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Governor Minner Celebrates Milford “Main Street” Designation

Downtown Milford, Inc. is Delaware’s Eighth Main Street Community

Milford, Del. (April 3, 2008) – Governor Ruth Ann Minner, Delaware Economic Development Office Deputy Director Tom McCarthy and officials from the city of Milford today celebrated the designation of Downtown Milford, Inc. as the eighth Delaware Main Street community.

“I am especially proud to celebrate the achievements of my hometown of Milford,” said Governor Ruth Minner. “From the Mispillion Riverwalk to the Historic Victorian District and the surrounding wildlife areas, Milford has shown its commitment to preservation-based revitalization, economic development, and community planning programs. With this important designation, Downtown Milford will benefit from the statewide network of Main Street programs.”

Delaware Main Street provides the state’s historic downtowns, communities and small businesses with tools to revitalize their commercial districts, increase entrepreneurial opportunity and enhance quality of place. The program currently oversees several unique, vibrant Main Street communities in Brandywine Village, Delaware City, Dover, Middletown, Newark, Rehoboth Beach and Wilmington.

The Main Street Program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation is a proven model for revitalizing more than 1,600 towns and cities nationwide. There has been a net gain of 173 businesses and more than 1,000 new jobs in Delaware’s Main Street communities since its inception in 1996.

“Main Street designation is a significant achievement,” said Mitch Crane, Esq, Downtown Milford Inc. Board President. “We believe this designation will offer increased credibility and visibility on a national level, guide and enhance our future efforts, and propel DMI toward greater achievements, particularly in the area of business development.”

“We are extremely pleased to welcome Downtown Milford, Inc. as a designated Delaware Main Street community,” said Judy McKinney-Cherry, director of the Delaware Economic Development Office. “The representatives of Downtown Milford, together with town officials and stakeholders, did a great job of outlining their program goals and their potential to be successful in the Main Street Program.”

About DEDO:

The Delaware Economic Development Office is an executive state of Delaware agency responsible for attracting new investors and businesses to the state, promoting the expansion of existing industry, assisting small and minority-owned businesses, promoting and developing tourism and creating new and improved employment opportunities for all citizens of the State. Visit: www.dedo.delaware.gov. Delaware Main Street is a Delaware Economic Development Office program. Learn about the Main Street Approach, created by the National Trust's Main Street Center. Visit www.mainst.org.

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