ISTEA OFFERS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESERVATION

The 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act and its provision that ten percent of surface transportation funds be set aside for transportation "enhancements", has preservationists talking with great enthusiasm about ISTEA. Not since the passage of the historic preservation tax incentives in the 1980s have preservationists been so excited by an opportunity for new partnerships and new funding sources.

The program provides for a six year, $155 billion overall funding level nationally. In Pennsylvania, $51 million will be dedicated to a statewide Transportation Enhancement Program through 1997. The ten categories eligible for transportation enhancement federal funding are:

- Historic preservation
- Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites
- Scenic and historic highway programs
- Landscaping or other scenic beautification
- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals)
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors
- Control and removal of outdoor advertising
- Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
- Archeological planning and research
- Mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff

To be eligible for consideration, a project must be within an area served by a facility receiving Federal Highway Administration funds, although the project need not be in an area in which there is new road work. Federal funding can cover up to 80% of proposed project costs. The required match of 20% from the recipient may be provided through in-kind services, or, in certain cases, through other federal or state funds.

The first project submission cycle closed on November 1, 1992. During the month of December, an advisory committee convened by PennDot and representing affiliate groups, agencies and grassroots organizations related to the enhancements, will review over four hundred project applications before making recommendations to the Transportation Commission. The Commission meets in January to select the recipients.

Although a second round of grants has not been announced, sources involved in the program believe that this "program development cycle" will be followed by another cycle in 1993. Watch for an announcement of winning projects and dates for the next project cycle in an upcoming Preserving Pennsylvania.

For anyone interested in learning more about ISTEA and how it can be used by preservationists, the National Trust for Historic Preservation is holding a nationwide series of two-day conferences. On January 22-23,

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
April 22-24, 1993
Allentown
Heritage Partnerships
15th Annual Conference on Historic Preservation
Cospnsorred by
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Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs
Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission

Issues include... Cultural Conservation, Community Redevelopment and Revitalization, Heritage Landscape Preservation. With mobile workshop sessions to the Lehigh Valley communities of Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton.

And After the Conference... Join Preservation Pennsylvania for a weekend in historic
Jim Thorpe, April 24-25, 1993. Package includes lodging, meals, and tours.
Conference registration materials will be mailed in early 1993.
For more information contact: Preservation Pennsylvania, 717-569-2243.
On October 30, 1992, President Bush signed into law new amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The amendments include provisions for Native American tribal historic preservation programs, clarification of federal agency responsibilities under the section 106 process, and establishment of a National Center for Preservation Technology and Training.

Federal 1993 fiscal year appropriations for historic preservation were finalized on October 6. With an overall 3% increase from FY92, the allocations are: $28,896 million for state programs; $1,487 million for Native American tribes; and, $6,144 million for the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

National preservation organizations including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Park Service, and Preservation Action met recently to identify issues to pursue with the new Clinton administration. These include: revitalizing the rehab tax credits; reinstating the low income credits and making them compatible with the rehab credits; including $50 million from the Historic Preservation Fund in the Emergency Jobs proposal; and, making historic buildings eligible for incentive programs to rebuild the nation’s infrastructure. Further discussion of these and other possible initiatives will take place at Preservation Action’s annual conference, March 20-24 in Washington, DC. (See Calendar, p. 8)

Alex Camayd (Scranton) and Jean Craig Pepper (Erie) have been elected to the board of Preservation Action. They join Grace Gary, Brenda Barrett, Bill Blades, James L. Brown IV, Mary Werner DeNadai, Eleanor Morris, and A. Roy Smith in representing Pennsylvania in efforts to further a preservation legislative agenda.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation announces the recipients of the 1991-92 President’s Historic Preservation Awards for outstanding privately funded initiatives and the National Historic Preservation Awards for their federally assisted counterparts. The eight winners of the President’s Awards include the Main Library for the University of Pennsylvania’s Fine Arts program. Designed by Frank Furness, the building was restored and rehabilitated for current environmental and security needs by the following Philadelphia firms: Carl Doebly, Clio Group, Inc.; Nicholas Gianopulos, Keast and Hood, Engineers; David Marohan and Robert Venturi, Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates, Inc., architects; and, Marriana Thomas, Marriana M. Thomas, Architects.

The Pennsylvania Downtown Center recently opened a Western Division Outreach Office in Pittsburgh, with support from the Vira Heinz Endowment. Kathleen Kelly, formerly with the National Main Street Center, has been hired to provide technical assistance to communities and business districts in the western part of the state. For information or assistance, contact Kathy at 412-661-4668.

PA Historical & Museum Commission Division of History announces a newly established Scholars in Residence program to begin in May 1993. Applications for research projects on Pennsylvania history will be accepted through January 25, 1993 for residencies during the period May 1, 1993 to April 30, 1994. Awards are for $1200 per month for residencies of one to three months at a Commission facility. For more information and application materials, contact: Scholars-in-Residence Program, Div. of History, PA Historical & Museum Commission, Box 1026, Harrisburg 17108-1026; 717-787-3034.

The Conservancy of Montgomery County, created in 1990 to protect the county’s natural and historic resources, has received a grant of $10,000 from the Cheval Foundation. Funds will be used for general office start-up costs and to establish programmatic initiatives to protect county resources and to increase awareness. To join the conservancy or to get more information, contact: Conservancy of Montgomery County, Box 314, Plymouth Meeting 19462; 215-542-9381.

Mission Statement
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.
ENDANGERED PROPERTIES LIST UPDATE

Knowlton, Philadelphia

Also known as the William H. Rhawn House, Knowlton was designed in the late 1870s by Frank Furness for an important Philadelphia financier and patron of the architect. The house, carriage house, and caretaker’s cottage are located on twelve acres in the Fox Chase section of the city. Knowlton is considered the most coherent and sophisticated of Furness’ country houses, and is especially important because it has survived the past 111 years virtually unaltered. It is a certified historic site in the city of Philadelphia and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

In September 1992, Preservation Pennsylvania awarded a grant to the Preservation Coalition of Greater Philadelphia to develop a strategy for preserving the estate. Knowlton is currently for sale and there is strong concern that the property may be purchased by a developer unsympathetic to the significance of the property and the importance of preserving the buildings and developing the open space in an appropriate manner. The Preservation Coalition of Greater Philadelphia considers the fate of Knowlton one of the most important preservation issues in Philadelphia at this time.

St. Severin Church, Drifting

The Old Log Church at Drifting in Clearfield County was built in 1852 by German settlers to the area. Logs measuring up to forty feet in length were used in construction that is characterised by two-sided hewing and half-dovetail notching. The church is a rare extant example of early church construction in Western Pennsylvania that is in danger of being lost. The building is in severe need of physical stabilization to keep it standing and prepare the way for restoration. Local volunteers have been able to replace the rotted steeple, but badly rotted logs at the base of the structure, window, doors, and the roof need to be replaced or repaired if the building is to remain standing. Volunteers have raised $10,000, which does not begin to meet the projected cost of $40,000 for basic stabilization. Friends of the Old Log Church continue to explore possible grants from private and government sources while local fundraising also continues. The church was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

To alert Preservation Pennsylvania to an endangered property in your community, please see page 7.
The following Pennsylvania properties were added to the National Register of Historic Places between mid-1991 and October 31, 1992.

Additional listings in the thematic nomination of Pennsylvania National Guard Armories:
- Berwick Armory, Columbia County
- Bethlehem Armory, Lehigh County
- Butler Armory, Butler County
- Connellsburg Armory, Fayette County
- Connoquenessing Armory, Allegheny County
- General Thomas J. Stewart Memorial Armory, Montgomery County
- Harrisburg 19th Street Armory, Dauphin County
- Hunt Armory, Allegheny County
- Indiana Armory, Indiana County
- Lancaster Armory, Lancaster County
- Lewisburg Armory, Union County
- Milton Armory, Northumberland County
- Pottsville Armory, Schuylkill County
- 32nd and Lancaster Ave. Philadelphia Armory, Philadelphia County
- Williamsport Armory, Lycoming County
- Special Troops Armory, Philadelphia County

Listings in a thematic nomination of Berks County farms:
- Knorr-Bare Farm, Lower Heidelberg Township
- Stupp-Oxenrider Farm, North Heidelberg Township
- Kissling Farm, Heidelberg Township
- Grand View Dairy Farm, South Heidelberg Township
- Jacob Leiby Farm, Perry Township
- Christian Schlegel Farm, Richmond Township
- Reiser-Shoemaker Farm, Bern Township
- Jacob Dick Farm, Cumru Township
- John Gehman Farm, Hereford Township

Listings in a thematic nomination of furnaces:
- Allegheny Furnace, Blair County
- Alliance Furnace, Fayette County
- Buchanan Furnace, Clarion County
- Carrick Furnace, Franklin County
- Codorus Forge and Furnace District, York County
- Dale Furnace and Forge Historic District, Berks County
- Eliza Furnace, Cambria/Indiana County
- Farrandsville Iron Furnace, Clinton County
- Franklin Furnace Historic District, Franklin County
- Isabella Furnace, Chester County
- Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company Furnace, Lackawanna County
- Mary Ann Furnace Historic District, Berks County
- Mount Etna Furnace (Boundary Increase), Blair County
- Mount Hope Furnace Historic District (Boundary Increase), Lancaster County
- Mount Vernon Furnace, Fayette County
- Robesonia Furnace Historic District, Berks County
- Rockland Furnace, Venango County
- Ross Furnace, Westmoreland County
- Swatara Furnace Historic District, Schuylkill County
- Wharton Furnace, Fayette County

Other listings in the Register:
- Adams County:
  - Spengler/Benner Farm, Mt. Joy Township
  - John Zeigler Farmhouse, Latimore Township
  - Wirtz House, Straban Township
- Allegheny County:
  - Highland Building, Pittsburgh
- Blair County:
  - Downtown Altoona Historic District
- Bradford County:
  - Towanda Historic District
- Bucks County:
  - Gardenville-North Branch Rural Historic District, Plumstead Township
  - Lewis Summers Farm, Tinnicum Township
  - Ridge Valley Rural Historic District, Tinnicum Township
  - Slate Hill Cemetery, Lower Makefield Township

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Cambria County:
  Cambria City Historic District, Johnstown
  Downtown Johnstown Historic District
  Mine 40 Historic District, Scalp Level Borough and Richland Township
  Windber Historic District (Cambria/Somerset Counties)

Chester County
  Birchrunville Historic District
  Middle Pickering Rural Historic District
  South Brook Farm, East Marlborough Township

Cumberland County
  James Given Tavern, South Middleton Township
  George Trimble House, Silver Spring Township

Dauphin County
  Harrisburg Military Post

Elk County
  John E. Weidenboerner House, St. Mary's

Erie County
  Pierre Hamot House, Erie

Fayette County
  Brown-Moore Blacksmith Shop, Luzerne Township.

United States Post Office, Connells ville

Huntingdon County
  Robertsdale Historic District
  Woodvale Historic District (Huntingdon/Fulton/Bedford Counties)

Indiana County
  Saltsburg Historic District

Lancaster County
  Bird-in-Hand Hotel, East Lampeter Township
  Edward Davies House, Caernarvon Township

Lehigh County
  George F. Schlicher Hotel, Alburtis

Montgomery County
  High Street Historic District, Pottstown
  Kenderdine Mill, Horsham
  Old Pottstown Historic District (Boundary Increase)
  West Laurel Hill Cemetery, Lower Merion Township
  Yeakle and Miller Houses, Springfield Township

Philadelphia County
  The German Society of Pennsylvania
  Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church/Rectory/School

Elks Home, Downtown Johnstown Historic District

Ogontz Hall
  St. Anthony de Padua Parish School
  Y.M.C.A. of Germantown

Somerset County
  Miller's Store, Middlecreek Township

Union County
  Reading Railroad Freight Station, Lewisburg

Wayne County
  Damascus Historic District

York County
  Diamond Silk Mill, East York
  Engelhart Melchinger House, Dover

For more information on state historic preservation programs and listing in the National Register of Historic Places contact:
  Bureau for Historic Preservation
  Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
  P.O. Box 1026
  Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026
  717-783-8946
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New titles on local history and architecture:


Recent titles in the National Trust for Historic Preservation Information series:

- The Impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act on Historic Structures (95)
- Using the Community Reinvestment Act in Low-Income Historic Neighborhoods (96)
- Maintaining Community Character: How to Establish a Local Historic District (98)
- Controlling Disaster: Earthquake-Hazard Reduction for Historic Buildings (61)


Cultural and Ethnic Diversity in Historic Preservation (65)

In Search of Collaboration: Historic Preservation and the Environmental Movement (71)

The cost for each information booklet is $5 including postage and handling. The cost for bulk orders (any combination of 10 or more copies) is $2.50 per copy with a $5 postage and handling charge. Orders are shipped prepaid only. Order from: Information Series, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Mass. Ave. N.W. Washington, DC 20036.

Also available from the National Trust:


Recent addition to the Preservation Brief series from the National Park Service:

The Preservation & Repair of Historic Log Buildings (96)

Available free of charge in limited numbers from Bureau for Historic Preservation, PHMC, Box 1026, Harrisburg 17108-1026. 717-783-8946.

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1993, the “Livable Communities through Transportation Planning” conference comes to Pittsburgh. For registration information contact: Kelly Sinclair, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Mass. Ave. N.W., Washington DC 20036. 800-937-6847.
What Are Pennsylvania’s Most Endangered Historic Properties?

Let us know.

Pennsylvania is losing properties to the bulldozer and vandals faster than ever. In recent months important buildings have been razed in Scranton and Pittsburgh. Preservation Pennsylvania will publish regularly a list of Pennsylvania’s most endangered historic properties to bring public attention and pressure for their preservation. This list will be distributed statewide so that the public’s awareness of the loss of our state’s heritage will be enhanced.

We need your help in identifying endangered historic properties for this listing. Please give us as much information as possible on the property or properties in your area and return the form to Preservation Pennsylvania.

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Property 1

Name of Property: ___________________________ County ___________________________
Address/Location ______________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________
Is there an architectural survey or other written information about the property? ___________________________
Is the property on the National Register or in a National Register Historic District? ___________________________
Approximate Construction Date ___________________________
Owner(s) ____________________________________________________
Owner’s Address ____________________________________________ Telephone ( ) ___________________________
How is the property endangered? ___________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
May we use your name when contacting owner(s)? ___________________________

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Property 2

Name of Property: ___________________________ County ___________________________
Address/Location ______________________________________________________________

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Is there an architectural survey or other written information about the property? ___________________________
Is the property on the National Register or in a National Register Historic District? ___________________________
Approximate Construction Date ___________________________
Owner(s) ____________________________________________________
Owner’s Address ____________________________________________ Telephone ( ) ___________________________
How is the property endangered? ___________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
May we use your name when contacting owner(s)? ___________________________
Your name: ____________________________________________ Telephone ( ) ___________________________
Address: __________________________________________________

Please return to Preservation Pennsylvania, 2470 Kissell Hill Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.
CALENDAR 1993


February 12  Community Leadership for Preservation, Harrisburg. Local cosponsor: Historic Harrisburg, Inc. (see February 1)


March 5  Community Leadership for Preservation, Johnstown. Local cosponsor: Johnstown Area Heritage, Inc. (see February 1)


March 19  Community Leadership for Preservation, Lancaster. Local cosponsor: Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. (see February 1)


April 24-25  Preservation PA weekend in Jim Thorpe. Includes overnight accommodations in historic Inn at Jim Thorpe, meals, tours and presentations on area history, architecture and preservation issues. Contact: Preservation PA, 717-569-2243.


October 20-22  PA Downtown Center Conference, Harrisburg. Contact: PDC, 301 East Second St., Bloomsburg 17815. 717-784-0456.