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Annual Report



2006

“ Thanks to the support and foresight of the New Jersey Historic Trust, the South Jersey Tourism Corporation introduced the first interdisciplinary tourism product of its kind in New Jersey. This pilot project created a new tourism product where none existed before and has already produced impressive results. Press tours generated more than \$411,000 in trackable local and national publicity coverage and resulted in the tour being sold out as well as interest from group/bus tour operators who are now selling tour packages for the spring 2007 season. ”

John Seitter

On the Cover

The Castle at Felician College in Rutherford, Bergen County, preserved its Victorian style masonry through a \$750,000 matching grant from the Historic Trust. The restored building will eventually be used as a student center. Cover photographs courtesy of Historic Building Architects, LLC.

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G R E E T I N G S F R O M

Governor Corzine & Commissioner Levin

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present the 2006 New Jersey Historic Trust Annual Report, which describes many of the outstanding historic preservation projects that received funding in 2006 through the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund.



The stucco exterior, windows and porch of Croft Farm in Cherry Hill (Camden County) were restored with matching grant funds.

As the state's leading voice for historic preservation, the Trust has accomplished much since its creation 40 years ago. Since 2000, the Trust has awarded nearly \$44 million to help preserve 272 landmark properties through the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund. This program continues the significant funding of the Historic Preservation Bond program, which provided more than \$52 million in matching grants to 182 capital preservation projects between 1987 and 1997.

This report highlights the many projects the Historic Trust supported in 2006. In the last year, the Trust approved 119 requests totaling more than \$7 million in support of preservation projects in the state, and closed on 12 projects that represent an investment of more than \$25 million. The Trust also completed a 12-month strategic planning process.

New Jersey's historic sites symbolize our state's great past, present and future. Together, we can preserve these treasures for generations to come.

Thank you for your support in preserving New Jersey's history. We look forward to working with you on future preservation projects.

With regards,

Jon S. Corzine
Governor
State of New Jersey

Susan Bass Levin
Commissioner
Department of Community Affairs

M E S S A G E F R O M T H E

New Jersey Historic Trust

Dear Friends,

As the New Jersey Historic Trust looks ahead to the year 2007 and the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Trust's creation, we pause to reflect on the activity of the past 40 years, the accomplishments of the Trust and its grantees, and the challenges ahead. This year, the Historic Trust board concluded their year-long strategic planning process and developed a new mission statement, specific goals and tasks in the areas of preservation leadership, program stewardship and organizational capacity building. A few of the specific tasks are noted below:

- Support the reauthorization of the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) and funding for open space, farmland and historic preservation.
- Pursue additional stable sources of planning and capital funding and other financial incentives to support preservation of New Jersey's historic built environment.
- Create a voice for historic preservation values and concerns in state-level planning and development policy decisions.
- Maximize the public benefits resulting from the GSPT and other grants administered by the Trust.
- Administer an effective preservation easement program to ensure long-term protection of restored properties.
- Work with a wide range of public and private partners to have historic preservation support other community development goals.
- Ensure adequate staff, enhance board leadership, and work with partners to increase funding and support for the Historic Trust and historic preservation in New Jersey.

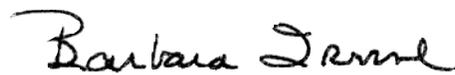
In the months to come, as we celebrate the accomplishments of 40 years of preservation, we will be equally mindful of the continued challenge and commitment to saving New Jersey's architectural treasures, historic landscapes and monumental landmarks for the appreciation of future generations.

Thank you for your continued support of the Historic Trust's preservation efforts.

Sincerely,



Carolann Clynes
Chair



Barbara Irvine
Executive Director

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Carolann Clynes (Chair), Union County

A professional real estate broker, former branch office manager and appraiser for 35 years, Ms. Clynes 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 Richardsonian-Romanesque town hall built in 1892 that had been slated for sale or demolition. Ms. Clynes is co-chair of the 40th Anniversary Planning Committee.

Joseph J. Alessandrine, Jr., M.G.A., Cape May County

Mr. Alessandrine is the Township Administrator in Dennis Township, Cape May County. A sitting Ocean City councilman since 1998, he continues to be a passionate advocate for the preservation of the historic Ocean City 4th Street Life Saving Station. Mr. Alessandrine currently chairs the Trust's Education and Outreach Committee.

Thomas H. Brown, Ph.D. Union County

Dr. Brown serves as President of Union County College, where he is responsible for 37,000 students in 89 programs of study at its main campus in Cranford, and additional branch and off-campus sites. Active in many community organizations throughout his teaching and administrative career, Dr. Brown currently serves on the boards of the Elizabeth Development Corporation and Union County Economic Development Corporation, in addition to serving on the Education and Outreach, and 40th Anniversary Planning Committees.

Daniel T. Campbell, Ph.D., J.D., Atlantic County

Dr. Campbell is the Historic Preservation Specialist at Batsto Village - Wharton State Forest, a state-owned historic site. Prior to entering the field of historic preservation, Dr. Campbell was a practicing attorney in his own firm, and represented Burlington County and the State of New Jersey. He has a Ph.D. from Temple University and currently serves on the Education and Outreach, and Legislation Committees.

Edward Fox, P.P., A.I.C.P. (Treasurer), Camden County

Mr. Fox is a licensed professional planner and Director of Planning at the Camden County Improvement Authority, where he previously served as Director of Smart Growth. In addition to his urban planning and redevelopment experience, Mr. Fox has a diverse background in environmental, historic preservation and farmland preservation issues. He currently chairs the Strategic Planning Committee and serves on the Grants and Loans Committee.

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

Mr. Hatch is an architect specializing in historic preservation design and the adaptive use of historic structures. He is a partner with more than 18 years experience at the Trenton-based firm of Clarke Caton Hintz. In addition, he serves on the boards of the Trenton Landmarks Commission, Trenton Historical Society and Preservation New Jersey. Mr. Hatch chairs the Easement Committee.

Mary-Anna Holden, Morris County

Ms. Holden is a board member of Preservation Action in Washington, D.C., a member of the executive committee of Preservation New Jersey, and an elected Madison Borough council member. Ms. Holden brings 25 years of experience in public and media relations to the Trust and chairs the Legislation Committee.

Deborah Marquis Kelly, 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 18 years and is currently its co-chair. Ms. Kelly chairs the Grants and Loans Committee.

Allen W. Kratz, J.D. (Secretary), Hudson County

Mr. Kratz is manager of property sales and acquisitions for New Jersey Transit, which has 48 rail stations listed on the National Register. An instructor in Drew University's Historic Preservation program, Mr. Kratz is a preservation advocate in the city of Hoboken and currently serves on the Easement Committee.

Chris Perks, P.E. (Vice Chair), Camden County

A civil engineer and president of Perks Reutter Associates who resides in Camden, Mr. Perks designs and manages a variety of surveying, civil engineering and building projects in Philadelphia and New Jersey communities. Active for many years with historic preservation organizations in South Jersey, he serves on the Grants and Loans Committee and the 40th Anniversary Planning Committee.

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. A real estate professional in Cape May, Mr. Zingman-Leith serves on the Education and Outreach Committee.

Historic Trust Staff

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Supervising Historic Preservation Specialist

“Today, thanks to the New Jersey Historic Trust’s guidance and financial assistance, the Old Commercial Bank Building as envisioned by Egg Harbor City is now the centerpiece of a multimillion dollar downtown revitalization project and will be the home of a public library that disappeared from the City’s landscape over a quarter century ago.”

Gordon Dahl
Executive Director
South Jersey Economic Development District

A Year In Review

Historic Trust Prepares to Mark 40 Years of Historic Preservation in New Jersey

The year 2007 will mark the 40th anniversary of the creation of the New Jersey Historic Trust and Historic Sites Council through landmark legislation signed by Governor Richard J. Hughes. The Historic Trust awards matching grants and low-interest loans for historic preservation projects, and the Historic Sites Council advises the State Historic Preservation Officer on possible encroachments to historic resources. Together these agencies have improved public awareness and support for the protection and preservation of valuable New Jersey historic sites for future generations.



The Willows at Fosterfields Historical Living History Farm in Morristown will be the site of a 40th anniversary reception for the Historic Trust and Historic Sites Council.

The anniversary will be celebrated during a special reception at Fosterfields Living History Farm in Morristown on the eve of the 2007 state historic preservation conference. Attendees will participate in a commemorative program and enjoy the farm's pastoral setting. Past and current leaders of the preservation movement will be honored during the evening, in recognition of the history of the historic preservation movement in New Jersey. The reception

is hosted by the Morris County Visitors Center, Morris County Park Commission and Friends of Fosterfields.

Strategic Planning Results in New Mission Statement and Historic Preservation Goals

In 2006, the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Historic Trust completed a 12-month strategic planning process that resulted in the creation of a new mission statement and specific mission-related goals for 2006 to 2008.

Professionals meet to discuss the technical challenges of preserving Lucy the Elephant in Margate. The Historic Trust staff guided a design charrette to address long-term issues.



The mission of the New Jersey Historic 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.
- A technical and financial resource for the stewardship of historic properties.

The Challenge

The Trust has accomplished much since its creation 40 years ago. Millions of dollars have been invested and hundreds of buildings have been restored. In New Jersey, however, there is still more to do. The preservation and revitalization of historic neighborhoods and communities have become as important as the preservation of individual sites. In our urban areas, uncontrolled development and demolition are now the major forces eroding New Jersey's rich stock of historic buildings.

In 2006, to begin addressing these challenges, the Historic Trust set for itself the following goals:

- Support reauthorization of the Garden State Preservation Trust and its funding for historic preservation projects.
- Establish stable sources of funding to support activities that contribute directly to the preservation and use of New Jersey's heritage resources.
- Increase visibility for heritage preservation and its ability to contribute to the vitality of New Jersey's economy and communities.
- Support effective collaboration among all state-level preservation related endeavors to maximize the public benefits from these efforts.

The Trust intends to advance historic preservation in New Jersey through state policies, funding programs and education initiatives that are sensitive to historic preservation.

The Historic Trust Publishes “The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, In The State of New Jersey, 1781-1783: An Historical and Architectural Survey”

Researched and written by historian Robert A. Selig, Ph.D., the survey is an in depth and detailed study of military marches through the State of New Jersey during the American Revolutionary War. The year 2006 marked the 225th anniversary of this historic military campaign, and the National Heritage Trail designation of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) is now under consideration by Congress.



Trust staff pose at the Old Barracks in Trenton with reenactors of the Washington Rochambeau march. The Trust funded an architectural study of this military movement through New Jersey.

The W3R survey in the State of New Jersey identifies the land and river routes that General Washington’s Continental Army and the comte de Rochambeau’s French forces took through New Jersey in August and September of 1781 on their way to victory at Yorktown, and identifies associated sites and resources along those routes. The survey also provides a historical narrative of the campaign of 1781 around the identified sites and resources that focuses on the marches through New Jersey rather than the siege and victory at Yorktown. The study develops recommendations for interpretation of these sites and resources. The information will support potential archeological surveys and excavations of the campsites, routes, and other physical evidence of the presence of the American and French armies in New Jersey from 1781 to 1783.

The entire three volume study is available for downloading via the Trust’s web site:

<http://njht.org/dca/njht/publ/W3RReport.html>

Three New Jersey Historic Trust Grant Recipients Receive Preservation Honors

Three New Jersey Historic Trust grant recipients were among the resources and organizations honored by the New Jersey Office of Historic Preservation and the New Jersey Historic Sites Council in 2006. The annual awards recognize individuals, groups and agencies that are working to preserve the state's valuable historic resources, and are presented in celebration of National Historic Preservation Month each May. These three honored sites received grant support from the New Jersey Historic Trust:



Phoenix House Restoration, Mendham Borough (Morris County)

The Phoenix House was constructed in the early 19th century, and was originally used as an inn and boarding school. Since 1938, the Borough of Mendham has used the building as municipal offices. A planning grant and capital preservation grant from the Historic Trust, totaling \$299,669, helped fund the assessment, preservation of the building, improvement of mechanical systems and creation of barrier-free access.

Smithville Historic Park, Eastampton Township (Burlington County)

An active milling site since the 18th century, Smithville's 25 surviving buildings are now part of a 200-acre county park and greenway system. Two capital grants and one planning grant from the Historic Trust, totaling \$1,788,563, have helped fund the restoration of the Park Avenue streetscape and continue to support the stabilization of numerous historic structures within the park.



St. Peter's Episcopal Church Restoration, Perth Amboy (Middlesex County)

The congregation's origins date back to 1685 and the Gothic Revival church was built in 1853. Today, the facilities now house important community services. Two capital grants from the Historic Trust, totaling \$493,211, helped fund two phases of a \$1.4 million capital campaign to address exterior preservation needs.

Trust Board Members Celebrate Completed Projects and Trust Staff Reaches Out to New Audiences

Trust board members attended a variety of events celebrating the success of Trust-funded construction projects throughout the state. The Eversole Hall House in Readington, Nathaniel Drake House in Plainfield, Franklin School in Cape May, and Ahavas Shalom Synagogue in Newark were among the sites that hosted events and special tours to showcase their successful preservation projects.

Staff members continued outreach to new audiences, presenting workshops and providing reference materials at a number of events including Preservation New Jersey's workshop for "Properties at Risk," Hudson County's Green Acres Workshop, the Governor's Conference on Tourism, the Annual League of Municipalities Conference, Salem County's Open Space and Preservation Workshop and the Union County Historic Preservation Workshop.

In collaboration with the Historical Commission and State Museum, the Trust presented the first "Best Practices" Workshop for history organizations. The 2006 workshop, entitled "Mission and Governance," was the first in a series of workshops designed to assist nonprofit history organizations with stewardship and fiscal management responsibilities. Additional workshops on other topics will be scheduled in 2007 and beyond.



Former Trust Chair Dr. Thomas Brown helps the Plainfield Historical Society celebrate the start of construction at the Nathaniel Drake House in Plainfield, Union County.

“The New Jersey Historic Trust's matching grant program has enabled the City of Plainfield to update our City Hall Preservation Plan. The grant also made it possible to undertake much needed exterior restoration of Plainfield City Hall. Financially, the City could not burden the entire cost of the restoration- the matching grant is making it possible to bring our Neo-Georgian style City Hall back to its original, historic splendor.”

*Scott Bauman, PP / AICP
Principal Planner
Plainfield Planning Division*

Completed Projects

From October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006, the Trust approved 119 reimbursement requests totaling more than \$7 million in support of preservation projects in the state.

The following 12 projects were closed last year and represent a public/private investment of more than \$25 million.

Historic Site Management Grants

Historic Site Management Grants support planning exercises that promote effective management at historic sites.

Construction Documents

This grant helped fund the preparation of plans and specifications for future preservation work.

Collings-Knight House, Collingswood in Camden County, \$10,500

Preservation Plans

These grants helped fund the preparation of plans that include building conditions analysis, identification of historic elements, and recommendations for immediate, short and long-term preservation activities.

Trenton Masonic Temple, Trenton in Mercer County, \$50,000

(Grantee: Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in New Jersey)

St. Georges-by-the-River, Rumson in Monmouth County, \$25,597

(Grantee: St. George's by the River)

Van Bunschooten House, Wantage Township in Sussex County, \$31,313

(Grantee: Daughters of the American Revolution, Chinkchewunaska Chapter)

Raritan Firehouse, Raritan in Somerset County, \$47,431 and construction documents

(Grantee: Raritan Borough)

Crescent Theater, Sussex in Sussex County, \$27,375 and National Register nomination

(Grantee: Tri-State Actors Theater)



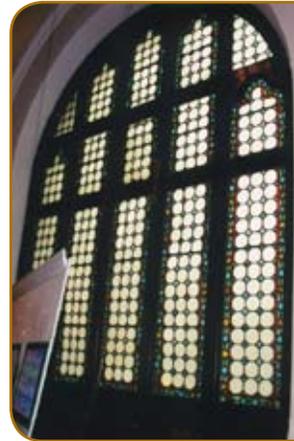
Relief House #2,
Raritan Firehouse

Other Projects

These grants helped fund the preparation of specialized plans that meet the unique preservation needs of specific sites.

*Barron Arts Center, Woodbridge in Middlesex County, \$9,000
for a stained glass window assessment
(Grantee: Woodbridge Township)*

*Abraham Staats House, South Bound Brook in Somerset County,
\$7,763 for an archaeological investigation
(Grantee: South Bound Brook Historic Commission)*



Barron Arts Center,
Woodbridge

Capital Preservation Grants

These grants helped support the ‘bricks and mortar’ repair, preservation, restoration and adaptive use construction work necessary to maintain historic properties.

Defining the Type of Capital Preservation Project

Preservation – sustaining the existing form, integrity and materials of a historic property. Work, including preliminary measures to protect and stabilize the property, generally focuses on the maintenance and repair of historic materials and features rather than extensive replacement and new construction.

- Example – The Castle at Felician College preserved its exterior masonry through repointing and gentle cleaning.

Restoration – accurately depicting the form, features, and character of a property as it appeared at a particular period of time by removing features from other periods in its history and reconstructing missing features from the original period.

- Example – The historic finishes (floors, walls and ceiling) of the Court Tennis Court at Georgian Court University were restored to their turn-of-the-century appearance.

Rehabilitation - repairing a property for contemporary use while preserving historically significant portions and features of the building.

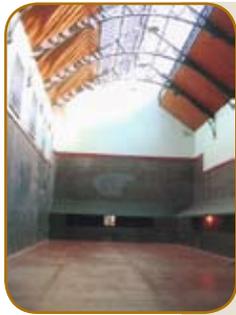
- Example – The Old Jail in Bergen County has outlived its use as a correctional facility and was adapted to create storage space and office for the county’s archives and records storage. The interior was modified, but the historic exterior appearance was preserved.

Completed Projects



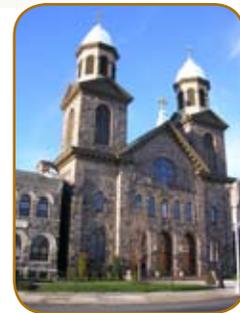
First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Salem, Salem County - received a \$371,460 matching grant that helped fund the restoration of the masonry exterior and stained glass windows.

Old Jail, Hackensack, Bergen County - received a \$637,057 matching grant toward the restoration and adaptive use of the jail for records storage.



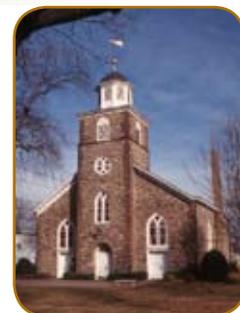
Georgian Court University Court Tennis Court, Lakewood, Ocean County - received a \$168,723 matching grant that helped fund the restoration of historic finishes and accessibility improvements to the turn-of-the-century court tennis court.

Sacred Heart Church, Trenton, Mercer County - received a \$282,953 matching grant that helped fund stabilization repairs, accessibility improvements and restoration of the masonry towers on the façade of this inner city house of worship.



Castle at Felician College, Rutherford, Bergen County - received a \$750,000 matching grant that helped fund the exterior restoration of this Victorian style masonry building that will eventually be used as a student center.

Wyckoff Reformed Church, Wyckoff, Bergen County - received a \$114,991 matching grant that helped fund the structural stabilization of the first floor and bell tower of the early 19th century house of worship.



2006 Grantees

New Jersey Cultural Trust Capital Preservation Grants

The New Jersey Historic Trust is authorized by the New Jersey Cultural Trust to make capital facilities grant award recommendations for funding to the Cultural Trust. These grants help support stabilization, repair, restoration, adaptive reuse and improvements to cultural or historic properties.

In 2006, the NJ Cultural Trust approved the NJ Historic Trust's recommendations to award \$253,848 in grants to 9 capital preservation projects located throughout the state in the second year of this funding program.

Projects are listed alphabetically by county:

Absecon Lighthouse, Atlantic City, Atlantic County -
received \$30,000 to recondition the exterior coating of the lighthouse.
(Grantee: Inlet Public/Private Association, Inc.)



Whitesbog Village, Browns Mills, Burlington County -
received \$30,000 for roof replacement of Suningive cottage.
(Grantee: Whitesbog Preservation Trust)

“Absecon Lighthouse, located in the Inlet section of Atlantic City, was neglected for decades. It was restored and opened to the public in 1999. It is now a thriving historic site, with over twelve events each year attracting members of the community, educational programs for children, and being cared for by over thirty dedicated local volunteers. The Light shines again in this community!”

*Jean Muchanic
Executive Director
Absecon Lighthouse*



USS Battleship New Jersey, Camden, Camden County - received \$30,000 for restoration of historic finishes in below-deck tour area. (Grantee: Home Port Alliance)

Emlen Physick House, Cape May, Cape May County - received \$30,000 for window restoration. (Grantee: Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts)



Updike Farm, Princeton, Mercer County - received \$30,000 for roof replacement. (Grantee: Historical Society of Princeton)

Centennial Cottage, Ocean Grove, Monmouth County - received \$15,216 for roof replacement. (Grantee: Historical Society of Ocean Grove)



Vanderveer House, Bedminster, Somerset County - received \$30,000 for accessibility improvements. (Grantee: Friends of the Vanderveer House)

Summit Public Library/Playhouse, Summit, Union County - received \$30,000 for masonry restoration. (Grantee: Summit Playhouse Assoc.)



Caldwell Parsonage, Union, Union County - received \$28,632 for chimney restoration and electrical upgrades. (Grantee: Union Township Historical Society)

New Jersey Historic Trust

Established in 1967, the New Jersey Historic Trust is the only nonprofit historic preservation organization in New Jersey created by state law. The Trust provides financial support, protection and technical assistance through six active programs:

The Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund guarantees funding through fiscal year 2009, allowing the Trust to meet New Jersey's capital preservation needs. Since 2000, nearly \$44 million has been awarded to help preserve 272 landmark properties. This program continues the significant funding of the Historic Preservation Bond Program (1987-1997), which provided more than \$52 million in matching grants to 182 capital preservation projects.

The Cultural Trust Capital Preservation Grant Program awards funds to nonprofit history or humanity organizations for stabilization, preservation and accessibility improvement projects at historic properties. This program is administered in cooperation with the New Jersey Cultural Trust.

The Historic Preservation Revolving Loan Fund provides long-term, low-interest loans for the acquisition, rehabilitation or restoration of historic properties.

The Emergency Grant and Loan Fund provides limited seed funds for critically needed work on endangered historic properties.

The Preservation Easement Program ensures the protection of privately owned historic properties in perpetuity, through the use of deed restrictions. Property owners may be eligible for charitable deduction tax benefits through this program.

The New Jersey Legacies Program encourages the donation of historic real estate to the Trust, and donors may realize significant income and estate tax benefits. Donated real estate is protected by historic preservation easements before resale.

“With the support from the New Jersey Historic Trust, Save Ellis Island has been able to significantly raise public awareness about the thirty unrestored buildings on Ellis Island under New Jersey sovereignty, and move towards opening these buildings to the public for the first time in fifty years.”

*Dorothy W. Hartman
Director of Education and Public Programs
Save Ellis Island, Inc.*

New Jersey Historic Trust

The efforts to preserve the Fleming Castle have increased community participation through our monthly open houses and interest in tours by local organizations such as women's clubs, church groups, Red Hat Society, and docents from other local museums. School children encourage their families to visit as a follow-up to our outreach Traveling Trunk program presented to all 2nd graders as part of their study of Colonial times and local history.

*Janice Armstrong, Education Director
Fleming Castle Museum*

St. John's has been the recipient of a significant matching grant to restore our beautiful buildings. The impact of such a grant has continued to build an even stronger sense of community within the church and in the greater Somerville area. Our church is very mission-outreach oriented and well-known in the Somerville community for being not only the church with big red doors but the church who cares deeply for people in need.

*Fr. Ron Pollock
Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Somerville*

The Millville Army Air Field Museum is creating a nationally recognized library and education center to preserve and teach WWII history. The building renovation made possible through a grant from the NJ Historic Trust will provide opportunities for education of local and national history students and teachers through our collection of rare WWII aviation books, films, and pilot histories.

*Lisa Jester , Executive Director
Millville Army Air Field Museum*

The impacts are several - since the building (Long House) is a Village focal point, its construction has created enormous curiosity about its eventual outcome. The public is eagerly watching the building come apart, be repaired and reassembled, resulting in additional memberships, restoration donations and expressions of encouragement for the complete restoration.

*Ludmila F. French, Treasurer
Help Our Preservation Effort - HOPE*

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THE

New Jersey Historic Trust

The mission statement of Congregation Ahavas Sholom includes the Hebrew phrase “tikun olam”, which is defined as “the healing of the world”. The rededication of our stained-glass façade at the conclusion of our Trust-financed project brought together community leaders of all faiths and political leaders of local, state and the nation. The speeches by our Congregational President, Eric P. Freedman, our Mayor Cory Booker and our Senator Frank Lautenberg, all spoke of the need for our varied institutions to seek common ground for the advancement of a civil society.

*Leonard Sanders, Project Manager
Congregation Ahavas Sholom
Newark*

Our ongoing restoration of a key landmark, along with other important Trust funded projects in Cape May, has intensified an already strong awareness of the importance of historic preservation to keep Cape May an important year around cultural tourism destination as well as a wonderful place to live and work.

*Tom Carroll
Chair, Restoration Committee
Cape May Stage/Project Encore*

With matching funds from the New Jersey Historic Trust, Woodbury’s train station now hosts several civic organizations, a restaurant and a permanent historical exhibit. It has been the linchpin for the revitalization of that area of town, with a thriving farmer’s market and public garden now in place.

*Mrs. Rebecca L. Baum, Secretary
Woodbury Old-City Restoration Committee*

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New Jersey Historic Trust

The award for this project has given our members a positive view of the future of our Meeting House and has spurred fund raising efforts to compliment future grants to complete the preservation. The stable outlook generates confidence to press on with increasing our membership and engagement in community service..

*Ralph Hallowell
Treasurer and Representative
Trenton Meeting of Friends*

The preservation project to restore the Historic Richardson Avenue School and preserve the Mount Zion AME Church and Cemetery have served as a mission that is bringing people from different walks of life together. People are learning of the richness of the history in Swedesboro/Woolwich Township and how it is our collective responsibility to preserve it. Preserving the past is building new friendships for the future.

*Karyn Collier Fisher
Historic Educational Lodge-Hall Preservatory, Inc. (HELP, Inc.)*

Trust funded preservation projects for the Morris County Park Commission have been instrumental in expanding the visitation, helping diversify the audiences, and helping achieve the long-range vision of preserving and interpreting all of the extant buildings at Fosterfields. These projects have also served as model preservation projects within Morris County.

*Mark Texel
Historic Sites Director
Morris County Park Commission*

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THE

New Jersey Historic Trust

This grant has made a very important difference in the Mountain Lakes Dams project. It not only has helped with the expenses of a very expensive project, but the Trust's involvement has made the Township of Princeton see this public open space with a different perspective. The involvement of a historic preservation specialist in the dams' restoration will make the design a more sensitive one.

*Christine M. Lewandoski, PP, AICP
Deputy Development/ Historic Preservation Officer
Township of Princeton*

It is impossible to put a value on what the three New Jersey Historic Trust Grants have done for the Borough of Swedesboro. Perhaps the biggest impact has been increased cooperation with the school districts who annually tour "Old Swedes" and its historic cemeteries. The majority of these 4th Grade students are new to the area and it has raised an awareness of the history in the area as well as appreciation for all that has been accomplished.

*Edie Sharp
Trinity Old Swedes Church*

We are fortunate in that the site is already an integral part of the Stockton community. As it has for the past 175 years, this site educates our children. In the process of gaining approval for this project, the people of Stockton examined the importance of our little school and had the opportunity to reflect on its rich history. This preservation does more than preserve a building - it preserves the core of our community and the sacred trust that has been passed down over the years.

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