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# 2010 ANNUAL REPORT MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Dear Friends and Supporters:

We are pleased to bring you the 2010 New Jersey Historic Trust Annual Report. As the state's leading voice for historic preservation, the Trust has accomplished so much this past year and continues to pursue the preservation of our state's most valuable historic resources.

This report highlights the many outstanding historic preservation planning projects that received funding through the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund. Since 1990, the Trust has awarded \$125.1 million in 635 matching grants for the preservation of 441 landmark properties across the state of New Jersey.

Of particular note in this year's report are the 23 completed capital preservation projects. The diversity of preserved sites is reflected in the rural Whitesbog Village (home to the cultivated blueberry), the urban Plainfield City Hall, the World War II fire control tower in Cape May County and the Bamboo Brook landscape in Morris County. The "before" and "after" pictures are often aesthetically dramatic, but many projects also include structural stabilization, system upgrades and life safety improvements that are hidden from view but crucial to the viable use of these historic treasures.

Finally, "Sustainable Past = Sustainable Future" was the theme of the June 2, 2010 NJ Historic Preservation Conference, which was co-hosted by the Historic Trust with state partners in the NJ Historical Commission and the Historic Preservation Office in addition to the Union County Freeholders, the City of Elizabeth, the Union County Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Common Wealth of New Jersey. I had the great pleasure of welcoming conference goers to the day's event that included more than a dozen educational sessions and workshops. The exhibit area was filled with sponsors and vendors, whose generous support helps to make the annual conference a self-sustaining event.

Thank you for your continued support in protecting New Jersey's past for generations to come. We look forward to working with you on future preservation projects.



Lori Grifa  
*Commissioner*

# MESSAGE FROM NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST

Dear Friends:

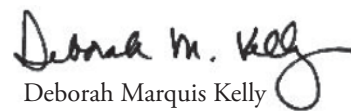
It has been a challenging financial year in the Garden State, with adjustments being made at every level of state, county and local government. Nonprofit organizations' budgets are also affected, challenging part time and volunteer staffs to do more with less operating and program support. The New Jersey Historic Trust, now more than ever, sees the tremendous need for matching grants and assistance programs that help save our historic building stock not only as legacy, but as prudent investment in existing resources.

Thanks to voter-approved initiatives in 2007 and 2008, the Historic Trust was able to offer matching grants in 2010 for both capital and planning preservation projects. The Trust received 120 applications requesting \$23 million, in a grant round where \$10.5 million is available. The need very much still outweighs the available funding.

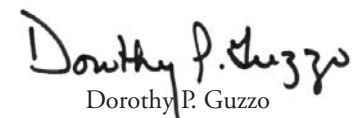
The results of the investment, however, are tangible, as you will read in this report about the completed projects, 43 capital and preservation planning projects where an investment of \$7.1 in grant money supported construction projects totaling \$17 million. As a result of this public/private cooperation, many different types of structures have new life with creative new uses as examples.

Another noteworthy accomplishment was the hosting of the annual Historic Preservation Conference at Union County College in Elizabeth, which for the first time was sponsored with support from the New Jersey chapters of the American Planning Association and American Institute of Architects. These partnerships helped attract a new professional audience to attend the sessions with historic preservation specialists, heritage site managers, municipal historic preservation commission members, archaeologists, and historians. The diverse attendance, excellent programming and informative tours received positive reviews, and the sponsorship support was at an all-time high. Plan to join next year's conference at Monmouth University in West Long Branch on June 3, 2011.

Finally, on behalf of the Trustees of the Board, we thank you for your support of the Historic Trust's efforts to provide preservation funding and educational opportunities to all entities in the State. We look forward to creating new partnerships and building on past successes to save our state's great history and the special historic places.



Deborah Marquis Kelly  
*Chair*



Dorothy P. Guzzo  
*Executive Director*



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Bamboo Brook's Armillary Sphere Garden was restored with help from a Historic Trust grant.

#### **Deborah Marquis Kelly**, *Chair*, Burlington County

Ms. Kelly is a former executive director of Preservation New Jersey and since 1996 has been an independent historic preservation consultant. She is the co-author of the New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail, has served on the Chesterfield Township Planning Board for 20 years and is the current president of the Chesterfield Township Historical Society. Ms. Kelly chairs the Grants and Loans Committee, serves on the Historic Preservation Action Committee and the New Jersey Cultural Trust Board.

#### **Thomas H. Brown, Ph.D.**, *Treasurer*, Union County

Dr. Brown serves as President of Union County College, where he is responsible for 37,000 students in 89 programs of study. Active in many community organizations throughout his teaching and administrative career, Dr. Brown currently serves on the boards of the Elizabeth Development Corporation, the Union County Alliance, and the Union County Workforce Investment Board. He chairs the Education and Outreach Committee.

#### **Carolann Clynes**, *Immediate Past Chair*, Union County

A professional real estate broker, former branch office manager, Vice President of Corporate Business Development and appraiser for 30 years, Ms. Clynes has been active in historic preservation since 1990. She chaired the Summit Historic Preservation Commission in the 1990s when the community identified its 12 historic districts in preparation for the 1994 master plan. She spearheaded the movement to save Summit's Richardson-Romanesque town hall built in 1892 that had been slated for sale or demolition. Ms. Clynes has been a member of Who's Who of American Women since 2002. She served on the Grants & Loans Committee beginning in 2002 and was Chair in 2004-2005; she served as Vice Chair of the Trust 2004-2005; and was Chair of the Trust from 2006-2008.





Bamboo Brook's landscape was designed by early 20th century landscape architect Martha Brookes.

**Maia Farish, Vice Chair, Gloucester County**

Ms. Farish has served as an administrator and communications specialist for a variety of nonprofit organizations, including the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach and the Nantucket Historical Association. She led the recent restoration and reopening of historic Hollybush at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey. Ms. Farish chairs the Funding Task Force and Strategic Planning Committees, and serves on the Legislation and Policy Committee. She was Chair of the Trust from 2008-2009.

**John D. S. Hatch, A.I.A., Mercer County**

Mr. Hatch specializes in historic preservation design and the adaptive use of historic structures. He is a partner with more than 20 years experience at the Trenton-based firm of Clarke Caton Hintz. In addition, he serves on the Funding Task Force, the Historic Preservation Action Committee and the boards of the Trenton Landmarks Commission, Trenton Historical Society and is currently President of Preservation New Jersey.

**Meme Omogbai, M.B.A., C.P.A., Somerset County**

Ms. Omogbai was appointed Chief Operating Officer of the Newark Museum in 2001 after serving six years as the Museum's Deputy Director for Finance and Administration. She sits on the Board of Trustees for the Newark Museum Association, the American Association of Museums and several other non-profit groups. At the 2009 New Jersey Historic Preservation Conference, Ms. Omogbai moderated and presented a session entitled, "Embracing Diversity: Timely Response for Long-Term Sustainability." By using Newark Museum as an example, Ms. Omogbai addressed the importance of integrating diversity into the strategic plans of non-profit organizations to assure continued economic growth and community support. In 2010 Ms. Omogbai was selected as one of 25 influential black women in Business in America and she also served on a national panel that recommended cultural funding allocation for Museums in the State of Florida.

**Chris Perks, P.E., Camden County**

A professional engineer who resides in Camden City, Mr. Perks is a director of Dresdner Robin, a civil and environmental consulting firm which specializes in urban redevelopment projects in New Jersey and Philadelphia. Mr. Perks is also treasurer of the Camden County Historical Society.

**Elan Zingman-Leith, Cape May County**

Mr. Zingman-Leith has more than 25 years of experience in historic preservation, working for the NY Landmarks Preservation Commission and as a private consultant. With his wife, he is the co-author of two books on Victorian-era architecture and interior design. Curator of the Emlen Physick Estate for the Mid Atlantic Center for the Arts, a bed and breakfast owner and a real estate professional in Cape May, Mr. Zingman-Leith serves on the Education and Outreach Committee.

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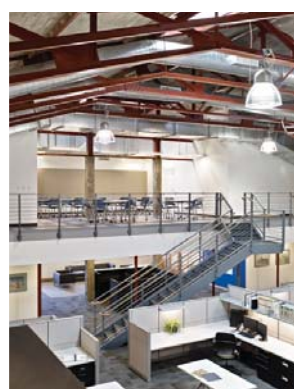
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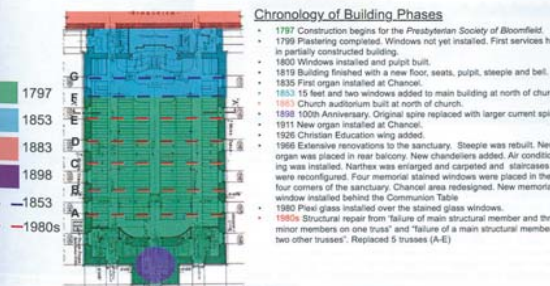
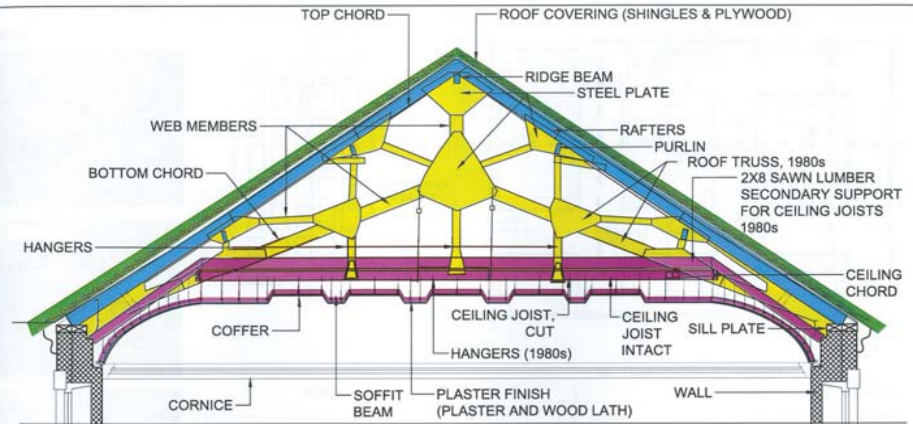
The restored Trenton Masonic Temple (top) and architectural offices (right) that now occupy the building's formerly unused third floor.



PLANNER MICHELE ALONSO was recognized for the Advancement and Success of Historic Preservation for the City of Newark, Essex County. Ms Alonso was an integral member of the Planning Committee for the 2010 Historic Preservation Conference and led a popular tour “Diversity and Development in Midtown Elizabeth” during the conference in June.



Planner Michele Alonso



# Year In Review: AWARDS FOR PRESERVATION PROJECTS

In 2010, the Department of Environmental Protection/Historic Preservation Office honored several recipients that were connected to the New Jersey Historic Trust.

THE REHABILITATION OF architectural offices for Clark Caton Hintz in the Trenton Masonic Temple was recognized. The building owners, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, recently restored its 1927 landmark with help from a capital grant from the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund. The grant helped pay for exterior repairs and painting, interior restoration and improved accessibility. The architecture firm now leases the office space from the Grand Lodge, which also rents the building for educational and social events for additional income that helps maintain the building.

A page from the report by Historic Building Architects, LLC.

THE RESEARCH REPORT, the *Structural & Architectural Investigation of the Sanctuary Plaster Ceiling, Bloomfield First Presbyterian Church on the Green*, Bloomfield, Essex County received an award. This project was funded by a Historic Site Management Grant from the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund and helped document the hidden conditions of the sanctuary truss and plaster ceiling in order to help the congregation plan for the repair of its 1797 house of worship.





Barracks Building Number 22 at Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook.

THE NEW JERSEY Marine Sciences Consortium was recognized by Monmouth County for its significant restoration of Barracks Building Number 22 at Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook, which received both planning and capital preservation grant support from the Historic Trust through the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund. The former barracks is used as the headquarters for the Consortium's offices and outreach programs.

BURLINGTON COUNTY RECOGNIZED the Outstanding Accomplishment in Preservation Leadership by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Beverly for the restoration of its bell tower, steeple and main entrance of the 1865 church. The church has received a number of grant awards from the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund, including a capital grant to complete the construction work. The deteriorated and structurally unsound steeple was reinforced and recovered in slate shingles.

## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

— Consecrated 1855 —

### Steeple and Bell Tower Preservation



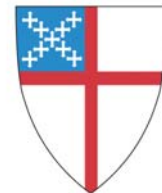
Steeple Preservation  
Completed November 2009

Built in 1853-1855 through Philadelphia architects Frazer, Furness & Hewitt in the Gothic Revival Style, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church was the tallest structure in the area at that time, where its 220-foot steeple served as a landmark and navigational aid for ships traveling the Delaware River.

Consecrated by Bishop George W. Doane October 1, 1855, the newly constructed church began its first bell ringing Christmas Eve, 1855. Soonafter, local Beverly Schools would sound the steeple bell to call children to classroom until the school district could purchased their own bell.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is listed with the National Registry of Historic Places January 15, 1999, and New Jersey Register of Historic Places July 7, 1999. Work continues to this day with active worship, community outreach and stewardship in spreading the word of the Lord.

Funding for the steeple restoration was made possible in part by the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust administered by the New Jersey Historic Trust / State of New Jersey.



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church installed this marker after the steeple preservation project.





Workshop participants studied the heritage tourism potential of the historic Belcher Ogden Mansion.



The Ritz Theatre was the site of the conference's closing session and reception.

# “SUSTAINABLE PAST = SUSTAINABLE FUTURE” 2010 NEW JERSEY HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE



DCA Commissioner Grifa welcomed conference attendees.

Union County College in Elizabeth was the site of the 2010 NJ Historic Preservation Conference. The Dr. Thomas J. Brown Conference Center hosted the sessions, classes and vendor exhibits, and the city of Elizabeth and County of Union provided the staff and backdrop for a series of unique and educational field workshops. Nearly 300 participants attended the full-day conference that features speakers Robert Ivy, editor-in-chief of Architectural Record, Nancy Kolb, President and CEO of the Please Touch Museum in

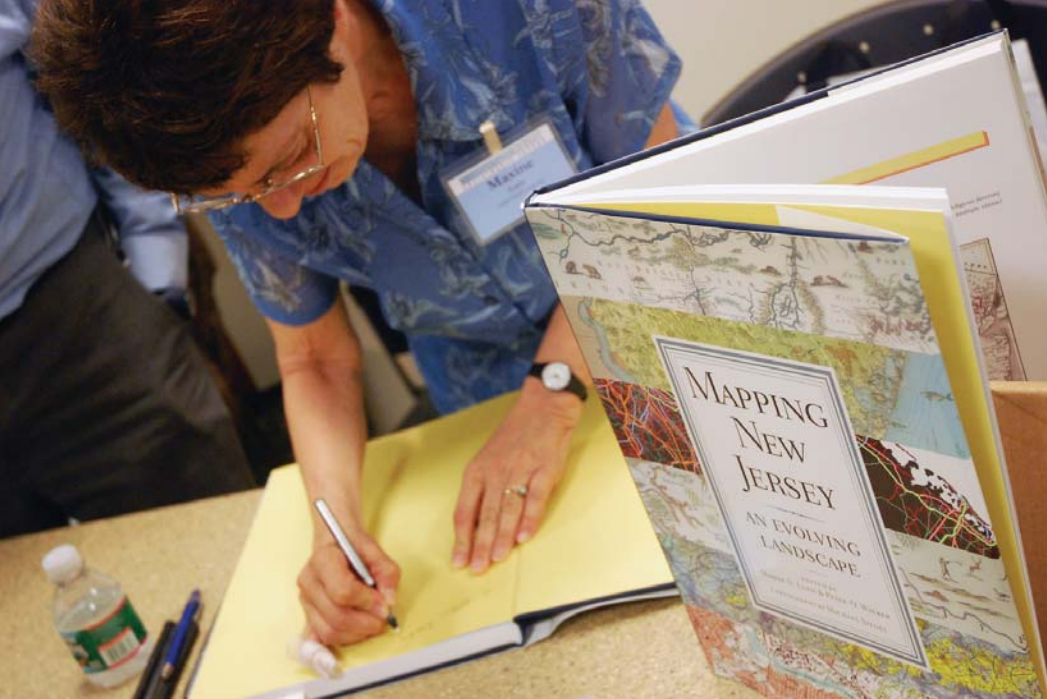
Philadelphia, Donovan Rypkema, Principal of Place Economics development consulting firm, and DCA Commissioner Lori Grifa.

For the first time, the conference was sponsored by The NJ Chapters of the American Planning Association and American Institute of Architects, which helped the event to attract more professional consultants in addition to historic site managers, historic preservation commissioners, historians, archaeologists and more. Educational tracks were targeted to explore topics including heritage tourism, archaeology, the transfer of development rights, historic preservation legislation, and design review for historic districts.



More than 25 conference sponsors and vendors had displays in the exhibit area.





Author Maxine Lurie was on hand to sign copies of her book.

The conference and closing reception, held at the Ritz Theater in Elizabeth, was generously supported by 31 total sponsors. The financial contribution of those sponsors, along with conference registration fees, helps to make the annual educational conference a self sustaining activity.

The 2011 NJ Historic Preservation Conference, "Preservation Looks Forward" will be held on June 3 at Monmouth



Keynote Speaker Robert Ivy.

University in West Long Branch. The day-long event will feature a plenary speaker, educational sessions, tour opportunities and a closing reception in National Historic Landmark Woodrow Wilson Hall. For more information about this event, visit [www.njhistoricpreservationconference.org](http://www.njhistoricpreservationconference.org).



Historic Trust Chair Deborah Marquis Kelly.



Speakers discuss "Archaeology in Urban Parks", one of a dozen educational sessions offered during the conference.



Closing Speaker Dominic Rypkema



## THE RECEPTION

UPPER LEFT: Hosts Dorothy Guzzo (Historic Trust, far left) and Bette Jane Kowalski (Union County, far right) welcomed the day's speakers.

LOWER LEFT: The closing reception featured live jazz music in the historic Ritz Theater.





More than 100 potential applicants attended a July workshop to learn about the 2010 grant round.



Historic Trust board member Chris Perks, DCA Commissioner Lori Grifa, and Mayor David Delvecchio were among the ribbon cutters to celebrate the restoration of the Holcombe mansion as Lambertville's municipal hall.

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## OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

In addition to the annual preservation conference, Trust staff was involved with a number of educational activities throughout the year, staffing its annual information session at the League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City, co-hosting a workshop on Preservation Easements, co-hosting Best Practices Workshop series with the NJ Historical Commission and State Museum, and presenting at the NJ Parks Superintendent and Resource Specialist Workshop.

The staff also presented a Grantee Workshop to new grantees in April 2010 as well as an Applicant Workshop to potential applicants to the 2010 grant round.

Finally, the Trust staffed its exhibit and answered questions at these history events: Archives and History Day in October 2009, NJ Historical Commission's annual conference in November 2009, Preservation New Jersey's Annual Meeting in January 2010, History Issues Convention in March 2010.

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The Trust exhibited at the History Issues Convention.



Trustees visited the Edison's laboratory after one of the quarterly public meetings.



# COMPLETED PROJECTS

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A total of 23 capital preservation projects and 19 historic site management projects were completed from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. These projects represent a total investment of more than \$17 million into historic preservation jobs, construction, and tourism in New Jersey.

## Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark District

*Bordentown, Burlington County and Trenton, Mercer County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$50,000** **PROJECT COST: \$144,562**

The Mercer County Park Commission completed the preparation of an Interpretive Plan for the district that includes historic, cultural, archaeological, and natural resources that could be developed as a heritage eco-tourism destination.

## Arney's Mount Meetinghouse

*Mt. Holly, Burlington County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$35,287** **PROJECT COST: \$47,049**

Mt. Holly Monthly Meeting/Society of Friends c. 1775-completed a detailed structural assessment and preparation of construction documents that will help the meeting stabilize the structure for future generations of use.

## James Still Office

*Medford, Burlington County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$50,000** **PROJECT COST: \$78,655**

The South Jersey Tourism Corporation completed the preparation of a preservation plan, for this c.1836 building, the office for Dr. James Still, an African-American physician.

## Emlen Physick House

*Cape May, Cape May County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$50,000** **PROJECT COST: \$66,800**

The Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts restored some of the original wood sash windows for this Victorian Stick Style home attributed to notable Philadelphia architect Frank Furness.



Glendale United Methodist Church, before and after the exterior was restored



## Glendale United Methodist Church, Voorhees

*Voorhees, Camden County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$123,874** **PROJECT COST: \$246,940**

The church stabilized the structure and restored the exterior to return the building to its 1930s appearance. Originally used as a schoolhouse, with church above, it is now used for community functions.

## Whitesbog Village

*Brown's Mills, Burlington County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$379,784** **PROJECT COST: \$767,478**

The Whitesbog Preservation Trust completed repair, restoration and rehabilitation of 22 buildings related to the industry of cultivating the domestic blueberry. Buildings include worker and superintendent housing, the pay office, and general store.



"Suningive" at Whitesbog Village; Right: Whitesbog's machine shop before and after restoration.



### Fire Control Tower #23

Lower Township,  
Cape May County

**GRANT AWARD: \$571,390**

**PROJECT COST:  
\$1,329,799**

The Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts restored the exterior of the concrete tower, rehabilitated the interior to permit public access, and provided improvements to protect the site's sensitive natural environment for the only intact WW II-era fire tower in New Jersey.



The Fire Control Tower #23, before and after restoration.



Bivalve Shipping Sheds and Wharves, exterior restoration

### Bivalve Shipping Sheds and Wharves

Commercial Township, Cumberland County

**GRANT AWARD: \$600,000**

Bayshore Discovery Project completed exterior stabilization and restoration of the shipping sheds on this maritime site that is a reminder of New Jersey's oyster industry.

**PROJECT COST: \$1,220,631**



### Franklin Street School

Cape May, Cape May

**GRANT AWARD: \$199,797**

**PROJECT COST: \$332,995**

The Center for Community Arts completed the first phase of rehabilitation for the former school, part of Cape May's National Historic District. It will become a community arts center.



Franklin Street School, after the first phase of rehabilitation

### Joseph Falkenburge House

South Dennis Township,  
Cape May County

**GRANT AWARD: \$50,000**

**PROJECT COST: \$66,667**

ARC of Cape May completed the preparation of a preservation plan, a structural investigation, and construction documents for the Federal style home that now houses offices for a non-profit organization that promotes the welfare of developmentally disabled individuals.



David Sheppard House, now the Cousteau Center for Rutgers University

### David Sheppard House

Bridgeton, Cumberland County

**GRANT AWARD: \$447,562**

**PROJECT COST: \$967,792**

The City of Bridgeton completed exterior stabilization and restoration work which then enabled Rutgers University to complete an interior rehabilitation project. The building now houses The Cousteau Center at Bridgeton, Rutgers University.







Logo for the Fighting for Freedom in Gloucester County Tour.



Fairfield's "Old Stone" Church, interior and exterior.

### Fighting for Freedom in Gloucester County Tour

National Park, Red Bank, Woodbury, and Swedesboro, Gloucester County

**GRANT AWARD: \$30,000**

**PROJECT COST: \$40,000**

Gloucester County Economic Development completed research, preparation and marketing of a themed audio tour about Gloucester County sites that are associated with the Revolutionary War. The tour recordings are available as podcasts that can be downloaded at <http://www.revolutionaryideatour.com/>

### Richardson Avenue School

Swedesboro, Gloucester County

**GRANT AWARD: \$75,000**

**PROJECT COST: \$125,000**

The Historical and Educational Lodge-Hall Preservatory completed the exterior restoration of this building, originally a Masonic Lodge that became the state's last separate-but-equal school until 1942. It now houses African-American educational and cultural programs.



Richardson Ave School, before and after the exterior was restored.



### Ellis Island Power Plant and Hospital Ward G

Jersey City, Hudson County

**GRANT AWARD: \$50,000**

**PROJECT COST: \$100,000**

Save Ellis Island, Inc. completed structural engineering and preservation studies that will guide future stabilization, repair and restoration of these two buildings that contribute to the historic medical facilities that supported the immigration center.

### Fairfield Presbyterian "Old Stone" Church

Fairfield Township, Cumberland County

**GRANT AWARD: \$113,362**

**PROJECT COST: \$187,890**

The Presbytery of West Jersey corrected the church's structural problems caused by the inappropriate installation of a slate roof in 1880. This c.1780 church is a finely preserved example of an early Presbyterian meetinghouse.

### Dvoor Farm

Flemington, Hunterdon County

**GRANT AWARD: \$50,000**

**PROJECT COST: \$72,200**

The Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance completed the preparation of a site master plan that will guide restoration and adaptive reuse of the farm and farm buildings, which date from late 18th to early 20th century.

### Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Jersey City

Jersey City, Hudson County

**GRANT AWARD: \$21,571**

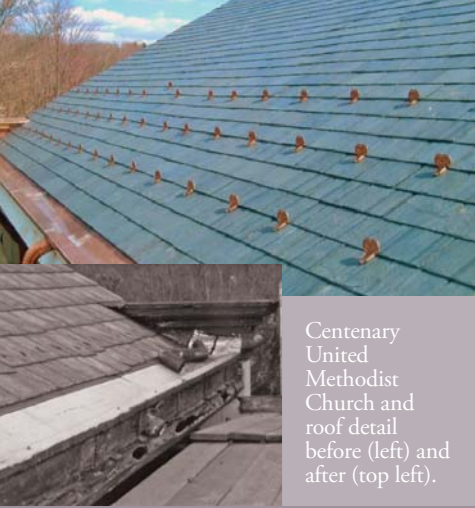
**PROJECT COST: \$56,650**

The church completed on-going work to repair the building's stone and stucco exterior. The work is the second of a three-phase project that will restore the building to its 1924 appearance.



Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church completed the second phase of masonry restoration.





Centenary United Methodist Church and roof detail before (left) and after (top left).



**Centenary United Methodist Church, Lambertville**

*Lambertville, Hunterdon County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$159,593**

**PROJECT COST: \$332,690**

The church completed slate roof replacement, stucco repairs, and wood trim repairs to the c.1865 Romanesque style structure that is home to a community concert series.

**Prallsville Mills-Saw Mill**

*Stockton, Hunterdon County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$319,493**

**PROJECT COST: \$687,300**

The Delaware River Mill Society rehabilitated the Saw Mill for use as an art gallery and program area for the thousands of visitors to the site and recreational users of the nearby State park and trail.

Prallsville Mills Saw Mill, before and after rehabilitation.



**Craftsman Farms-  
The Stickley Museum**

*Parsippany Troy-Hills,  
Middlesex County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$50,000**

**PROJECT COST: \$169,400**

Stickley Museum completed the preparation of a Site Master Plan for Gustav Stickley's early 20th century Arts and Crafts Landmark. The plan addresses goals for the long-term preservation and use of outbuildings and site and accessibility improvements.



The Metlar Bodine House was restored after a fire.



**Metlar/Knapp/Bodine House**

*Piscataway, Middlesex County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$157,383**

**PROJECT COST: \$262,305**

The Township of Piscataway completed exterior restoration work that was planned before a devastating fire in 2003. The damaged sections were reconstructed, and the oldest c. 1728 section was preserved.

**Trenton Masonic Temple**

*Trenton, Mercer County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$750,000**

**PROJECT COST: \$2,183,753**

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey completed exterior restoration, interior rehabilitation, repairs and accessibility improvements to this 1927 landmark that is now also rented for public meetings and events.



Trenton Masonic Temple, after preservation project.

**First Reformed Church,  
New Brunswick**

*New Brunswick, Middlesex County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$50,000**

**PROJECT COST: \$66,667**

The church completed the preparation of a preservation plan for the three 19th century buildings, the preparation of construction documents for the stabilization of the church and educational building, and an interpretive brochure.





Historic District 98 School house (Stockton School), in 1894 and 2010.



### District No. 98 Schoolhouse

*Stockton, Hunterdon County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$219,769**

**PROJECT COST: \$439,539**

Stockton Board of Education completed stabilization and exterior restoration of the school, including sill repairs, masonry repointing, restoration of clapboard siding and original windows, and painting the school in late 19th century colors. It is the State's longest continuously operating school building and was constructed in 1872-73.



Fisk Chapel (Bicentennial hall), before and after exterior preservation project



### Fisk Chapel

*Fair Haven, Monmouth County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$227,595**

**PROJECT COST: \$552,293**

The Borough of Fair Haven completed structural stabilization and some exterior restoration, including the painting of the clapboard and trim in historically appropriate colors for this 1860s building, originally an African-American church and now called Bicentennial Hall.

### Spring Lake First Aid and Emergency Squad Building

*Spring Lake, Monmouth County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$46,125**

**PROJECT COST: \$61,500**

Spring Lake Borough completed initial planning for the rehabilitation of this Tudor Revival style building for use as a community center and visitor center.

### Sandy Hook

#### Barracks Building #22

*Fort Hancock, Monmouth County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$500,000**

**PROJECT COST: \$1,000,000**

The New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium restored the exterior, created a barrier free entrance and restrooms, and brought the building up to code. The building is part of the National Historic Landmark Fort Hancock, and is used year-round for educational programs.



The Barracks Building at Sandy Hook is an award-winning project (see page 5)



### Christ Church, Shrewsbury

*Borough of Shrewsbury, Monmouth County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$50,000**

**PROJECT COST: \$84,577**

The church restored five of the most severely deteriorated stained glass windows, including wood frame repair. The mid-eighteenth century church was designed by the renowned Colonial architect Robert Smith, of Philadelphia.



Christ Church in Shrewsbury completed stained glass window restoration.

### Bamboo Brook

*Chester, Morris County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$750,000**

**PROJECT COST: \$1,500,197**

The Morris County Park Commission restored these gardens to their c.1944 appearance. Bamboo Brook is one of the last remaining examples of the work of early 20th century female landscape architect Martha Brookes. This project is featured on the cover and throughout this annual report.



### Seabrook Wilson House

Middletown, Monmouth County

**GRANT AWARD: \$574,378**  
**PROJECT COST: \$1,227,802**

The Monmouth County Parks System restored the exterior building fabric to its 1890 appearance and rehabilitated the interior to comply with code requirements for the safety of visitors to this valued landmark, one of the earliest surviving buildings in the Raritan Bayshore area.



Seabrook Wilson House during and after its rehabilitation project.



### Summit Public Library

Summit, Union County

**GRANT AWARD: \$6,713** **PROJECT COST: \$8,950**

The Summit Playhouse Association completed a National Register nomination for this 100 seat theatre that was built as a library in 1891.

### Morris Canal, Lock 2 East

Wharton Borough, Morris County

**GRANT AWARD: \$37,424** **PROJECT COST: \$88,564**

The Borough completed the preparation of restoration documents for the lock, canal basin, and lock tender's house which operated between 1824 and 1924.

### Mary Etta Cox House Outbuildings

Barnegat, Ocean County

**GRANT AWARD: \$30,912** **PROJECT COST: \$66,660**

The township of Barnegat completed design and construction documents for the stabilization and restoration of the carriage house and barn, in preparation for their rehabilitation.

### Singleton Farm

New Egypt, Ocean County

**GRANT AWARD: \$16,920** **PROJECT COST: \$22,561**

Plumstead Township completed the preparation of a preservation plan to guide future repair and restoration of the brick Federal style farmhouse.

### Great Falls Hydroelectric Plant

Paterson, Passaic County

**GRANT AWARD: \$50,000** **PROJECT COST: \$72,000**

Paterson Municipal Utilities Authority completed preservation and interpretive plans for this industrial building in the Great Falls Landmark Historic District.

### Hoff-Vannatta Farmstead

Harmony Township, Warren County

**GRANT AWARD: \$50,000** **PROJECT COST: \$66,675**

The Harmony Township Historic Preservation Commission completed the preparation of a Historic Structure Report for the stone farmhouse, barn, wagon sheds, summer kitchen and other outbuildings on this 9-acre preserved farm site.

### Hendrick Fisher House

Franklin Township, Somerset County

**GRANT AWARD: \$27,338** **PROJECT COST: \$40,095**

The Ukrainian Orthodox Church completed the preparation of a preservation plan that addressed exterior restoration and accessibility improvements to the Colonial Revival style house that is the site of patriot Fisher's residence at the during the Revolutionary War.

### King Store and Homestead

Roxbury, Morris County

**GRANT AWARD: \$49,051**  
**PROJECT COST: \$63,375**

Roxbury Historical Trust, Inc. prepared an Historic Structure Report to assess the condition of the two buildings, (the c.1815 store, and the c.1881 residence) and make recommendations for future preservation work, interpretation and programming.



King Store and Homestead after preservation.





The Hageman Farm's dairy barn, before and after restoration.



### Hageman Farm & Wykoff Garettsen House

*Somerset, Somerset County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$749,579**

**PROJECT COST: \$1,499,158**

The Meadows Foundation completed exterior restoration and stabilization of the horse barn, and dairy barn at the Hageman Farm and the restoration of the Wykoff Garettsen house. The sites are open for tours and rented for events.

### Port Colden Schoolhouse

*Washington, Warren County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$50,000**

**PROJECT COST: \$75,187**

Washington Township Board of Education completed construction documents to restore the first floor of the 19th century school house for museum and interpretation and rehabilitate the second floor for district offices.



Port Colden Schoolhouse.

### Second Presbyterian Church, Oxford

*Oxford, Warren County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$16,310**

**PROJECT COST: \$21,746**

The church completed the preparation of a condition assessment for the Romanesque Revival church and the Shingle Style chapel.



Plainfield City Hall.

### Plainfield City Hall

*Plainfield, Union County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$265,025**

**PROJECT COST: \$530,050**

The City of Plainfield completed a new preservation plan and exterior restoration of masonry and windows on the 1918 Classical Revival style municipal building, the anchor of the Civic Historic District.

### St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Hope

*Hope, Warren County*

**GRANT AWARD: \$25,108**

**PROJECT COST: \$41,846**

The church completed the restoration of the roof and windows on the 1839 Gothic Revival style structure.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church steeple.



# GRANTS AWARDED

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GARDEN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND  
HISTORIC SITE MANAGEMENT GRANTS  
2009 GRANT ROUND

In July 2010, the Governor signed the appropriations bill that authorized more than \$1.2 million in matching grants to 38 projects for preservation planning.

Projects are listed in alphabetical order by county.

## ATLANTIC COUNTY

### **Leedsville School**

Linwood City awarded \$18,000 for the preparation of a preservation plan to assess the 1873 one-room school that is now a museum and home to the local historical society.

## BERGEN COUNTY

### **New Milford Plant of the Hackensack Water Works**

Bergen County Department of Parks, Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs awarded \$50,000 for the preparation of a preservation plan for the site's water treatment building and pump house.

## BURLINGTON COUNTY

### **Willingboro School House**

Willingboro Township awarded \$12,413 toward the preparation of a preservation plan for this one-room school house built in 1866.

### **Christ Episcopal Church, Riverton**

Christ Church, Riverton awarded \$25,875 for the preparation of a preservation plan that will also examine accessibility options for the parish house to increase its use by the congregation and community.

### **White Hill Mansion**

Borough of Fieldsboro awarded \$23,345 for the preparation of a preservation Plan and archaeological investigation of this Revolutionary-era mansion that was modified to serve as a restaurant for most of the 20th century.



Leedsville School, Atlantic County.

Christ Episcopal Church, Riverton, Burlington County.

## CAMDEN COUNTY

### **Read House**

Camden Area Health Education Center, Inc. awarded \$50,000 for the preparation of a preservation plan and construction drawings for this 1903 former residence that now houses an urban health center.

### **Indian King Tavern**

Friends of the Indian King Tavern in Haddonfield awarded \$50,000 for the preparation of a preservation plan for this 19th century tavern that became the first property to be preserved as a museum by New Jersey.



Read House, Camden County.

## CAPE MAY COUNTY

### **Emlen Physick House**

Cape May's Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts awarded \$30,600 toward the preparation of construction drawings and specifications for the installation of a geothermal heating and cooling system for the Victorian era house museum.

### **Goshen Public School**

Goshen Volunteer Fire Company awarded \$30,000 for the preparation of a preservation plan, construction drawings, and National Register nomination for this 1872 frame schoolhouse

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY

### **Bivalve Shipping Sheds & Wharves**

Bayshore Discovery Project in Commercial Township awarded \$50,000 for the development of a capital campaign that will support the site's function as an educational and tourism destination about New Jersey's oyster industry and maritime history.





Connett Memorial Library, Essex County.

Bloomfield Presbyterian Church, Essex County.

Bayonne Trust Company, Hudson County.

Cumberland Bank Building, Cumberland County.

### **Cumberland Bank Building**

Friends of the Bridgeton Library awarded \$15,000 for the preparation of a preservation plan for this 1816 former bank that is now part of the Bridgeton Free Public Library.

### **Cumberland Nail Mill and Iron Works Office**

City of Bridgeton awarded \$15,109 toward the preparation of a preservation plan that will address the needs of the last building associated with the Cumberland Nail and Iron Works

## ESSEX COUNTY

### **Bloomfield Presbyterian Church**

Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green awarded \$50,000 for a structural assessment of the sanctuary ceiling and truss system of this 1797 house of worship.

### **Newark Symphony Hall**

Newark Performing Arts Corporation, Inc. awarded \$50,000 for the preparation of a preservation plan for this 1920s landmark .

### **Connett Memorial Library**

South Orange Public Library awarded \$50,000 toward the preparation of a preservation plan for this bold Romanesque-style library that is part of the historic village center.

## GLOUCESTER COUNTY

### **Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wenonah**

Memorial Presbyterian Church awarded \$15,750 for the preparation of a preservation plan and National Register nomination for this early 20th century Gothic Revival house of worship.

## HUDSON COUNTY

### **Ellis Island Recreation Building**

Save Ellis Island, Inc. awarded \$50,000 for structural engineering and interior preservation studies for this building that contributes to the medical facilities that supported the Ellis Island immigration station.

### **Sybil's Cave**

Hoboken Historical Museum & Cultural Center awarded \$15,750 for an archeological investigation and preservation plan that will evaluate the site's tourism potential. This 19th century folly was rediscovered in 2007.

### **Bayonne Trust Company**

City of Bayonne awarded \$15,000 for design and construction documents for a new heating and ventilation system, as well as interior rehabilitation of this Beaux Arts-style bank building

## HUNTERDON COUNTY

### **Sergeantsville Hotel**

Delaware Township awarded \$28,538 for the preparation of a preservation plan for this 1830 stone building that now houses the municipal offices.

## MERCER COUNTY

### **First Presbyterian Church of Ewing**

First Presbyterian Church of Ewing awarded \$50,000 toward the preparation of construction documents and a nomination to the National Register for this 1867 house of worship





Sergeantsville Hotel, Hunterdon County.

### **First Presbyterian Church of Pennington**

Pennington Presbyterian Church awarded \$40,221 for the preparation of construction documents and a nomination to the National Register for this historic church campus and cemetery.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY

### **Edison Memorial Tower**

Edison Memorial Tower Corporation awarded \$18,000 for the preparation of a Strategic plan and capital campaign to address the Art Deco style tower's restoration and reopening to the public on the site of Thomas Edison's industrial complex.

## MONMOUTH COUNTY

### **Strauss Mansion**

Atlantic Highlands Historical Society awarded \$27,000 for the preparation of a preservation plan and nomination to the National Register for this Queen Anne style house museum.

### **Allentown Presbyterian Church**

Allentown Presbyterian Church awarded \$15,000 for the preparation of a preservation plan for this Greek Revival style church, the centerpiece of an active campus used for community service.

## OCEAN COUNTY

### **Cedar Bridge Tavern**

Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission awarded \$49,500 for the preparation of a preservation plan and National Register nomination for this structure that retains a rare early-19th century bar, in Barnegat Township.

## PASSAIC COUNTY

### **Downtown Commercial District, Paterson**

Paterson Historic Preservation Commission awarded \$18,000 for the preparation of design guidelines for this historic district that contains a variety of significant structures dating from 1850 to 1935.

### **Hinchliffe Stadium**

Friends of Hinchliffe Stadium awarded \$31,823 for the preparation of a preservation plan for this 1930s landmark of Paterson's sports, cultural and political history

## SOMERSET COUNTY

### **Cornelius Stoothoff**

#### **Farmstead**

Franklin Township awarded \$50,000 for the preparation of a stabilization plan and feasibility study for early Dutch farm acquired by the township in 2007 for open space preservation.

## SUSSEX COUNTY

### **Black Creek Site**

Vernon Township Historical Society awarded \$18,750 to develop an interpretive plan for this 40-acre archaeological site that was saved from inappropriate development.

## WARREN COUNTY

### **Vass Farmstead**

Hardwick Township Historical Society, Inc. awarded \$24,170 for the preparation of an interpretive plan and materials for this 19th century farmhouse and outbuildings.

### **Ramsaysburg Homestead**

Knowlton Township Historic Commission awarded \$34,481 for the preparation of a strategic plan for use and interpretation of this site associated with Delaware River trading and shipping.

### **Hoff-Vannatta Farmstead**

Harmony Township Historic Preservation Commission awarded \$47,000 for the preparation of construction documents to help restore the 18th century stone farmhouse and outbuildings.



Hinchliffe Stadium, Passaic County.



### **Inclined Plane #10 West**

Warren County Planning Department awarded \$45,000 for an archaeological study and condition assessment of this Morris Canal site in Lopatcong that will guide the county's efforts to protect and interpret the archaeological resource.

## ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES

### **Evergreen Cemetery**

Evergreen Cemetery and Crematory in Hillside awarded \$50,000 for the preparation of a Cultural resource master plan that will examine the landscape, individual gravestones and historic buildings on the property.

## HERITAGE TOURISM EXERCISES

### **Bethlehem Loading Company**

Atlantic County Division of Parks and Recreation awarded \$30,000 for the development of an interpretative plan and materials to help visitors locate historic resources and understand the significance of this World War I-era site, now a recreational park in Estelle Manor.

### **Morris County Wayfinding Program**

Morris County Tourism Bureau awarded \$50,000 toward the development of wayfinding signage program that will benefit the county's heritage, cultural and artistic sites

### **Bartlett-Rockhill House**

Barnegat Bay Decoy & Baymen Museum in Tuckerton awarded \$35,616 for the preparation of a preservation plan and nomination to the National Register for this structure that is interpreted as a sea captain's house.

# ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST

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The Mission of the Trust is to advance historic preservation in New Jersey for the benefit of future generations through education, stewardship and financial investment programs that save our heritage and strengthen our communities.

The Historic Trust seeks to achieve its mission by serving as:

- *A leading voice for preservation at the state level.*
- *A catalyst for preservation and community revitalization activities.*
- *A full partner in state policy development.*

The Trust also provides financial support, protection and technical assistance through six programs:

- A total of \$60 million in matching grants for preservation planning and capital preservation projects was awarded from the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund from 2000-2009. This program continues the work of The Historic Preservation Bond Program that provided more than \$52 million in matching grants to 182 capital preservation projects from 1987 to 1997.
- The Trust offers long-term, low interest loans through the Historic Preservation Revolving Loan Fund, which provides for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation or restoration of historic properties.
- An Emergency Grant and Loan Fund has provided modest funds for critically needed work on endangered historic resources. (The grant portion of this program is temporarily suspended while new sources of funding are pursued.)
- In cooperation with the New Jersey Cultural Trust, Capital Preservation Grants Program provides funding to protect and improve historic properties that are used by organizations that have history or humanities programming.
- The Preservation Easement Program ensures the preservation of privately owned properties in perpetuity through the use of deed restrictions. The Trust initiated the first statewide program of this kind, which enables easement donors to take advantage of charitable deduction tax benefits.
- The Trust accepts donations of real estate through its New Jersey Legacies program. Property donors may realize income and estate tax benefits, and donated properties are resold by the Trust with protective easements to ensure their preservation.





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