STAR BARN FOR SALE

Called "central Pennsylvania's poster child for historic preservation" in a recent newspaper article, the Star Barn is looking for a buyer who will rescue the landmark structure. Preservation Pennsylvania is marketing the property nationally at an asking price of $160,000.

One of central Pennsylvania's most notable landmarks is on the market. Preservation Pennsylvania, largely through the efforts of board member Denise Illig Robison, has obtained a one-year option on the Star Barn, adjacent outbuildings, and three acres. The property is being marketed nationally to find a preservation-minded buyer with the resources and creativity to bring new life to this significant architectural complex.

"The strength of the partnership of the owner and Preservation Pennsylvania's expertise, together with the support of the community and the media, creates the perfect environment for a positive outcome for the Star Barn," said Robison.

The cathedral-like interior of the Star Barn provided grand space for gentleman farmer John Motter to show his prize horses during the years following the Civil War.

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Robison's commitment to this undertaking is shared by Preservation Pennsylvania's president David Taylor. "The future of this landmark farm complex has been a concern of Preservation Pennsylvania for years," he said, referring to inclusion of the Star Barn in Preservation Pennsylvania's first annual listing (1992) of endangered historic properties.

The Star Barn is a large, highly distinctive Gothic Revival style barn located in Lower Swatara Township, Dauphin County, immediately adjacent to Route 283. The barn and its accompanying outbuildings have been a distinct feature of the

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Preservation Pennsylvania Sets 1999 Advocacy Agenda

In cooperation with legislators and related organizations including the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Preservation Action at the national level, and 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Downtown Center at the state level, Preservation Pennsylvania is actively pursuing an aggressive advocacy agenda for the new legislative session.

STATE PRIORITIES

• Homeowners Tax Incentives
  Rep. Thomas Tangretti's Historic Homesites Bill will be reintroduced.

• Downtown Location Law
  Rep. David Argall's bill encouraging state offices to locate in downtowns and neighborhood business districts will be reintroduced.

• Landuse/Growth Management Bills
  Bills by Senator James Gerlach and Rep. David Steih have already been reintroduced.

• Department of General Services History Code Compliance Initiative
  Efforts are underway to work with the Department of General Services to bring about compliance with the History Code in the treatment of properties under the jurisdiction of the department.

• Heritage 21 Initiative
  In partnership with the coalition that was successful in getting the Key 93 referendum, Preservation Pennsylvania is working on developing a new funding initiative for conservation, preservation, heritage parks, and libraries.

• Chain Drug Stores threatening historic downtowns
  Preservation Pennsylvania is working closely with the National Trust and the Pennsylvania Downtown Center on a strategy to approach the chains and open a dialog on site selection, design issues, and the impact on historic areas and buildings.

ADVOCACY CALENDAR

March 20-23 Preservation Action Meeting, Washington, DC
May 2-4 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation & Heritage Partnerships Conference, York: Tuesday, May 4, 8:30-10 a.m. Advocacy Plenary Session
Late September/Early October: Historic Preservation Lobbying Day in Harrisburg
September through November: Final push for bills before the end of the year.

LEGISLATIVE GUIDE

Preservation Pennsylvania members at the organizational level or above will be sent a legislative guide with names and addresses of legislators in Harrisburg and Washington. The guide, which is expected to be mailed in April, will be useful in contacting your legislators on important advocacy issues. The guide will also be available for purchase; contact: Sheila Campbell at Preservation Pennsylvania.

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 PA AT WORK —

1999 AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED APRIL 8 IN HERSEY

The 1999 annual historic preservation awards will be presented at a dinner to be held Thursday April 8 at the Hotel Hershey. The awards are given by Preservation Pennsylvania in partnership with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

Mary Werner DeNadai, AIA, has been named recipient of the 1999 F. Otto Haas Award for outstanding achievement in historic preservation. Vice President of John Milner Architects in Chadds Ford, DeNadai has practiced historic preservation throughout her architectural career. In addition to her professional practice, she has served as chairman of the Board of Advisors of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and chairman of Preservation Action. Currently she is on the Board of Trustees of the National Trust, a member of the National Register Review Board for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Board of Directors of Cliveden.

Most notably, DeNadai’s long standing interest in public advocacy led her to serve as president of Preservation Pennsylvania from 1994-1996. Her leadership encouraged the organization to become involved with the National Trust for Historic Preservation in a public policy pilot project which is redefining the historic preservation movement in the Commonwealth.

This highest award for historic preservation, sponsored in 1999 by Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Jordan and the Susquehanna Pfaltzgraff Company, is named for F. Otto Haas (1915-1994) who was a philanthropist, civic leader and former chairman of Rohm and Haas Company. A founding board member and past president of Preservation Pennsylvania, Haas also served on the Board of Trustees of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Other preservation awards to be presented at the April 8, 1999 event are:

**Government Initiative Award:** Representative David G. Argall, Schuylkill County. The award is sponsored by Buchanan Ingersoll.

**Communications Initiative Award:** Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County.

**Stewardship Initiative Award:** Joanne Long Wagner, Clarion County. The award is sponsored by Landmarks Design Associates, Architects, Pittsburgh.

For more information on becoming a member of the Keystone Society or Pennsylvania Heritage Club, contact Preservation Pennsylvania.

Mary Werner DeNadai, AIA, is the recipient of the 1999 F. Otto Haas Award. An architect with extensive experience in historic rehabilitation and restoration projects, DeNadai is recognized as a state and national leader in the preservation movement for her involvement in numerous organizations and issues.

**Community Involvement Initiative Award:** The Lower Merion Conservancy, Montgomery County. The award is sponsored by John Milner Architects, Chadds Ford.

**Education Initiative Award:** Team 8-1, Holicong Middle School, Bucks County. The award is sponsored by the Kinsley Family Foundation, Seven Valleys.

**Public Institutional Construction Award:** Hollidaysburg Borough Building.

**Commercial Industrial Construction Award:** Lincoln Plaza Hotel, Reading. The award is sponsored by Pennrose Properties, Philadelphia.

**Single Residential/House Museum Construction Award:** Sedgeley Porter’s Lodge, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. The award is sponsored by Ports & Shermeyer, Incorporated, York.

**Other Historic Properties Award:** Undine Barge Club, Boathouse Row, Philadelphia.

**Community Revitalization Construction Award:** Sylvan Heights YWCA, Harrisburg.

**Preservation of Public Art Award:** Commonwealth Statue, Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg.

For information and reservations for the awards dinner, contact: Preservation Pennsylvania, 717-234-2310.
COMMONWEALTH PRESERVATION PLAN SEEKS CITIZEN INPUT ON PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

In early December, students from Harrisburg’s St. Stephen’s Elementary School helped launch a year-long effort to develop a new historic preservation plan for Pennsylvania. Gathered in the Capitol Rotunda with state agency officials, preservationists, and William Penn (re-enactor Walter Burkhart), the fourth graders offered their votes for what is most worthy of preservation. Historic Fort Hunter, Lake Erie, and Hershey Park were among the children’s ideas of what is important for Pennsylvania to preserve for the future.

Speaking on behalf of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, chairman Janet Klein called on all Pennsylvanians to get involved in this process. “Through a shared vision for Pennsylvania, we will identify our historic treasures to preserve them for the next millennium. This is all part of Gov. Tom Ridge’s commitment to building stronger communities across Pennsylvania,” said Klein.

Developing and Using the Plan

Public outreach is at the heart of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission’s (PHMC) efforts, in partnership with Preservation Pennsylvania, to update the Commonwealth’s Historic Preservation Plan. A statewide comprehensive historic preservation plan is mandated by the National Historic Preservation Act and by Pennsylvania’s History Code.

The PHMC has appointed an advisory committee representing Pennsylvanians with expertise in economic development, historic preservation, architecture, planning, archaeology, and related disciplines for advice on the public outreach process and development of the plan. Members of the committee include Preservation Pennsylvania president David Taylor; Mary Werner DeNadai, chairman of the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board; Patricia Wilson Aden, Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia; James M. Adovasio, PIIMC member; Representative David Argall (Schuylkill Co.); James Scheiber, Benatec; Henry A. Jordan, Chester County; Denise Illig Robison, deputy secretary, PA Department of Aging; Representative Thomas Tangretti (Westmoreland Co.); Arthur P. Ziegler, Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. Ex officio members include Caroline Boyce, Preservation Pennsylvania; Peter Tartline, Governor’s Policy Office; and Constance Beaumont, National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The plan, with input from across the commonwealth, will identify our historic treasures, how they should be protected and preserved for the future, and who will be responsible for their preservation. When completed, the plan will be used to:

- provide a framework for future action by the private and public sectors;
- address such issues as public awareness of nonrenewable historic resources through education;
- clarify the relationship between preservation and economic development
- identify funding and other incentives for rehabilitation;
- recommend public policy to enhance existing programs and initiate new ones;
- identify how best to deliver the services that the public needs to implement its preservation goals.

Speaking on behalf of Preservation Pennsylvania, president David L. Taylor also sees the importance of the plan to the commonwealth’s nonprofit preservation organization. “The plan will be a roadmap for our advocacy agenda,” said Taylor.

Preservation Climate in Pennsylvania

With close to five hundred historic districts and a total of 78,933 contributing historic resources listed in the National Register of Historic Places, Pennsylvania is second only to New York State in recognizing the significance that history plays in our economic and cultural life.

Historic preservation contributes to the state’s economy through rehabilitation investments and by preserving historic landmarks, neighborhoods, main streets, and central business districts. In fact, since the establishment in 1976 of federal income tax incentives for rehabilitating historic buildings, private sector investment has
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generated $16 billion in the Pennsylvania economy.

With tourism now the state’s second largest industry, heritage tourism also makes a major contribution to Pennsylvania’s economy.

But, in spite of this good news, the cost of maintenance and repair of historic properties can be a real burden to the average homeowner. Historic downtowns struggle to compete in a changing economic and social climate. Sprawling development threatens the character and context of what has defined Pennsylvania for generations.

The Historic Preservation Plan will identify incentives, issues, goals and strategies for the next five years - and a vision to carry us into the first two decades of the new century with a renewed commitment to preserving Pennsylvania’s heritage.

We want to hear from you!

The PHMC and Preservation Pennsylvania invite you to be part of this historic initiative. Thirteen public forums are scheduled for May and June of 1999. Each will be held from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

May 18 Greensburg, U.P. Greensburg, Powers Hall (Room 115)
May 19 Pittsburgh, Manchester Citizens’ Corporation, 1131 W. North Avenue
May 25 Erie, Erie Maritime Museum, 150 East Front Street
May 26 Oil City, Venango Area Vocational Technical School, 1 Vo-Tech Drive
June 1 Bellefonte, Bush House Hotel and Restaurant, 315 W. High St.
June 2 Johnstown, Johnstown Flood Museum, 304 Washington St.
June 9 Towanda, Towanda Country Club, Route 6
June 10 Jim Thorpe, Jim Thorpe, 24 Broadway
June 15 Wyomissing, Berks Heritage Center, 2201 Tulpehocken Road
June 16 Harrisburg, Historic Harrisburg, 1230 N. 3rd St.
June 22 Nanticoke, Luzerne County Community College, 1333 S. Prospect St.
June 23 Chadds Ford, Chadds Ford Historical Society Barn across from John Chadds House, Rt. 100, 1/4 mile from Rt. 1.
June 29 Philadelphia, Arch Street Meeting House, 320 Arch St.

For a brochure with more information on the forums contact:

Historic Preservation Plan
Bureau for Historic Preservation
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
PO Box 1026
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026
Phone: 717-772-0771
FAX: 717-772-0920
Email: hpplan@phmc.state.pa.us
Website: www.phmc.state.pa.us

In addition to the forums, your comments can be sent directly to the above address. We encourage you to complete and return the questionnaire included with this newsletter.

This plan will be consulted by state agencies, local governments, private for-profit and nonprofit organizations and others over the next decade as decisions are made that will affect how Pennsylvania looks and what Pennsylvania will be in the years ahead. You have a stake in creating this plan.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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central Pennsylvania landscape since 1872 when master carpenter and designer Daniel Reichert built the barn for financier and gentleman farmer John Motter. Motter had achieved great wealth and land holdings as a shipper, trader, and breeder of horses and mules, furnishing thousands of animals to the Union Army during the Civil War.

According to information gathered in the mid-1990s by Friends of the Star Barn, a group that began the effort to save and reuse the structure, this large three-level barn is the last remaining of fifteen monumental barns built in Dauphin, Lancaster, and Lebanon counties. There are three threshing floors rather than the usual two, and an extra floor where hay or grain sheaves could be stored above the threshing floors. The extra ceiling height, the cross-paneling of the doors, chamfering of the floor joists and ventilator posts all indicate this was meant to be an exhibition or show area, according to a history of the barn prepared by Jerry Clouse, an historic preservation specialist with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Clouse also describes the weathervane that once topped the cupola as being punched with hearts and arrows and inscribed with Motter’s name and the date of construction.

Building on the efforts of the Friends of the Star Barn, Preservation Pennsylvania is aggressively working for a positive preservation outcome for this majestic Pennsylvania treasure. As part of current marketing efforts, the organization has contracted with Alton Properties of Pittsburgh to conduct an assessment of zoning, building code and historic preservation design issues, as well as a market analysis for the complex. Jack Johnston, president of Alton Properties and the person who will conduct the analysis, has extensive experience in assisting community organizations in undertaking difficult development projects. Preservation Pennsylvania will be looking for potential buyers whose plans for the barn are sensitive to the building’s historic fabric and who are interested in using historic rehabilitation tax credits as part of their plans for bringing new life to the Star Barn.

FOR SALE

Historic Star Barn

- Asking price: $160,000.
- Includes barn, outbuildings, and three acres; additional acreage may be negotiated.

For more information, contact Preservation Pennsylvania, 717-234-2310.
IN THE NEWS

PLACES

• Harrisburg. The threat to the downtown historic district from proposed parking garages continues. As reported in the last issue of Preserving Pennsylvania, Grace United Methodist Church appealed a denial by the local Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) of their request to demolish the block of 19th century residential buildings adjacent to Preservation Pennsylvania’s headquarters. The appeal was to have been heard by city council in January but was postponed until February 18 because of an ice storm. In the meantime, plans have been made public for a ca. 1,000-car garage on Second Street that would impact historic buildings facing the river on Front Street, also within the district.

• Danville. The suit filed by Concerned Citizens Alliance, Inc. against the U.S. Department of Transportation in response to the siting of a new bridge across the Susquehanna River, will be heard by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia on February 9. Preservation Pennsylvania joined the National Trust for Historic Preservation in filing an amicus curiae brief.

• The borough of Lewisburg, the Isaac Meason House in Fayette County, and LaMott in Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County are each involved in a situation in which a telecommunications tower poses a threat to historic resources. Preservation Pennsylvania is following each of these cases and is interested in learning of other similar threats and local responses to them. Telecommunications towers were the subject of a session at the 1998 National Trust conference and are a growing issue as more and more towers are erected to meet the demands of the cellular communications industry.

• The city of Philadelphia recently designated 154 streets across the city as part of a thematic district designed to protect historically significant streets covered with materials no longer in common use. Cobblestones, Belgian paving blocks, brick, and bluestone are historic materials that will now be protected from being covered in asphalt on designated streets.

• The LeMoyn House in Washington, PA, opens on Tuesday, February 2 for the 1999 season of tours of this National Historic Landmark of the Underground Railroad. Tours take about an hour and are offered 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Contact: 724-225-6740. Note: The legacy of the Underground Railroad in Pennsylvania will be the subject of a session at the 1999 Historic Preservation and Heritage Partnerships Conference, May 2-4 in York. (see Calendar, page 8)

PEOPLE

• Tom Hylton, author of Save Our Land, Save Our Towns: A Plan for Pennsylvania has been selected Conservationist of the Year by the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation. The Federation has also named Brent Glass, executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, as Conservation Professional of the Year. The awards will be presented at an awards banquet on April 20 at the Harrisburg Holiday Inn East. For tickets to the dinner contact the Federation at 717-232-3480.

• Gerald R. Bastoni, executive director of the Delaware and Lehigh Canal National Heritage Corridor since 1996, died unexpectedly in early December. Before joining the D&L Corridor, he was director of the Historic Bethlehem Partnership, an organization which brought together a number of historic Bethlehem sites and organizations. His energy and vision, his commitment to preservation and to fostering partnerships among wide-ranging groups and individuals will be greatly missed.

PROGRAMS

• The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is undertaking a two-year initiative to explore issues connected with the federal government’s involvement in historic preservation. The Millennium Initiative will include a special report to the president and congress on the state of preservation. To gather citizen input, the Council will have an interactive internet discussion forum on their website: www.achp.gov. For other information, contact: Ronald D. Anzalone, Millennium Initiative Team Leader, 202-606-8523 or ranzalone@achp.gov.

• The Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia has been awarded a grant of $4.175 million from The Pew Charitable Trusts. Funding will be used to assist historic sites in building organizational capacity, increasing sustainability and attracting larger and more diverse audiences in a four-year initiative. The Heritage Investment Program will provide technical assistance, matching funds, and special challenge grants. For more information contact: Barbara Silberman, 215-546-1146.

PUBLICATIONS

• The Economic Benefits of Preserving Philadelphia’s Past. 12-page study prepared for the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia by Donovan D. Rypkema and Katherine M. Wiegagen. Rypkema, a national authority on the subject of economic benefits, also authored the National Trust book The Economics of Historic Preservation. The Philadelphia study analyzes the economic impact of historic preservation on the city’s downtown development, heritage tourism, and other important areas. For more information contact the Alliance at 215-546-1146.


• A Handbook on Community Visioning. Center for Rural Pennsylvania, 1998. Outlines the visioning process and provides case studies of communities like Tamaqua that have developed a vision and are working to achieve it. For information about the community visioning process or for a copy of the booklet contact the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, 717-787-9555 or info@ruralpa.org
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☐ Keystone Society $2,500

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Nominations are now being accepted to Pennsylvania At Risk 1999 our annual listing of endangered historic properties
Contact: Susan Shearer, 717-234-2310; fax 717-234-2522; email sshearer@preservationpa.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

• Heritage Conservancy, Doylestown. Vice President of Stewardship. Responsible for managing land acquisition projects that include conservation development strategies which preserve open space, historic resources, and real estate assets. Market the conservancy and assist in securing funds for land conservation projects; identify and evaluate projects; negotiate with landowners, public agencies, and the private market to facilitate projects. Send cover letter, resume, and salary history and requirements to: Heritage Conservancy, Attn.: Clifford C. David, Jr., President, 85 Old Dublin Pike, Doylestown, PA 18901. The Heritage Conservancy is a nonprofit membership organization in eastern Pennsylvania that seeks to preserve the natural and historic heritage of the region.

• Germantown Historical Society, Philadelphia. Executive Director. Works with board of directors, staff and volunteers to develop and implement programming, raise funds, and oversee all operations of the Society. The Society, founded in 1900, is the Visitors’ Center of Germantown in northwest Philadelphia and is an educational and information resource center for the community. Its museum and library hold extensive and varied collections from the 17th to the 20th centuries. Send letter of interest, resume, and financial requirements by April 30, 1999 to Search Committee Chair, Germantown Historical Society, 5501 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144-2225.

Preservation Pennsylvania Announces New Membership Benefits

In recent months, Preservation Pennsylvania conducted a review of the our membership structure and benefits. The result is an expanded array of benefits for different levels of membership. The new benefits structure is listed below and will also appear on members’ renewal notices.

• All members receive our quarterly newsletter.
  In addition, higher level donors receive:
  • Associate: Advocacy Alerts (information on pending legislation or other issues calling for action by our members)
  • Patron: Advocacy Alerts; Quarterly Issues Update
  • Supporter: same as Patron level plus one (1) additional membership at the Individual level
  • Benefactor: same as Patron level plus two (2) additional memberships at the Individual level
  • Pennsylvania Heritage Club: same as Patron level plus two (2) reserved seats at our annual awards banquet. (1999 Awards Banquet will be held Thursday, April 8 in Hershey, see page 3 for more information)
  • Keystone Society: same as Patron level plus eight (8) reserved seats at our annual awards banquet.

  Organization: discounted application fees to our loan and grant programs; membership rates for up to five (5) staff members at our workshops and conference; Advocacy Alerts

We invite you to join, renew, or upgrade your Preservation Pennsylvania membership and to take advantage of these expanded membership benefits.
CALENDAR


April 22-24 PA Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations annual conference, Malvern. Contact: PFMHO, 717-787-3253.

May 2-4, 1999 • • REGISTER NOW • • York Historic Preservation & Heritage Partnerships Conference

• Sessions on Rebuilding Livable Communities, Special Pennsylvania Places, Transportation Policy & Heritage, Drugstore Chains in Downtowns and other current topics • Updates on current legislation and the Commonwealth Preservation Plan • Special workshops on Americans with Disabilities Act and Historic Buildings and Legal Basis for Preservation.

Contact: Preservation Pennsylvania, 717-234-2310; PPA@preservationpa.org; www.preservationpa.org

May-June Commonwealth Historic Preservation Plan, Public Forums. For dates and locations see article on pages 4-5.

May 1 Westsylvania Discovery Fair. Celebration of things to see and do along the Path of Progress. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Indiana County Fairgrounds, Indiana, PA. Contact: Allegheny Heritage Development Corp., 814-696-9380; email pitzler@allegheny.org

May 9-15 Preservation Week. Annual national celebration. Contact: National Trust for Historic Preservation, 202-588-6141 or www.nationaltrust.org


October 20-23 Sixth Annual International Historic Bridge Conference. Wheeling, WV. Contact: Emory L. Kemp, Institute for History of Technology and Industrial Archaeology, 1535 Mileground, Morgantown, WV 26505; 304-293-7169; email LSypolt@wvu.edu

November 7-9 1999 Restoration & Renovation, Charleston, SC. Conference and exhibits of renovation/restoration products and services. Proposal deadline for sessions April 1, 1999. Contact: EGI Exhibitions, 129 Park Street, Reading, MA 01864; 978-664-6455 or 800-982-6247; email show@egiexhib.com; www.egiexhib.com
CAN YOU HELP US OUT?

Pennsylvania is a treasure chest of historic communities and places from the past. As part of an effort to build a future with a past, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation, and Preservation Pennsylvania, the statewide historic preservation organization, are preparing a plan of action to guide historic preservation into the future. This plan will be rooted in what the citizens of Pennsylvania say is important to protect. To do this, we need your help. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey and hand in the completed form or mail it to: Bureau for Historic Preservation, Box 1026, Harrisburg PA 17108-1026, or send by FAX to 717/772-0920.

1. The historic resources I think are most important to try to preserve are (check 3):
   
   ___main streets and downtowns  ___historic houses  ___farms
   ___churches and religious buildings  ___battlefields  ___other:
   ___historic neighborhoods  ___bridges
   ___documents and written records  ___cemeteries

2. I believe the biggest statewide threats to historic resources that the state plan should address are (check 3):
   
   ___abandonment and neglect  ___loss of private property rights
   ___lack of funds for rehabilitation  ___suburban sprawl
   ___lack of education on historic preservation  ___lack of local planning
   ___public projects, i.e., roads or sewers  ___gentrification
   ___decline of older downtowns  ___other:

3. The three biggest threats to historic resources in my community are:
   
   a. ________________________________________________________________
   
   b. ________________________________________________________________
   
   c. ________________________________________________________________

4. I think the things that would help most in getting the preservation “job” done are (check 3):
   
   ___more public education  ___more informed public officials
   ___more state preservation laws  ___more local preservation laws
better enforcement of existing laws  streamlined preservation reviews
more funding for rehabilitation  more tax incentives for preservation
more technical assistance  funds to purchase development rights
more public/private partnerships  other:

5. The place I would turn first for help to protect a threatened historic resource (check 1):
   state Bureau for Historic Preservation  local government office
   local preservation organization  other:
   Preservation Pennsylvania, Inc.  I don’t know

6. The preservation of our historic heritage is important for the following reasons (check 3)
   educational values  tourism  downtown revitalization
   strengthen communities  aesthetic value  provide a sense of place
   economic development  improve quality of life  other:

7. Have you had a recent preservation success in your community? If yes, describe it briefly.

8. Do you have any other idea about things the plan should address? Describe briefly.

9. Would you like to learn more about how to stay involved in historic preservation? If yes, fill in your name and address below to be added to our mailing list:
   Name
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