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## The Power of Preservation: Announcing 2018 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Award Recipients

Preservation Pennsylvania will honor excellence and innovation in preservation practice at the annual Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards to be held on September 27, 2018 at the State Museum of Pennsylvania. Twenty-two awards, representing projects and people across the state, were selected to receive recognition. Many of the awards have used the important federal and state historic tax credits and the keynote speaker, noted preservation economist **Donovan Rypkema** of PlaceEconomics, will be previewing key findings of an economic study, commissioned by Preservation Pennsylvania, to evaluate the impact of state historic tax credits under the current program and a projection of what could happen if the program is expanded. This will be the first chance to hear the results of this study that will be used to support the reauthorization and expansion of the Pennsylvania Historic Tax Credit program, a key priority of Preservation Pennsylvania in the coming months.

The F. Otto Haas Award will be presented to **Natural Lands**, the nonprofit land conservation organization headquartered in Media, PA, for their outstanding contributions and consistent achievement in the field of conservation and preservation for 65 years. The Henry A. Jordan Award, which honors high achievement at the local level, will be presented to **Astride McLanahan** for her work in Hollidaysburg and the Allegheny Ridge Heritage Area. Since 1979, the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards have honored projects, individuals, and groups that have exhibited excellence in the field of historic preservation. The awards are presented annually by Preservation Pennsylvania, the commonwealth's only statewide, private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to the protection of historically and architecturally significant places.

"The annual awards program is a wonderful celebration that honors passion for the past, applauds achievements in the present, and inspires a history-rich future for Pennsylvania," said Mindy Crawford, Executive Director of Preservation Pennsylvania.

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## HONOR AWARDS

**F. Otto Haas Award** for outstanding individual achievements in historic preservation  
Natural Lands (Montgomery County)

**Henry A. Jordan Award** for outstanding historic preservation efforts at the local level  
Astride McLanahan (Blair County)

**Chairman's Award** for demonstrated leadership in historic preservation  
The Star Barn Village (Lancaster County)

## SPECIAL FOCUS AWARDS

**Ralph Modjeski Award** for excellence in transportation design, preservation and archaeology  
Pine Bank Covered Bridge (Washington County)

**Preservation Planning Award**  
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (Erie County)

**Public Impact Award**  
Market Street Revitalization Project (York County)  
Colonial Theatre (Chester County)

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AWARDS

Assisi Residence (Delaware County)  
Century Inn (Washington County)  
Drury Plaza Hotel (Allegheny County)

F.A. Winter and Son Music Store (Blair County)  
Charles McManus Tavern (Cumberland County)

## INITIATIVE AWARDS

**Stewardship**  
Hill-Physick House (Philadelphia County)

**Community Involvement**  
Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art- Bedford, Formerly the Dr. John Anderson House (Bedford County)

**Communication**  
Marker Advocates of Tobyhanna Township (Monroe County)

**Emergency Response**  
St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church (Philadelphia County)

**Grassroots Advocacy**  
Sydelle Zove (Montgomery County)

**Local Government**  
School House No. 5 (Butler County)

**Sustainability in Historic Preservation**  
Hill College House (Philadelphia County)

**Selected and Presented by the  
Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office**

**Community Initiative Award**

Walk In Art Center (Schuylkill County)

Jefferson County History Center (Jefferson County)

Redbank Valley Trails Association (Clarion County)

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**ABOUT PRESERVATION PENNSYLVANIA**

**The public is invited to join this celebration on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg. Ticket and sponsorship information available at [www.preservationpa.org](http://www.preservationpa.org)**

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Preservation Pennsylvania is the commonwealth's only statewide, private non-profit, membership organization dedicated to preserving Pennsylvania's historic places through creative partnerships, targeted educational and advocacy programs, special projects, and technical assistance.

**ABOUT DONOVAN RYPKEMA**

Donovan D. Rypkema is principal of PlaceEconomics, a Washington, D.C.-based real estate and economic development-consulting firm. The work of the firm is at the nexus of historic preservation and economics. He has undertaken assignments for public and non-profit sector clients in 49 U.S. states.

He is author of several publications including *Community Initiated Development*, *The Economics of Rehabilitation*, and the *Feasibility Assessment Manual for Reusing Historic Buildings*. Rypkema's book, *The Economics of Historic Preservation: A Community Leader's Guide* is widely used by preservationists nationwide and has been translated into Russian and Korean.

Rypkema has worked with such groups as the Urban Land Institute, the Mayors Institute on City Design, the American Planning Association, Smart Growth America, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the International Downtown Association. Federal Government clients have included the U.S. Army, the Department of State, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Interior, and the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation. In the fall of 2012 Rypkema received the Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Crowninshield Award is the nation's highest preservation honor and awarded for lifetime contribution to historic preservation in the United States.

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