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Funding African American Preservation

In June 2007, the **National Trust for Historic Preservation's** Northeast Office allocated \$10,000 for grants to support projects that help preserve historic resources associated with African American history. Four organizations were awarded \$2,500 each to complete feasibility studies, fundraising plans, and historic resource surveys.

The **Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation** is working with the John E. Rogers African American Cultural Center in Hartford to complete a fundraising plan and feasibility study for the vacant Northwest District School building, and to develop a design and content strategy for future exhibition spaces.

The **Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail**, is working in Kittery Point, ME, to design and cost the conversion of the large 1940s garage at Rock Rest into a multi-purpose interpretive center, and to complete a fundraising plan to preserve this unique African American guesthouse.

The **Historic Districts Council** of New York City, NY, is working to complete an intensive historic resources survey of the Addisleigh Park neighborhood, known for its vibrant African American community in the 1940s.

The **Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia** is identifying and collecting descriptive information about African American churches in Philadelphia, making it available for writing National Register nominations, and preparing a "model" nomination for use by other churches.



One of the Addisleigh Park homes being surveyed by the Historic District Council of New York City, NY.

As the Northeast Office continues to build momentum in the African American preservation community, we strive to support projects that add to the body of knowledge regarding African American life, and to advocate for the preservation of the architectural history of the African American community. There is still much work to be done that contributes to the collective understanding of African American history in the Northeast.

We are pleased to announce a second grant opportunity to support African American preservation. As part of our June 2008 grant round, we invite applications for projects that center on historic resources associated with African American history. Before submitting an application, please contact Brent Leggs, Program Assistant in the Northeast Office, via brent_leggs@nthp.org or at (617) 523-0885.

TCLF Announces Its "Heroes of Horticulture"

The **Cultural Landscape Foundation**, *Garden Design* magazine, and the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film recently announced the 2007 *Landslide* designees: **Heroes of Horticulture**.

Landslide is a yearly designation of significant landscapes at risk of being lost. Designees are chosen to highlight current issues in landscape preservation and interpretation.

This year's list consists of horticultural features that are associated with historically important people and events that have shaped our communities and culture. The twenty-one sites have stood steadfast in the face of nearly insurmountable natural and cultural odds and so have borne witness to our nation's heritage.



The Tree Peony Collection at Linwood Gardens in Pavilion, NY, is one of the Cultural Landscape Foundation's 21 Heroes of Horticulture. Photo copyright: Roger Bruce.

Important Dates and Deadlines

March 12-15—The **Traditional Building Exhibition and Conference** takes place in Boston, MA. This is the largest trade-show and conference dedicated to historic restoration, renovation and traditionally inspired new construction. Attendees can choose from more than 80 seminars, workshops, and tours, and see live demonstrations of traditional building techniques. A **coupon for free admission** to the Exhibit Hall is available to Northeast Preservation News readers.

March 15—Deadline for applications to the **Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program** of the **National Park Service** which provides career exploration opportunities for diverse undergraduate and graduate students in historic preservation and cultural resources work. The program places interns with National Park Service park units and administrative offices, other federal agencies, state historic preservation offices, local governments, and private organizations.

March 22—The **Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia** hosts the **2008 Old House Fair** in Philadelphia. This year's fair features 75 vendors specializing in service and products for owners of older and historic homes, numerous demonstrations and presentations throughout the day by preservation and restoration specialists, the Restore Media Resource Center, and the presentation of the 2008 Awards of Recognition to honor the preservation work of homeowners.

March 30-April 2—The **National Trust Main Street Center** hosts the **National Main Streets Conference** in Philadelphia, PA. This year's conference will explore the ways entrepreneurship and diversity enrich commercial district. The conference is open to everyone interested in community revitalization: beginner, expert, small town or urban business district.

April 11-12—The **New Hampshire Preservation Alliance** hosts its spring networking and educational conference, "**Preserving Community Character**," in Plymouth. The conference focuses on community engagement and preservation planning. Attendees will learn about the links between sustainability, economy and historic preservation; saving community landmarks; best practices for managing growth and change; partnerships for protecting natural and historic resources; public history projects; communication and fundraising strategies; and more.

April 12—The **Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission** presents the **23rd Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference, "Preservation Past, Present and Future,"** in Providence. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Rhode Island's Historic Preservation Act, and the conference will use this as a starting point to explore the past, present and future of preservation in the state.

April 30—Deadline for nominations to **The Cultural Landscape Foundation's 2008 Landslide** program, **Marvels of Modernism**. TCLF is dedicated to increasing awareness of the important legacy of America's cultural landscapes, and through its *Landslide* initiative spotlights significant public and private landscapes at risk. This year's theme calls attention to the diverse and unique Post-War garden and landscape heritage.

May 2—The **Preservation Trust of Vermont**, the **Vermont Division for Historic Preservation**, and the **Town of Brandon** present the **14th Annual Historic Preservation Conference, "Arts, Historic Preservation and Community Development,"** in Brandon, featuring keynote speaker David Macaulay, award-winning author of *The Way Things Work*.

National Trust for Historic Preservation Statewide & Local Partners in the Northeast Region

Statewide Partners

Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation; Preservation Delaware; Preservation Massachusetts; Maine Preservation; New Hampshire Preservation Alliance; Preservation New Jersey; Preservation League of New York State; Preservation Pennsylvania; Preserve Rhode Island; Preservation Trust of Vermont

Local Partners

CT: Hartford Preservation Alliance, New Haven Preservation Trust ME: Greater Portland Landmarks MA: Boston Preservation Alliance,

Historic Boston, Inc., Preservation Worcester, Waterfront Historic Area League (WHALE) NY: Landmark Society of Western New York, The New York Landmarks Conservancy PA: Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation, Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia RI: Providence Preservation Society

Statewide Main Street Programs

Connecticut Main Street Center; Delaware Main Street Program; Boston Main Streets (Boston, MA); Maine Downtown Center; New Hampshire Main Street Center; Main Street New Jersey; Office of Community Development (PA); Pennsylvania Downtown Center; Vermont Downtown Program

Preservation Leadership Training

June 21-28, Portland, ME in partnership with Greater Portland Landmarks

PLT is an intensive one-week program that provides participatory learning experiences in leadership and organizational development; stimulating education sessions; and up-to-the-minute information on current preservation practices, issues and action strategies.

PLT is for board members and staff of preservation organizations and agencies, and others who are in positions to influence preservation efforts in their communities.

Applications must be received by March 31. For more information call (202) 588-6067, e-mail plt@nthp.org, or visit the **National Trust for Historic Preservation's website**.

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To learn about the latest developments in preservation and how you can become a member of the **National Trust for Historic Preservation**, send an e-mail to nero@nthp.org to join our mailing list or to request membership information.