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**Smithville Main Street District/South Bridge St.
Renovations/Kansas City Properties and Investments Awarded
the Best Façade Rehabilitation, over \$10,000 Award.**

Missouri Main Street Connection Inc. (MMSC) presented downtown revitalization awards recognizing revitalization excellence during Missouri's Premier Downtown Revitalization Conference in Kansas City on August 5, 2022. The event was hosted at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown.

Missouri Main Street Connection is the leading statewide nonprofit organization devoted to preservation-based economic development. Through the Main Street America™ movement and our partners, we empower community revitalization by celebrating, supporting, and sustaining Missouri historic commercial districts in both rural and urban settings.

MMSC is proud to announce that we have been celebrating one billion dollars in public and private investment in Missouri Main Street districts. This milestone was reached at the end of 2021. In addition, Missouri Main Street communities have created 5,069 net new jobs and 1,068 net new businesses from 2006-2021.

The ceremony Friday night honored communities, individuals, businesses, and organizations from across the state that have completed exemplary work in downtown revitalization. Competitive nominations were submitted for projects, activities, and individuals in 16 different categories that covered aspects of design, economic vitality, organization, promotion, and other efforts in downtown revitalization.

Best Façade Rehabilitation over \$10,000 Awarded to Smithville Main Street/South Bridge St. Renovations/Kansas City Properties and Investments.

This project consisted of revitalizing three historic buildings located at, 100, 108, and 112 S. Bridge Street in downtown Smithville with portions of the buildings being vacant for 30 plus years. The demand

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for retail and office space has been a driving factor for bringing these buildings back to their former glory.

This project restored the original elements of the building and stabilized the structure for a cost of \$82,000. The recent streetscape by the City of Smithville made this venture even more impactful.

The exterior improvements consisting of tuckpointing, new storefront windows and doors, paint and brick sealing, an exterior loft deck, and concrete work led to the interior spaces being redone as well and now house two loft apartments and two updated first floor retail spaces occupied by a coffee shop and another business. The other two buildings now house a fitness studio, barber shop, and the new home of the Smithville Bike Co-op. Kansas City Properties and Investments undertook this façade and building rehabilitation that has brought new business, new employees, and renewed life to these three buildings in downtown Smithville.

For more information on this award contact Smithville Main Street District's Executive Director Alyssa Sanders at 816-516-7963 or alyssa@smithvillemainstreetdistrict.com.