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30 Years of Preserving the Past

THIS PLACE MATTERS
Preservation Pennsylvania is the Commonwealth’s only statewide, private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to the protection of historically and architecturally significant properties. The organization was created by the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1982 as the Preservation Fund of Pennsylvania, a statewide revolving fund to assist in the acquisition and rehabilitation of historic properties. Since its incorporation, Preservation Pennsylvania has grown in capacity and now annually sponsors the Statewide Conference on Heritage, the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards, educational programs, and advocacy initiatives. Free, on-site technical assistance is also now available to individuals, municipalities, organizations and corporations in every county across the Commonwealth.

[On the cover:] Preservationists unite at the Isaac Manchester Farm in Avella, PA, to announce the inclusion of the site on the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s 2011 list of America’s 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. Named to Preservation Pennsylvania’s 2010 Pennsylvania At Risk List, the Isaac Manchester Farm has been owned and occupied by the members of the Manchester family for 210 years and operates as an organic farm. This highly significant property is now threatened by longwall mining. Preservation Pennsylvania remains involved in the fight to save this historic farm and stands united with the Manchester family and other partners in protecting their agricultural and historical legacy.
2011 was an interesting and rewarding year for Preservation Pennsylvania.

We were able to continue our very successful “Partners in the Field Program,” thanks to our supporters who generously responded to the Share Your Love of Historic Preservation fundraising campaign last spring. The innovative “Partners” program, conducted in conjunction with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, reached the end of its initial three-year funding period in 2011, but it was—and continues to be—an extremely effective program that we simply could not allow to lapse.

In June, the Isaac Manchester Farm in Avella, Washington County, was included on the National Trust’s America’s 11 Most Endangered Historic Places list. The farm, also known as “Plantation Plenty,” had previously been placed on our 2010 Pennsylvania At Risk listing because of the threat to the 400 acre farm from a long-wall coal mining operation that would have seriously affected the integrity of this valuable resource. Currently there are no active plans for the previously proposed mining; however, we must continue to remain diligent in our efforts to ensure the farm is not compromised by inappropriate mining methods when there are other reasonable ways to mine the property.

Another key “win” for the preservation community occurred on April 14th when the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board voted (again) to deny an application for a casino license that would have allowed the construction of a gaming facility near to the historic Gettysburg National Military Park. We played a supportive role in this effort, with the bulk of the work done by, and congratulations go to, “No Casino Gettysburg” which was at the forefront of the opposition against this ill-conceived plan.

Not all was happy, though, as we lost an important mid-century structure with the September demolition of the iconic Pittsburgh Civic Center, known affectionately as “The Igloo.” After an intense two year battle against the Igloo’s demolition, led by Rob Pfaffmann, AIA, the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the lawsuits presented to stop the demolition. After a nearly eight month project, the site was cleared by April, 2012.

Lastly, after over three years of meetings and negotiations between Exelon Nuclear, Preservation Pennsylvania, and East Coventry Township, an agreement to save the village of Frick’s Lock was signed—a victory for preservationists who have persistently advocated for the 250 year-old settlement. Listed on Preservation Pennsylvania’s Pennsylvania At Risk list in 2009, Frick’s Lock was abandoned in the early 1980s when the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant was constructed across the river. The new agreement will protect and preserve this historic site. In addition to establishing a protective fence around the grounds, Exelon has agreed to spend $2.5 million to restore the exterior of several buildings as stabilized ruins. The corporation is donating four houses to the township, worth an estimated $1 million, and has agreed to perform routine maintenance on the village to stave off further deterioration: a victory for the preservation community and Preservation PA.

Dear Friends of Preservation Pennsylvania,

Thanks to your continued support of our work, Preservation Pennsylvania has enjoyed another great year of outreach across the state. As many organizations struggle to survive, we are so very grateful that we have been able to continue our work and help people protect and preserve the places that matter to them.

When I think back to my first days at Preservation Pennsylvania, I remember my feeling of panic as I suddenly realized how BIG Pennsylvania is. How would I ever be able to make a difference in a state where many resources are four or more hours away from home? My first year of inquiries required a large map of Pennsylvania by phone so I could locate the areas where these places were. The year also included a whirlwind of travel as I visited places I had never been. So from Avella to Bristol, Couersport to Greencastle and Presque Island to Montrose, I made my way to some fantastic places and met many of you – dedicated preservation advocates. As the miles on the odometer of my little blue Civic increased, I found something new around every corner and, I think, began to feel like I really could add value to the work we do.

Now, six years later and with the help of a dedicated staff of co-workers, we have made a difference. Pennsylvania didn’t get any smaller but somehow it has started to feel that way. We’ve grown not only our staff but our network of contacts across the state as well. Now when something is going on in Meadville or Ambler and countless other places, we have local folks we can call. As for me, some of those places I didn’t know existed before have now become some of my favorite destinations.

Preservation successes don’t happen quickly. They take time, attention and a lot of hard work by many individuals, including you. As you peruse this Annual Report, I hope you agree that we have had some great victories AND that we have made a difference with your help and support.

I still love a good road trip to explore places I’ve never been and I’m so lucky to be able to do that as part of my job! You are part of the journey as well – please enjoy the ride and I’ll keep you posted on our adventures.
Our Mission: Preservation Pennsylvania, through creative partnerships, targeted educational and advocacy programs, advisory assistance, and special projects, assists Pennsylvania communities to protect and utilize the historic resources they want to preserve for the future.

Preservation Pennsylvania (PPA) is the Commonwealth's only statewide, private non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the protection of historically and architecturally significant properties.

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Who WE ARE

BOARD of DIRECTORS and ADVISORS

Preservation Pennsylvania’s activities are overseen by a Board of Directors and a Board of Advisors. The Board of Directors is comprised of up to 25 members, who are membership-elected directors, board-elected directors, gubernatorial appointees or ex-officio representatives. The Board of Advisors is a body of former board members, preservation advocates and professional experts in the field who have been invited to offer their guidance to the organization.

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In September 2011, Board Chairman A. Roy Smith was named Preservationist of the Year by the West Chester Downtown Foundation.
Congratulations, Roy!
Pennsylvania’s Historic Preservation Awards continue a tradition started in 1979 whereby excellence in preservation is honored. Preservation Pennsylvania presents these annual honors each September in order to recognize significant contributions in the field of historic preservation made by both individuals and organizations.

The 2011 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards changed its format from previous years, evolving from an afternoon ceremony and reception in Harrisburg to a mid-day luncheon and awards presentation in a historic downtown community outside of the capital area. Over 160 attendees to this year’s Awards enjoyed an elegant celebration at The Gettysburg Hotel in downtown Gettysburg, and due to the overwhelmingly positive response to this special event, we look forward to our next Preservation Awards luncheon in September 2012!

John Andrew Gallery accepts the Henry A. Jordan Award from Paul Steinke, a personal friend and Preservation Pennsylvania’s Board Treasurer.
CONSTRUCTION AWARDS continued

Public
PHILADELPHIA MAIN POST OFFICE
Philadelphia
Honoring: Brandywine Realty Trust; Bohlin Cywinski Jackson; Keating Development; Robert Powers, Powers & Co., Inc.; BNIM Architects; Jacobs Engineering; PHY Engineers Inc.; Thornton Tomasetti Group; Pennoni Associates, Inc.; Keating Construction Company; Gerald Waldron Associates; J. Brough Scharp Photography

Commercial
LANCASTER CENTRAL MARKET
Lancaster, Lancaster County
Honoring: The City of Lancaster; Hammel Associates Architects, LLC

Special Historic Property - Conservation
OLD MORTALITY AND HIS PONY SCULPTURE
Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia
Honoring: Laurel Hill Cemetery Company; Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery; Krelick Conservation, LLC; 116, Inc.; Norton Art Conservation, Inc.; Dan Lepore; Anthony Biddle Contractors, Inc.

Special Historic Property - Restoration
JOHAN DETURK HOUSE
Oley, Berks County
Honoring: William Geiwals and Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County; Ortega Consulting – Structural Engineers

SPECIAL FOCUS AWARDS

Ralph Modjeski Award for Excellence in Transportation Design, Historic Preservation and Archaeology
For exceptional effort within the transportation field that results in an improvement in transportation systems while respecting and preserving the best practices of compatible design and historic preservation principles.

MASONRY ARCH REHABILITATION INITIATIVE
Montgomery, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Philadelphia Counties
Honoring: PennDOT Engineering District 6-0; TranSystems

Sustainability in Historic Preservation Award
For preservation programs that demonstrate current best planning and development practices.

WAGNER FREE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
Honoring: Wagner Free Institute of Science; Landmark Facilities Group; Aegis Property Group

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission Annual Theme Award
For an innovative project, program or initiative that focuses on the 2010 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission theme: Black History in Pennsylvania – Communities in Common

PHILADELPHIA GRAND REVIEW/HALLOWED GROUNDS PROJECT

HONOR AWARDS

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Visionary in Historic Preservation
Given by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for leadership and visionary thinking
A. ROBERT JAEGER

Chairman’s Award
THE MANCHESTER FAMILY
The Isaac Manchester Farm in Washington County, Pennsylvania – now known as Manchester-Farns – is a truly special historic place that has been preserved and sustained by the Manchester family for more than 200 years, and it continues to operate as a multi-faceted organic farm today.

Henry A. Jordan Award
JOHN ANDREW GALLERY
This award is named for Henry A. Jordan (1936-2010), a former Preservation Pennsylvania Board Chairman and life-long supporter of the historic preservation movement. In keeping with Henry’s belief that it is at the local level where real historic preservation occurs, this award honors outstanding historic preservation efforts at the local/regional level.

John Andrew Gallery currently serves as the Executive Director of the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, and he has made a tremendous, long-lasting impact on the city.

Like our dear friend, Henry, John is a shining example of a true preservationist: someone who sees the task ahead, tackles it and continues to move forward. For that reason, John Andrew Gallery is most deserving of this year’s Henry A. Jordan Award.

F. Otto Haas Award
SUSAN STAR PADDOCK and NO CASINO GETTYSBURG
This award is named for noted preservationist and philanthropist F. Otto Haas (1915-1994), as standing recognition of his service and contributions to historic preservation. He was a founding board member of Preservation Pennsylvania, a two-term Chairman of the Board and a valued advisor to the organization until his death in 1994. This award honors outstanding individual or group achievements in the field of historic preservation.

Preservation battles are not for the faint of heart. They are long, unpleasant and very often, personal. There is no one who understands that better than Susan Star Paddock. In 2005, 2006, and 2009, Susan put her life on hold while she lead a campaign to oppose a proposed casino to be located less than a mile from the Gettysburg National Military Park. Susan founded the grassroots organization No Casino Gettysburg and through its members, the organization engaged key stakeholders, used social media to its fullest, organized lobby days in Harrisburg and took the fight to a national level. On April 14, 2011, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board again rejected the bid for a casino in Gettysburg.

Grassroots Advocacy Award
For grassroots advocacy efforts to help communities protect and preserve the historic places that matter to them
ROBERT S. PFAFFMANN

The Jayne House
Lancaster Central Market

Smith Memorial Playground and Playhouse

Susan Star Paddock and No Casino Gettysburg volunteers pose with the F. Otto Haas Award.
The Statewide Conference on Heritage

In May, the Statewide Conference on Heritage was held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where hundreds of cultural resources professionals convened for three days of educational sessions, walking tours, and networking events.

The 2011 Statewide Conference on Heritage was presented in partnership by Preservation Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, HeritagePA, the Pennsylvania Division of the Federal Highway Administration, and the American Planning Association Pennsylvania Chapter.

By continuing the tradition of forging new partnerships with statewide nonprofits and by strengthening existing collaboration on programs with state agencies, the 2011 Statewide Conference successfully brought together professionals from the heritage, transportation, conservation and planning communities to engage in cross-discipline networking and exchange of ideas. The 2011 conference highlights include a walking tour of Harrisburg’s sacred spaces, a professional development workshop for CRM and NEPA practitioners, and an educational session on the Marcellus Shale development in the Commonwealth.

Walking tour of downtown Harrisburg, Dauphin County, led by David Morrison, Harrisburg Area Community College.
Since the launch of ProjectPATH in December 2010, Preservation Pennsylvania has worked with project partners, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office, to expand functionality and improve educational outreach.

In 2011, the ProjectPATH team rolled out dozens of upgrades to improve system functionality. The ProjectPATH team added user abilities ushering in a higher level of consultation to allow the SHPO staff permission to log in, post documents, and respond to PennDOT findings. The upgrades provide the public and consulting parties access to view all documents and decisions related to the Section 106 process for transportation projects.

In addition to online improvements, Preservation Pennsylvania printed its first-ever calendar, which highlighted case studies across the Commonwealth. The calendar was provided at workshops and outreach events. Online and print publications support Preservation Pennsylvania’s educational efforts, but the organization also hosts educational workshops across the Commonwealth to engage stakeholders, public users, and potential consulting parties. In 2011 alone, Jennifer Horn, Program Director, coordinated six public workshops and participated in another seven speaking engagements about ProjectPATH. This on-site training provides technical assistance to empower citizens.

ProjectPATH is nationally recognized as a “best practice” to improve compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and to enhance consultation. However, Preservation Pennsylvania continues work to launch innovative upgrades to expand functionality and improve user access.

This ground-breaking partnership makes public participation in transportation planning more accessible while providing effective and timely public involvement in agency review of impacts to historic properties.
Our WORK

Technical Assistance: Partners in the Field

Providing technical assistance to people across Pennsylvania is central to Preservation Pennsylvania’s mission. Our staff is able to provide a significant amount of technical assistance from the office by talking with people on the phone to provide them with guidance, and by sending them information. However, one of the most important things we have been able to do to encourage preservation in the Commonwealth and help people protect and preserve the places that matter to them is to provide free onsite technical assistance to individuals, organizations and communities throughout Pennsylvania.

Field Representatives David Kimmerly and Erin Hammerstedt worked on more than 127 projects in 55 counties in 2011. This included work on 32 ongoing projects, as well as 95 new ones. They were able to help with 54 of these projects from the office via email and phone, and traveled to work on 73 additional projects onsite. By the summer of 2011, our Field Representatives achieved their goal of working on at least one project in each of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties since the launch of the Partners in the Field program in September 2008.

In 2011, Preservation Pennsylvania’s Field Representatives helped families use preservation tools to help protect their properties from damaging projects, helped local preservation organizations document important historic resources, helped communities organize historic resource surveys, and helped concerned citizens work to find new uses for vacant historic properties. They provided information to people working on rehabilitation projects, provided basic preservation training to revitalizations organizations and college classes, gave tours to students and seniors, and worked with local preservation groups to plan and strengthen their organization. By being available to help in many ways, Preservation Pennsylvania continues to work hard to help people protect and preserve the places that matter to them.

Preservation Pennsylvania’s field staff also continued to work with preservation partners in the state, including the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Pennsylvania Downtown Center and the Young Preservationists Association of Pittsburgh, among others.

Field Representative Erin Hammerstedt traveled 11,667 miles for 64 meetings and site visits regarding 48 distinct projects in 33 counties.

David Kimmerly logged approximately 5,835 miles for site visits, meetings and workshops.

Below: Hotel Conneaut at Conneaut Lake Park during evaluation of National Register eligibility, Crawford County.

Concerned citizens work with an architect to develop re-use possibilities for the Villa Chapel in Erie, Erie County.

Above: The Zaloom House in Milford, Pike County, after rehabilitation for continued use as a restaurant and apartments.
Special Project: Local Preservation Workshops*

One of the special projects that Erin took on this year was organizing and implementing a series of training workshops for Historic Architecture Review Boards (HARBs) and Historic Commissions (HCs) providing local regulation through historic preservation and zoning ordinances. Working with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and local host organizations, Preservation Pennsylvania held workshops in eight counties throughout the Commonwealth, requiring thousands of miles of additional travel. A total of 151 people attended these eight workshops, representing 35 HARBs and HCs in 24 counties. In addition to HARB and HC members, 22 other organizations including a number of historical societies, preservation associations, Main Street groups, and planning commissions were represented. Several realtors, architects, code officials, property owners, and elected officials also attended the workshops.

2011 Local Preservation Workshops:
Williamsport, Lycoming County
Bradford, McKean County
Radnor Township, Delaware County
Stroudsburg, Monroe County
Moon Township, Allegheny County
Allentown, Lehigh County
Hollidaysburg, Blair County
Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County

*This project was funded in part by a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation through the Henry A. Jordan, M.D. Preservation Excellence Fund.

Special Project: Trail Towns

Preservation Pennsylvania Field Representative Erin Hammerstedt continues to provide special technical assistance in Pennsylvania’s Trail Towns, working to help these southwestern Pennsylvania communities to implement the preservation plan “Progress through Preservation: A Guide for Preservation and Economic Development in Trail Towns along the Great Allegheny Passage.” In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Pennsylvania’s Department of Community and Economic Development, the Progress Fund and several local partners, Erin has been implementing a four-phase program to encourage and enable activities related to heritage and preservation as part of larger community revitalization efforts. During Phase I, which focused on community outreach and education, Erin attended 14 meetings in the Trail Towns during April and May to talk to 193 people about the preservation plan and listen to their suggestions and concerns. Phase II consisted of three meetings held in Westmoreland, Fayette and Somerset Counties in June. These meetings were attended by 34 people, who came together to discuss preservation as economic development and identify and prioritize preservation-related projects to complete in Phase III. Several preservation projects were commenced and a few completed in 2011. This work is ongoing. Phases III and IV will be completed in 2012.

Please contact Erin Hammerstedt with any requests for technical assistance in the Commonwealth.
Holland Hall (Huideloper Mansion), Meadville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania At Risk, 2010.

Margaret B. Wallis (Ambler, Montgomery County) accepts the Chairman’s Award from Preservation Pennsylvania Board Chairman A. Roy Smith, 2010

Above: Community preservation volunteers gather to celebrate their progress, Cambria County

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Sold the Star Barn to Agrarian Country

A partnership of Preservation Pennsylvania and the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Northeast Office, along with generous private financial support, establishes “Partners in the Field” program

Successfully list Pennsylvania Historic Sites and Parks as part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s America’s 11 Most Endangered Historic Places

ProjectPATH launched

Initial Partners in the Field program funding ends; Technical Field Assistance continues with private and grant-funded support

Release of Economic Benefits Study and Policy Recommendations

2008

The Heritage Partnerships Conference was merged with the Byways to the Past Conference to form the Statewide Conference on Heritage

2010

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Preservation Pennsylvania celebrates 30 years of preserving Pennsylvania

Statewide Advocacy for Historic Schools

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Pennsylvania At Risk

One of Preservation Pennsylvania's priorities is helping people to protect endangered historic resources in the Commonwealth through our Pennsylvania At Risk program. Inclusion in Pennsylvania At Risk draws attention to threatened places, and means that they are forever one of our priorities for action. Although we do not currently have financial resources to devote to endangered properties, we focus our human resources and technical assistance on helping to preserve this special group of historic resources.

Preservation Pennsylvania's 2011 Pennsylvania At Risk list was announced during a press conference held in the Hanover Theater in Hanover, York County on January 17, 2012. The event was well attended, and included a tour of the historic theater. The 2011 list focused on flood damaged properties, a theme which remains a priority for Preservation Pennsylvania in 2012.

This year's Pennsylvania At Risk list includes (in no particular order):

- **Hanover Theater** in Hanover, York County (site of press release)
- **Covered bridges** in Sonestown and Hillsgrove, Sullivan County (flood related)
- **Lehigh Canal in Walnutport**, Northampton County (flood related)
- **Bucks County Playhouse** in New Hope, Bucks County (flood related)
- **Trinity United Methodist Church** in York, York County
- **1000 Block of North 6th Street** in Harrisburg, Dauphin County
- **Keystone Markers** throughout the Commonwealth
- **Lehigh Valley Railroad Depot** in Noxen, Wyoming County
- **Highland Hall** in Hollidaysburg, Blair County
- **Villa Chapel** in Erie, Erie County

Once listed in Pennsylvania At Risk, these properties remain priorities for Preservation Pennsylvania staff and resources until they are either saved or lost. If you are working with a current or former At Risk property, or have one you'd like to nominate to our 2012 list, please let us know!

We want to hear about threatened historic properties in your area. Nominations for the 2012 Pennsylvania At Risk are available on our website. In order to be considered for inclusion in this year's list, nominations must be received by October 1, 2012.

For complete details regarding the historic resources on this year's list, please contact us to request a complimentary copy of our publication, Pennsylvania At Risk 2011.

In 2011, the Pennsylvania At Risk list included its 200th endangered historic resource.
After listing it in *Pennsylvania At Risk 2010*, Preservation Pennsylvania nominated Plantation Plenty (also known as the Isaac Manchester Farm or Manchester-Farms) to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's America's 11 Most Endangered Places list in January 2011. The historic farm's inclusion in that list was announced at an event held on the farm in June (pictured below). Manchester-Farms is a 400 acre farm still owned and operated as a farm by descendents of Isaac Manchester that contains buildings of outstanding design and construction with contents that reflect the lives of the family over several generations. It is threatened by longwall coal mining, which will almost certainly cause subsidence of the property, resulting in damage to the buildings, loss of its natural water supply, and/or detrimental changes to the topography.

Since being listed, Preservation Pennsylvania's staff has worked with the property owners and several partner organizations to help protect the property from longwall coal mining. The farm's story was highlighted in the Fall 2011 edition of *Organic Matters*, the quarterly publication of Pennsylvania Certified Organics. This brought the issue to the attention of those outside of the preservation and environmental circle and out to the broader agriculture community.

In October, we participated in a tour of longwall mining impacts with the Citizens Advisory Council of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); the DEP is considering changes to Act 54, which allows destruction of historic properties, as long as the damage is mitigated. We followed up by providing written comments regarding the problems with Act 54 as it relates to cultural resources. Then in November, we attended a public meeting in Avella, where the plan for a proposed coal processing plant adjacent to Manchester-Farms is to be built, as the terminus of this mine. Plans for mining under the historic farm have still not been advanced, but it is anticipated that will happen in 2013. DEP officials stated verbally that they would not permit longwall mining under Manchester-Farms. However, until the permit application is denied and any resulting appeals are resolved, Preservation Pennsylvania will continue to work with its partners to monitor the process and do everything that they can to preserve this important historic property.
Our WORK

**Legislative Advocacy**

Both the United States Congress and the Pennsylvania Legislature operate on a two year session. As a result, bills introduced in year one of the session (2011), may not have final action until the close of the second year. As 2011 came to a close, there were a number of issues of interest to Preservation Pennsylvania and its constituents. While the final outcome has yet to be determined, advocacy work will continue throughout 2012.

**FEDERAL**

**Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)**
Seeking level funding for the core programs of the HPF for State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs)

**H.R. 2479 Creating American Prosperity Through Preservation Act (CAPP)**
(Schock, R-IL and Bluenauer, D-OR)
Modify the existing federal rehabilitation tax credit program to better encourage re-use of historic buildings and promote energy efficiency by increasing the credit for “small” projects, exempting state tax credits from federal income tax and improving usability for non-profit organizations.

**H.R. 2555 Historic Homeownership Revitalization Act**
(Turner, R-OH and Carnahan, D-MO)
Seeks to amend the IRS code to expand historic tax incentives to include owner-occupied residences.

**S. 1685 Rehabilitation of Historic Schools Act**
(Webb, D-VA and Warner, R-VA)
Amend the existing commercial tax credit to allow rehabilitation expenditures for a qualified public educational facility.

**Reauthorization of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act (USDOT Act)**
Seeking the retention of historic preservation review provisions and funding for Transportation Enhancements.
STATE
SB 1150  The Historic Preservation Incentive Act
(Smucker, R-Lancaster)
An act to establish a state historic tax credit for income producing buildings as a companion to the Federal historic tax credit program.

HB 2082  Casino Buffer Act (Clymer, R-Bucks)
An act to amend the Pennsylvania Gaming Law to prohibit a Category 1 Casino from locating within ten linear miles of the boundary of a national military park or a national memorial designated by the Congress of the United States after September 11, 2001. Specifically this would protect the Gettysburg National Military Park and the Flight 93 National Memorial.

Renew Growing Greener Coalition (www.renewgrowinggreener.org)
A statewide coalition of conservation, recreation and environmental organizations, including Preservation Pennsylvania working to ensure continued funding for historic preservation, land and water conservation, farmland preservation, and outdoor recreation. Initially this organization focused specifically on establishing a new authorization of the Growing Greener funding but has recently been focusing on the retention of funds through the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Funds as well.

In 2005 and 2006, Preservation Pennsylvania joined forces with several local and national groups to oppose a proposed casino to be located less than a mile from the Gettysburg National Military Park. In December 20, 2006, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board unanimously rejected that proposal. In late 2009, it became apparent that the same investor was trying for a casino again, at a site only a half mile from the park. Preservation Pennsylvania worked with No Casino Gettysburg, the Civil War Trust, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the National Parks Conservation Association to again strongly oppose a casino in Gettysburg. Thanks to a tremendous grassroots effort that elevated to a nation level, including the participation of dignitaries such as David McCullough, Ken Burns, Sam Waterston, the efforts succeeded again. On April 14, 2011, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board again rejected the bid for a casino in Gettysburg. Work is now continuing to ensure that the most recent battle will be the last by pursuing legislation that would amend gaming laws to put a permanent protective buffer around the battlefield.

For the latest on any of these issues or current advocacy initiatives, please visit the Preservation Pennsylvania website: Advocacy Alerts and Legislation We Are Watching.
Our WORK

Preservation Fund of PA

Since its creation in 1982, the Preservation Fund of Pennsylvania has been used by nonprofit organizations and municipalities to acquire and rehabilitate threatened historic properties.

Acquisition funding is available as part loan and part grant (2/3 loan to 1/3 grant); funding for rehabilitation is available as a loan.

The money that is repaid to this revolving fund is then recycled into other properties.

Loans Made in 2011

Neilltown Church, Pleasantville, Forest County • www.oilregion.org
A loan of $30,000 to make rapid response repairs to the framework’s upper structure. This resource was placed on the 2006 Pennsylvania At Risk list and was subsequently purchased by the Oil Region Alliance of Business Industry and Tourism.

Historic Harrisburg Resource Center, Harrisburg, Dauphin County • http://historicharrisburg.com/
A loan of $50,000 towards the rehabilitation of the Historic Harrisburg Association offices, a former bank building on North Third Street.

Still Revolving!

Preservation Pennsylvania is still revolving its initial $400,000, turning this investment over 2.25 times. Since 1982, $170,000 has been granted to worthy projects and $750,000 has been used for loans.

“In 2011, Preservation Pennsylvania provided substantial funding through their Preservation Fund Loan program. These funds enabled our organization to renovate and restore the second floor of Historic Harrisburg’s bank building. This project not only began the restoration process that had been discussed for nearly 20 years, but also provided a sustainable source of revenue from the newly leased space. Without the assistance from Preservation Pennsylvania, the project could have taken many more years to complete and Historic Harrisburg may not have been in the position of strength it is today. We thank you for your help in making a 20 year old story become a reality!”

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