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### About Small Town Conversations

Must rural towns in Western North Carolina have small populations, limited professional help, vacant downtown buildings and declining employment. But in some of these small towns, local folks and volunteer organizations have found ways to build on their assets and overcome obstacles.

HandMade in America's *Small Town Conversations* provides a way for homegrown solutions to be shared. We are creating a network of mentors, knowledgeable small town folks willing to have conversations, to share their experience, and to help people in other towns.

*Small Town Conversations* provides low-cost knowledge sharing through simple workshops, offering WNC small towns a way to tap into the experience and strengths of their region.

### Our Mission

HandMade in America's mission is to grow economies through craft. We do this through Entrepreneurship, Economic Development, and Education.



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# BUILDING REHABILITATION BASICS

Thursday, June 28, 2012

8:15-11:30am Hayesville, NC  
Hinton Center, Young Commons building

Learn about the NC Rehab Code

Gain tools for funding building and  
site rehabilitation

Hear examples of successful small  
town projects



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### About the Workshop

One of the most pressing needs in many small communities is renovating older commercial buildings. Issues related to building codes, design and actual rehabilitation can be confusing and cumbersome, leaving historic property owners and town leaders at a loss for where to begin.

This seminar will cover the basic tools and considerations for rehabilitating historic commercial properties, looking more closely at:

- The North Carolina Rehab Code
- Tools for funding building and site rehabilitation
- Examples of successful small town projects
- Questions & answers

### About the Mentors



**Gray Stout** is an architect who has been actively involved in the revitalization of downtown Salisbury, Morganton, Lincolnton, Albemarle, Statesville, Shelby and other towns in NC. He specializes in commercial renovations, feasibility studies, tax credit applications, historical façade restoration and design.

**Jim Bartl** is Director of Code Enforcement in Mecklenburg County, NC and has introduced many initiatives and process changes, including the North Carolina Rehab code, the OnSchedule Commercial Plan Review Program, the Meck-SI Special Inspection website and paperless process, and the 2009 ICC Live-work changes.

**Jason Epley** is Executive Director, NC Downtown Development Association (NCDDA) a nonprofit membership-based organization working to enhance downtowns as cultural and economic centers throughout the state. A planning consultant, community developer and downtown redeveloper he has worked in over 100 communities across the Carolinas.

**Lew Holloway** is Main Street Manager for the Town of Hendersonville, NC. Prior to joining the City, Lew served many small town communities across the western North Carolina region as the NC Small Town Main Street Designer.



## AGENDA

**8:15-9:00am** Registration & Breakfast

**9:00-9:30am** Introduction to Building Preservation & Design Issues in Rehabilitation

**9:30-10:30am** Navigating Codes, Dos and Don'ts, and Solving Problems

**10:30-11:00am** Funding Alternatives: tax credits, façade grants

**11:00-11:30am** Brainstorm topics for future workshops



## REGISTER

### Registration Fee

\$10 per person by June 22  
\$15 per person after June 22

### Registration Deadline

June 27, 2012

### Two Ways to Register

**Option 1:** Register and pay online at [www.handmadeinamerica.org](http://www.handmadeinamerica.org).

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