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**Main Street Wadsworth Receives Matching Grant Opportunity for the
National Register of Historic Places**

The Akron Community Foundation and its Center for Family Philanthropy has had an anonymous donor award Main Street Wadsworth \$5,000 for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The donor has agreed to double their support for a total of \$10,000 if Main Street Wadsworth raises \$10,000 in support from the community by October 16.

The money raised for this project will enable Main Street Wadsworth to retain a historic preservation consultant to document the historic downtown district. Through this documentation process, the consultant will showcase the unique history, setting, and architecture of downtown Wadsworth. The National Register nomination will identify how the creation and evolution of downtown Wadsworth has impacted our shared history and culture; once achieved, being listed as a National Register Historic District will provide recognition for these contributions. This national recognition can instigate community pride, stimulate economic vitality, and serve as a guide for future planning and stewardship of our downtown's built environment.

Wadsworth has already received approval from the State of Ohio for the first step in the process, which determines whether a building or district has merit and is accepted to move forward with a formal nomination. The formal nomination is the next step to receive the honor, which can also open the door to Historic Tax Credits and other grant opportunities that will incentivize preservation of downtown Wadsworth's buildings.

Those interested in making a tax-deductible donation toward Wadsworth's National Register nomination may do so by mailing a check with "National Register" in the memo line to: Main Street Wadsworth, 102 Main Street, Suite 20, Wadsworth, OH 44281. Donations received beyond the project amount will be used for downtown projects and organizational expenses. All donors will be listed on the Main Street Wadsworth website, newsletter, and annual report.

According to the government website, "[t]he National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation" and "is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, & protect America's historic and archeological resources" ([nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm)).