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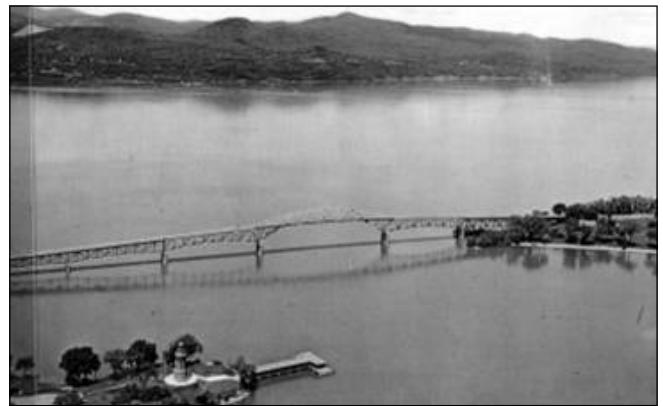
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SIGNIFICANT SPANS: BRIDGE PROJECTS AND THREATS ABOUND IN THE NORTHEAST

While it is not unusual for the National Trust for Historic Preservation to work to save historic bridges, over the past several months the Northeast Office has been contending with a host of threats related to significant spans. We are responding to these issues in coordination with our statewide and local partners, using legal tools and advocacy strategies. The following are a few examples of the issues we are dealing with more and more.

The 1929 **Lake Champlain Bridge** connects Crown Point, NY and Chimney Point, VT. Combining through truss and deck truss construction, it is a particularly elegant span. Now that the bridge has been determined National Register-eligible, the states of Vermont and New York are working to integrate the required federal preservation review into early planning for a project to rehabilitate or replace the bridge. The National Trust and our partners are ready to show that rehabilitation is the only reasonable solution for this treasured resource.



Lake Champlain Bridge
Photo Credit: Vermont Historical Society

The **Memorial Bridge** over the Piscataqua between Kittery, ME and Portsmouth, NH was included on our 2009 list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. Built in 1923 to commemorate servicemembers of World War I, the bridge was the first major vertical lift bridge in the eastern US. While the states of Maine and New Hampshire had reached an agreement to combine rehabilitation of the signature central element of the bridge with replacement of the lesser elements, when bids came back higher than expected, Maine demurred. After strong advocacy from communities and preservationists in both states and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, we are pleased to report that Maine very recently agreed to join New Hampshire in applying for federal stimulus funding, in a renewed effort advance toward rehabilitation without further delay.

Finally, we remain actively engaged to save the historic neighborhood threatened by a project related to the **Peace Bridge**, in Buffalo, NY. Listed on the 2008 11 Most Endangered list, the neighborhood is imperiled by plans to greatly expand the border control plaza on the US side of the bridge. Most recently, the Northeast Office worked quickly with our statewide and local partners to stop the Public Bridge Authority from demolishing the historic buildings they own in the neighborhood before completion of the required preservation review.

2009 National Preservation Conference October 13-17, 2009

Start planning your trip to Nashville, Tennessee! Online registration is now open. Early bird registration ends July 31, 2009. For more conference information, click [HERE](#).

AND THE WINNER IS...

Presented with an unusual opportunity to engage the public in preservation grant making, the Northeast Office and American Express launched the community-based **Partners in Preservation program in Greater Boston in April 2009**. An initiative that provides \$1 million in restoration grants to historic sites, this innovative online program encourages local residents and people across the country to participate by voting for their favorite historic place from a diverse slate of 25 sites. The winner of the popular vote receives their grant request, up to \$100,000. For 34 days, hundreds of thousands of individuals visited the Partners in Preservation website, voting for their favorite Greater Boston site, adding personal stories about each place, and sharing photos.

Announced on May 18, the public vote winner is...the **Paragon Carousel in Hull!** Garnering 15% of all votes submitted, they will receive a \$100,000 Partners in Preservation grant. This money will go toward installing historically accurate doors and restoring the original windows of the 12-sided building that houses the carousel — one of only three such buildings in the U.S. still housing its original carousel. This win is a huge achievement for a small grassroots organization that leveraged all resources available to them, including technical preservation assistance from the Massachusetts Circuit Rider program, a partnership of Preservation Massachusetts and the Northeast Office.



Paragon Carousel Photo Credit: Warren Jagger

But the Partners in Preservation program is about so much more than grant funding. One of the major goals of the program is to engage the community to help build support for the sites and for the organizations that run them. All 25 sites who participated in the program were provided with training and resources to make the most of the opportunity, and were guided in their effort to be strategic about leveraging the publicity and spotlight of the program to further not only their specific preservation project, but also the broader message of their organization and needs.

Many of the sites have told us they are awed by the impact of being involved in such a public program. For some, it has been, in their own words “transformational” and it has raised awareness and support for their organization beyond their expectations.

The awards were made as follows:

Paragon Carousel - \$100,000
Crane Estate - \$50,000
Edgell Memorial Library - \$100,000
Eliot Congregational Church - \$75,000
José Mateo Ballet Theatre - \$100,000
Lowell's Boat Shop - \$86,200
Museum of African-American History - \$100,000
Old North Church - \$18,000
Perkins School for the Blind - \$60,000
Salem Old Town Hall - \$75,000
United First Parish Church - \$80,000
Vilna Shul - \$90,800

“Partners in Preservation is such a unique program because it not only offers financial support for treasured historic places, it also brings communities together to show their dedication for the places that matter to them,” said David Brown, Executive Vice President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. “With over two and a half million page views to the Partners in Preservation website, we know this program has helped to raise awareness of the importance of historic preservation in the Greater Boston area.”

After the public voting period ended, an Advisory Committee comprised of Greater Boston preservation and civic leaders, along with

American Express and National Trust representatives, then looked at the voting results along with each sites proposed project and the grant criteria to award the remaining \$900,000 in grant funds. In addition, the remaining 13 participating sites each received a \$5,000 recognition award to help with their on-going preservation efforts.

The Greater Boston area is the fourth region to host the Partners in Preservation program and receive funding from American Express, which previously supported preservation projects in San Francisco, Chicago and New Orleans. Together, American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation are redefining preservation across the country through the Partners in Preservation program.

Congratulations to all of the sites!

UPCOMING DATES, DEADLINES AND EVENTS

JULY

Learn the basics of cemetery landscape preservation at the **Cemetery Preservation Landscape Workshop in Brookline, Massachusetts July 29-30, 2009**. Instruction will include both lecture and hands-on demonstrations. The deadline for registration is July 10, 2009. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Preservation Massachusetts is now accepting nominations for the **2009 Massachusetts Most Endangered Historic Resources list**. Nominations are due **July 31, 2009**. Visit Preservation Massachusetts website [HERE](#) or more information and nomination forms.

AUGUST

Join the **New Hampshire Preservation Alliance** on Saturday, **August 1**, 9am-12 noon for an information program on ways you can retrofit your historic home to increase energy efficiency while maintaining historic character. The event will take place at the Dimond Hill Farm in Concord, NH. For more information, click [HERE](#).

SEPTEMBER

Grab your Camera! The National Park Service is proud to announce the **Tenth Annual National Historic Landmarks Photo Contest**. NPS is looking for fantastic photographs that illustrate the significance of the over 2,500 National Historic Landmarks, our nation's most significant treasures. The winning photographs, including one from each NPS region and the national winner will be featured in the 2010 calendar. All entries must be received by **September 4, 2009**. Official entry rules and a list of designated National Historic Landmarks are available online [HERE](#).

The **Association of Preservation Technology - Northeast Chapter** invites the submission of presentations for the February 5, 2010 Symposium to be held in New York City. The focus of the Symposium will be Energy Efficiency, Insulation and Historic Building Envelopes. Abstract submissions are due **September 17, 2009**. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Nominations for the **2009 Seven to Save list**, a program of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, are due **September 18, 2009**. For more information and nomination forms, click [HERE](#).

New Canaan Moderns: A Request for Qualifications announcement will be issued on **September 10, 2009** for a multiple property nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for Modern residences in Connecticut and the corresponding nomination of qualifying Modern residences in New Canaan, Connecticut. For a look at the New Canaan Moderns survey work to date, please visit www.preservationnation.org/modernhomesurvey. If you would like the RFQ e-mailed to you on September 10th, please send your contact information to alicia_leuba@nthp.org with "RFQ Request" written in the subject line.

OCTOBER

Don't delay in registering for the **2009 National Preservation Conference October 13-17, 2009 in Nashville, Tennessee!** Early bird registration ends July 31, 2009. For more conference information, click [HERE](#).

Head to the C. Walsh Theater at Suffolk University for **Abolitionism in Black and White: The Anti-Slavery Community of Boston and Cambridge Symposium, October 23 and 24, 2009**. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

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