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Kick-off Event for Grant Project a Success

The National Park Service's Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program Awarded in Painesville Welcomed Important Crowd [Pictures]

(Painesville, OH)— The Downtown Painesville Organization (DPO) is excited to share the success of the Kick-off Event highlighting the National Park Service's Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant awarded to Renew Partners for the formerly known Lake County National Bank building at 30 South Park Place in downtown Painesville. On August 5, at 10:30 a.m. a great crowd gathered together to celebrate with a walking tour that followed.

Senator Jerry Cirino, State Representative Daniel Troy, Lake County Commissioner President John Hammercheck, Lake County Commissioner John Plecnik, Katie Burger with Congressman David Joyce's office, Painesville City Council Vice President Christine Shoop, Painesville City Council Members Nick Augustine and Lori DiNallo, Painesville City Manager Doug Lewis, Painesville City Economic Development Director Cathy Beiterman, Shawn Neece with Renew Partners, Frank Quinn with Heritage Ohio, President of the DPO and local business woman and building owner Mary Jo Miller, Marty Hillyer with 1850 House, Trena Hedges with Urbane Properties, Brian and Erica Dunay local homeowners, and Executive Director of DPO Joy Severa all spoke throughout the event. Along with the attendance of many invaluable members of the DPO Board of Directors, business owners, homeowners, and community members and leaders.

"It was a powerful time as everyone gathered together to kick-off the awarded National Park Service Paul Bruhn grant project. It highlighted the value and connection that happens when we all work together for restoration and renewal." shared Joy Severa, the Executive Director Downtown Painesville Organization.

This project is one of four recipients of the National Park Service's Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program. This program assists Ohio's Main Street communities such as Downtown Painesville Organization (DPO) with the rehabilitation of historic buildings that prioritize economic impact, use of commercial first floor space and upper floor residential space and encourage reactivation of vacant spaces. Ohio was one of only eight states to be awarded this funding in August 2020. The Ohio Main Street Program, administered by Heritage Ohio, works with communities across the state to revitalize their historic or traditional commercial areas.

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Pictures attached.

About Downtown Painesville Organization

The Downtown Painesville Organization (DPO) works throughout the Painesville community to ensure history, diversity, and activity merge in Painesville's charming downtown. The DPO works to preserve Painesville's rich past and build a vibrant future. The DPO is headquartered in the Gage House, Suite 203, 47 S. State Street. For more information, please visit www.mainstreetpainesville.org or their popular Facebook page @downtownpainesville

About Heritage Ohio

As Ohio's official historic preservation and Main Street organization, Heritage Ohio fosters economic development and sustainability through preservation of historic buildings, revitalization of downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts, and promotion of local tourism. Learn more by visiting www.heritageohio.org

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