise in addition to program evaluation and community planning.

Executive Director

Main Street Delaware, Inc. | October 2007-August 2016

Coordinated a comprehensive downtown revitalization strategy, including fundraising plan, in community of 39,000. Reported to a board of directors and trained and managed volunteer committees to carry out strategic work-plans.

Designer / Draftswoman

DesignTek Architecture | October 2005 - October 2007

Conducted preliminary meetings with clients on renovation projects. Primary focus on lighting and electrical design.

EDUCATION + TRAINING

Columbus State

Drafting/ Business | 2004-2006

Southern State

Art/ Education | 1992-1994

National Trust for Historic Preservation + National Main Street Center

1999-Present

- Engaging Retailers
- Urban Design/ Downtown Planning
- Small Business Marketing
- Managing Volunteers
- Successful Fundraising
- Business Recruitment
- Nourishing Downtown
- Show me the Money: Fund Raising
- Main Street 2.0: Social Media, Networking