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**FOUR IN A ROW - FERRIS MAIN STREET RECEIVES NATIONAL
ACCREDITATION**

NACOGDOCHES, Texas. For the fourth year in a row, Ferris Main Street made the Texas Historical Commission's list of commended Main Street programs. Longtime winner Waxahachie was also recognized.

The Texas Main Street Program (TMSP) recognized successful programs at the annual Texas Main Street Meeting in Nacogdoches on February 11. National accreditation will be announced with the rest of the country's programs at the National Main Streets Conference opening session on March 30 in Atlanta, Ga.

National Main Streets Conference Accredited programs show above average performance in ten categories on an annual report. Selection criteria focus on planning, partnerships, staffing, volunteer effort, preservation ethic, training and program assessment through reporting. The state office also works with programs throughout the year by providing various services based upon local needs.

Through partnership with the Ferris 4B Economic Development Corporation, a Ferris Main Street committee manages the downtown façade improvement program. The program supplies matching funds for approved façade improvements and business signage. Recent recipients include façade improvements at 201 and 207 S Main; 204, 206 and 208 W Sixth Street; and signage at 209 and 212 W Sixth.

For additional information about the national Main Street effort, visit the National Trust Main Street web site at <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/>. For more information on the Texas Historical Commission's Main Street program visit www.thc.state.tx.us.