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PRESERVATION SEMINAR PLANNED IN WAXAHACHIE

WAXAHACHIE, Texas — The Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Main Street Program and Preserve America will be sponsoring a preservation seminar on Feb. 18 in at the Texas Theater in downtown Waxahachie. The free seminar, open to the public, will focus on downtown revitalization and historic preservation.

Noré Winter, principal of the nationally acclaimed Winter & Company of Boulder, Colo., will lead the seminar, which will be of particular interest to city management, planners, architects, community volunteers, preservationists and city officials. Winter is known across the country for his expertise in design, preservation, sustainability and community livability, and has been involved with the National Main Street Program since its inception in the 1980s. The seminar will cover a variety of topic areas under two main segments — “Basic Principles of Design on Main Street” and “Current Planning Issues on Main Street.”

“This seminar will benefit many Texas communities that are dedicated to revitalizing and preserving our state’s real places and the real stories they tell,” said Debra Farst, state coordinator for the Texas Main Street Program. “Mr. Winter’s expertise is a unique resource that can be utilized by individuals wherever they may be on their preservation journey.”

The THC’s Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization program for historic downtown and neighborhood commercial districts. Today, there are 86 official Texas Main Street programs representing more than 2.6 million citizens. The programs are in cities and commercial neighborhood districts of all sizes throughout Texas. Over time, Texas Main Street communities have realized more than \$2 billion in economic reinvestment, the creation of 25,000 local jobs and the expansion or creation of more than 6,400

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businesses in their Main Street districts. These reinvestments demonstrate that significant economic development impact can be realized through historic preservation.

For more information on the Texas Main Street Program, contact State Coordinator Debra Farst at 512.463.5758 or debra.farst@thc.state.tx.us. To view the seminar agenda or to register, visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

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