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RE: Lasting Tribute to County's History

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The Bicentennial Heritage Trails project, completed in 2006, has produced an inspiring and lasting tribute to historic Madison County.

This project produced four elaborately designed and color-coded trail maps. The maps highlight historic moments, structures and sites throughout the County and serve as guides to assist residents and visitors in traversing the winding hills, narrow country roads and rural countryside of Madison County, as they seek to discover the diverse history of this Central New York County.

The Bicentennial Trail Maps have been expertly matted and framed by Karl's Custom Framing in Canastota and will be hung prominently on the second floor of the Madison County Office Building for all to enjoy.

Over 400 people came together to chronicle the County's history through the establishment of four historic trails; The Madison County Architecture and Preservation Trail; Freedom Trail; History Trail and Hop Heritage Trail.

Project participants established four distinct trails that have been marked and identified through the placement of color-coded aluminum signs, in the shape of Madison County. Those wishing to wind through historic Madison County on one or all of these newly established trails will have an easy time thanks to the Bicentennial Heritage Trail maps: created through the Madison County Bicentennial 2006 Heritage Trails project, which was funded in part through a \$8,064 grant from the Central New York Community Foundation.

Maps and guidebooks may be downloaded at [madisontourism.com](http://madisontourism.com) or at [madisoncounty.org](http://madisoncounty.org) - for more information contact Madison County Grants Coordinator Carrie Hunt at 366-2820.



**Photo Caption –**  
Members of the Madison County Bicentennial Heritage Trails project team present the four trail maps that will be on permanent display later this month on the second floor of the Madison County Office Building in Wampsville. Team members, standing, are from left: Michele Henry, Jim Walter, Sydney Loftus, Dorothy Willsey, Jack Miller, Gwen Lacell and Carrie Hunt. Sarah Davies is seated. Absent are: Carolyn Gerakopoulos, Scott Ingmire and Brian McDowell. Photo by Sharon A. Driscoll