

Thank You for Investing in

Historic Downtown Bristol



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Believe in Bristol
“to hold in trust Bristol’s Dreams and help bring them to reality”

Historic Downtown Bristol

Welcome to the neighborhood! You have chosen to invest in the most exciting district for development within our two cities. Downtown has much to offer, but much more is needed. We would like to help acquaint you with the downtown commercial district and offer our hopes for the future of development in this district.

Downtown Bristol has a strong history as a commercial center. We are particularly proud of the 1927 Bristol Sessions that began the “Big Bang of Country Music” with the recordings of the Carter Family, Jimmy Rogers and the Stoneman Family. We are one of only 2 cities in the US whose heart lies in two states. Recently both states awarded us historic designation.

What We Have...

Antique Shops
Men’s Clothing Stores
Gift and Specialty Shops
Jewelry Shops
Magic Store
Tobacco Shop
Fabric/ Upholstery Shop
Interior Design
Restaurants
Coffee Shop
Ice cream shop
Culinary School (Bristol VA Post Office)
Olde Customs House historic landmark
General Professional Businesses

Banks
Law Firms
The Paramount Theater
Theater Bristol
The Cameo Theater
Parks—Anderson, War Memorial
Murals & historic markers
E.W. King House Museum

Within Walking Distance:

Nyumba Ya Tausi Peacock Museum
King and Virginia Intermont Colleges

Downtown Events...

Farmers Market
Parades—Christmas, Veterans’ Day
Music—Border Bash, Downtown Center

Food City Race Night (40-50,000)
Rhythm & Roots Reunion Festival (40K in 2004)
Varied events

Coming Soon...

Bristol Public Library
Birthplace of Country Music Heritage Center
Mountain Empire Science Center

Fire Museum
Newly Restored Train Station
Loft Apartments and Condominiums

Our Wish List (That You Could Fulfill)...

Hotel
Grocery Store
Convenience Market/ General Store
Women’s Clothing Shops
Shoe Stores
Toy Store

Drug Store
Book Store
Sporting Goods Store
Shops appealing to local College Students
More Fabric Shops
More Restaurants

Getting Started

For Investors in Virginia:

Begin with a walk-through appointment with Shari Brown, city planner, and Scott Bowen, codes officer (see contact info next page).

Power:	Bristol Virginia Utilities	276-669-4112
Water	Bristol Virginia Utilities	276-669-4112
Gas	ATMOS Energy	888-824-3434
Garbage	Bristol Virginia Public Works.....	276-645-7380
	Waste Management	423-323-7143
	800-838-7143

For Investors in Tennessee:

Power	Bristol Tennessee Essential Services	423-968-1526
Water	Bristol Tennessee Water Dept	423-989-5664
Gas	ATOMOS Energy	888-824-3434
Garbage	Bristol Tennessee Public Services	423-989-5582
	Waste Management	423-323-7143
	800-838-7143

Business Contacts:

Bristol Area Chamber of Commerce.....	423-989-4850
SCORE (located at the Chamber)	423-989-4850
Tennessee Small Business Development Centers.....	423-439-8505
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Local Preservation and Development Contacts

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Preservation Resources

Technical Preservation Services for Historic Buildings, National Park Service

- Includes 43 Preservation Briefs, Preservation Tech Notes, and other valuable information for property owners
- <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/tps/index.htm>

National Trust for Historic Preservation

- The nation's leader in the preservation movement
- The *Help from the National Trust* section of their website includes information regarding financial assistance, governmental and legal policies, and other useful topics
- www.nationaltrust.org

Tennessee Preservation Trust

- www.tennesseepreservationtrust.org

Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities

- www.apva.org

State Historic Preservation Offices

- Tennessee: *Tennessee Historical Commission*, www.state.tn.us/environment/hist/
- Virginia: *Virginia Department of Historic Resources*, www.dhr.state.va.us

The Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University

- Has provided research and public service within Tennessee since 1984
- <http://histpres.mtsu.edu>