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Town of Thurmont Receives National Main Street Accreditation for 14th Straight Year

The Town of Thurmont, in their fourteenth straight year has received their 2019 National Main Street and Maryland Main Street accreditation which recognizes outstanding commitment to preservation-based economic development and community revitalization.

“We are proud to acknowledge this year’s 840 nationally accredited Main Street America programs that have worked tirelessly to strengthen their communities,” Patrice Frey, president and CEO of the National Main Street Center, said in the release. “Main Street America Accredited communities are part of a powerful movement of changemakers, and their dedication to improving quality of life in these places is inspiring.” The National Main Street Program is a subsidiary under the National Trust for Preservation with forty-five states participating in the Main Street Program. The State of Maryland has twenty-seven National Main Street Accredited Main Streets. The Main Street Maryland program strives to strengthen the economic potential of Maryland’s traditional main streets and neighborhoods. The program provides designated communities with support for economic planning, marketing, promotion, and education administered by the Department of Community Housing and Development. Thurmont’s Main Street Program is managed by Economic Development Manager Vickie Grinder who stated: *“I am very proud that we have been accredited for 14 straight years. This says a lot about our municipality, our residents, and our community leaders”*.

