

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT ON

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ABSTRACT

The use of the historic district as a tool for eco-

conomic development has been well documented in urban places and virtually unstudied in nonmetropolitan areas. Although rural communities have much to gain by the exploitation of

the historic district, little evidence exists that this option has been fully explored by smaller local governments.

To date, nonmetropolitan Hancock County, Illinois, has certified historic districts in Carthage, Nauvoo, and Warsaw

As indicated by the survey, little relationship was noted between the economic data analyzed and the establishment of the historic district. The only significant difference between the three communities was the vastly higher percentage of CBD property owners in La Harpe.

lived out-of-state. However, La Harpe's economy appeared healthier than either Nauvoo's or Warsaw's.