Thank You for Investing in

Historic Downtown Bristol

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This informational packet has been compiled by Believe In Bristol, a community development organization.

Believe in Bristol
“to hold in trust Bristol’s Dreams and help bring them to reality”
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 | Banks |
| Men’s Clothing Stores | Law Firms |
| Gift and Specialty Shops | The Paramount Theater |
| Jewelry Shops | Theater Bristol |
| Magic Store | The Cameo Theater |
| Tobacco Shop | Parks—Anderson, War Memorial |
| Fabric/ Upholstery Shop | Murals & historic markers |
| Interior Design | E.W. King House Museum |
| Restaurants | Within Walking Distance: |
| Coffee Shop | Nyumba Ya Tausi Peacock Museum |
| Ice cream shop | King and Virginia Intermont Colleges |
| Culinary School (Bristol VA Post Office) | |
| Olde Customs House historic landmark | |
| General Professional Businesses | |

Downtown Events…

| Farmers Market | Food City Race Night (40-50,000) |
| Parades—Christmas, Veterans’ Day | Rhythm & Roots Reunion Festival (40K in 2004) |
| Music—Border Bash, Downtown Center | Varied events |

Coming Soon…

| Bristol Public Library | Fire Museum |
| Birthplace of Country Music Heritage Center | Newly Restored Train Station |
| Mountain Empire Science Center | Loft Apartments and Condominiums |

Our Wish List (That You Could Fulfill)…

| Hotel | Drug Store |
| Grocery Store | Book Store |
| Convenience Market/ General Store | Sporting Goods Store |
| Women’s Clothing Shops | Shops appealing to local College Students |
| Shoe Stores | More Fabric Shops |
| Toy Store | 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
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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
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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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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](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](http://www.nationaltrust.org)

Tennessee Preservation Trust
- [www.tennesseepreservationtrust.org](http://www.tennesseepreservationtrust.org)

Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities
- [www.apva.org](http://www.apva.org)

State Historic Preservation Offices
- Tennessee: *Tennessee Historical Commission*, [www.state.tn.us/environment/hist/](http://www.state.tn.us/environment/hist/)
- Virginia: *Virginia Department of Historic Resources*, [www.dhr.state.va.us](http://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](http://histpres.mtsu.edu)