

**171.805 Purpose of commission -- Duties and functions.**

- (1) The Kentucky African-American Heritage Commission shall be dedicated to the preservation and protection of all meaningful vestiges of Kentucky's African-American heritage.
- (2) The duties and functions of the commission shall be to:
  - (a) Advise the secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet and agencies within the cabinet on matters relating to African-American heritage;
  - (b) Encourage other public and private agencies within the areas of the arts, the humanities, and the sciences to incorporate the African-American influence when developing programs on the history and heritage of Kentucky;
  - (c) Represent a network of groups and individuals interested or involved in promoting awareness of African-American heritage in Kentucky;
  - (d) Advocate the preservation, conservation, and interpretation of significant buildings, sites, neighborhoods, documents, artifacts, and lifeways that represent and embody African-American heritage;
  - (e) Recognize and sanction projects which advance wider knowledge of African-Americans' impact on life in Kentucky; and
  - (f) Coordinate an initiative to protect, preserve, and promote the history of the Underground Railroad in Kentucky, in accordance with KRS 171.812.

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