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Julie Courtney is the Assistant Coordinator for the Main Street Oakland County (MSOC), Michigan program, provides technical assistance to the thirty traditional downtowns in Oakland County, and also provides support for Oakland County's Historic Preservation program, both housed in the Planning and Economic Development Services division. Previously, while assisting the MSOC and Historic Preservation programs, she worked on the county's Design Assistance program.

Julie gathered experience with the Main Street Oakland County program at the local level while serving as the first Downtown Development Authority Executive Director / Main Street Manager for the Village of Ortonville. While in that position, Ortonville was certified as a National Main Street Community in its first year of the program. She has held positions with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Historical Society of Michigan, the Henry Ford Museum, and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (Virginia's State Historic Preservation Office), has completed preservation consulting projects for MotorCities National Heritage Area and the Detroit Club, and has had internships with the National Park Service in Washington D.C. and Bay View Association, a National Historic Landmark in Michigan.

In March 2009, she received the National Main Street Center's Certification in Professional Main Street Management Institute™. She was named to the Board of Directors for the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) in 2008 and has served on the network's Historic Resource Council Committee since 2005.

Julie holds a Master of Science in Historic Preservation with a Preservation Planning Concentration from Eastern Michigan University, a Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in Art History (with a focus on Architectural History) from Purdue University, and an Associates of Applied Science with Distinction in Interior Design, also from Purdue. Julie lives in Plymouth in an 1879 Italianate home with her husband, Max.

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