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AFRICAN AMERICAN SITES IN THE NORTHEAST GET A BOOST FROM THE 1772 FOUNDATION

As the National Trust for Historic Preservation works to advance the preservation of African American historic resources, we are strongly encouraged by our growing partnership with The 1772 Foundation. The Northeast Office and the foundation are collaborating to protect and preserve places that matter most in African American history. To this end, The 1772 Foundation, a national preservation funder, will allocate a portion of their 2010 funding specifically for African American preservation projects in the Northeast region. The Northeast Office will refer and review grant proposals for construction/restoration projects and site-based educational programming, such as a statewide Black Heritage Trail.

The 1772 Foundation has announced that grant funding will be made available for African American sites that have a 501(c)(3) IRS designation. All organizations who wish to be considered should send a letter of inquiry through the foundation's website at www.1772foundation.org starting November 1, 2009. The contact should reference announcement AFAM2010. Letters of inquiry are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Not all letters of inquiry will result in an invitation to submit a full application.

If invited to submit a full application, the organization will put forward a proposal during one of three grant rounds: December 2009, April 2010, or July 2010. Proposals may come from one of these 10 northeastern states: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

In this economic climate, as many sites understand, it is difficult to secure funding to restore, preserve, and promote the rich African American architectural history in the north. The Northeast Office is exceptionally pleased to work in partnership with The 1772 Foundation to support those working to preserve places of importance in African American history. We thank The 1772 Foundation for its generosity and vision for advancing African American preservation.



The Royall House and Slave Quarters in Medford, MA is a National Historic Landmark built in 1732. The National Trust's Northeast Office and The 1772 Foundation consulted together on construction and funding needs of the organization.

RHODE ISLAND SETS PRECEDENT ON GAS METER LEGISLATION

The Rhode Island General Assembly recently passed precedent-setting legislation that merits preservation activists' notice. It requires gas companies to consult with property owners prior to installing gas meters or regulators to ascertain where owners wish to locate the hardware. It requires utilities to avoid placing the equipment in visible locations without owner consent and only unless no prudent and feasible alternative is available. In designated local historic districts, the utility must now obtain a certificate of approval from the historic district commission along with owner approval.



Photo courtesy of Preserve Rhode Island

National Grid, Rhode Island's natural gas purveyor, began installing gas meters on the fronts of houses in Providence's Broadway-Armory Historic District . . . and did so

without any owner consultation. Neighborhood residents – many of whom have devoted years to restoring their Greek Revival and Victorian-era homes – were outraged. Imagine coming home after a hard day's work and finding a battery of grey steel bolted to the front of your house!

That's exactly what happened to State Representative Steven Costantino, the powerful chairman of the RI House Finance Committee who lives in the Broadway-Armory neighborhood. He, his Senate colleague Paul Jabour, and City Councilor John Lombardi joined neighborhood and preservation leaders – including the National Trust for Historic Preservation – in efforts to press National Grid to respect the historic district by leaving the meters in the basements or putting them in less visible locations. They asked National Grid to give property owners the courtesy of a consultation beforehand. National Grid refused.

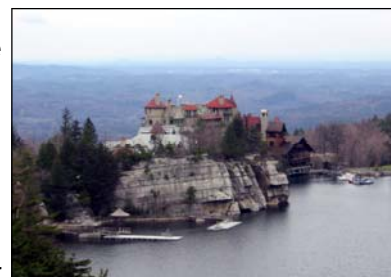
Now, Rhode Island has legislation requiring consultation, and requiring visually unobtrusive location of gas meters and regulators. Follow this link to read the bill as passed: <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText09/SenateText09/S0107A.pdf>.

JOIN THE NATIONAL TRUST AND KEEP UP WITH NEWS OF THE NORTHEAST

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

SAVE THE DATE

Executive directors, northeast advisors, and other invited guests, please mark your calendars for the next **Northeast Regional Preservation Leadership Meeting to be held April 18 - 20, 2010**. The meeting will convene at the Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, NY, a fantastic *Historic Hotel of America* in the Hudson River Valley.



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Statewide Partners

Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation; Maine Preservation; New Hampshire Preservation Alliance; Preservation Delaware; Preservation League of New York State; Preservation Massachusetts; Preservation New Jersey; 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, Municipal Art Society of New York, The New York Landmarks Conservancy, Preservation Buffalo Niagara PA: Lower Merion Conservancy, Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation, Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia RI: Providence Preservation Society

Main Street Programs

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

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UPCOMING DATES, DEADLINES AND EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Drexel University's Goodwin College of Professional Studies new Leading-Edge Historic Preservation Network continuing education program is having a workshop, **"An Introduction to Preservation for Working Professionals" on November 12, 2009** from 10am-1pm at Eastern State Penitentiary, 22nd Street and Fairmount Avenue, Philadelphia, PA. The cost for each event is \$50 and space is limited. For more information email Rosalie Guzofsky at rg384@drexel.edu, or call 267-978-0839. Visit www.drexel.edu/goodwin/continuing.

Don't miss the half-hour television show **Living Modern in Connecticut: An exploration of the iconic buildings of modern architecture in Connecticut**. From the groundbreaking Glass House designed by Philip Johnson to the unique Phoenix "boat building" in Hartford to a "modern landmark on Main Street," is Connecticut's world-renowned Modernist architecture in danger of disappearing? Diane Smith reports on the threat and the fight to save them. The show will air on CPTV **Thursday, November 12** at 9 p.m. (Repeats: Saturday, November 14 at 6 p.m. Sunday, November 15 at 4 p.m.; and Sunday, November 22 at 10:30 p.m.).

The New York Landmarks Conservancy is hosting a seminar **Preservation is Sustainability: How to Make Your Historic House More Energy Efficient** on **November 12, 2009** from 6-8pm. The seminar will feature a group of preservationists and architects who will provide a critical framework and practical advice on sustainability in historic houses. Location: Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, 85 South Oxford Street, Brooklyn, NY. Tickets: \$5.00 Contact Meral Agish at meralgish@nylandmarks.org or call 212.995.5260 to register. For more information, visit www.nylandmarks.org.

The **National Park Service** invites you to submit project proposals for the **Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program (CRDIP)** for the summer of 2010. The CRDIP provides career exploration opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students from diverse communities in historic preservation and cultural resources management. Please submit intern project proposals by **November 30, 2009** to Turkiya Lowe: by email, Turkiya_lowe@contractor.nps.gov. Additional information about the CRDIP and an electronic application are available on our website: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/crdi/internships/intrnCRDIP.htm>.

DECEMBER

Stay tuned for more information on the **Conference on Historic Preservation and Sustainability** to be held by the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia on **December 8, 2009** from 8:30am—2pm. Check in with the Alliance's website for updates: www.preservationalliance.com.

JANUARY 2010

Start thinking about your nominations for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's **2010 11 Most Endangered Historic Places!** The list has become one of the most effective tools in the fight to save the country's irreplaceable architectural, cultural and natural heritage. Nomination forms will be available in mid-November at: www.preservationnation.org/issues/11-most-endangered. The deadline for submissions is **January 15, 2010**.

Nominations for the **Young Preservationists Association of Pittsburgh's Top Ten Best Preservation Opportunities in the Pittsburgh Area are due January 29, 2010**. YPA is looking for properties that have not yet been preserved—historic and architecturally-significant structures threatened with neglect, abandonment, or demolition but have a good chance for survival and reuse, with particular interest in historic structures in City of Pittsburgh neighborhoods. However, sites will also be considered from the nine-county Pittsburgh region: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. Click **HERE** for a nomination form, or visit YPA's website at: www.youngpreservationists.org.

The American Friends of Coubertin have announced the availability of **training fellowships** for September 2010 -July 2011 in woodwork, metalwork, and stonework at the Coubertin Foundation outside Paris, France. The deadline for applying is January 31, 2010. For more information, visit their website at: www.afcoubertin.org. Click **HERE** for the application form.

FEBRUARY 2010

The **Association of Preservation Technology - Northeast Chapter** will hold a Symposium in New York City on **February 5, 2010**. The focus of the Symposium will be Energy Efficiency, Insulation and Historic Building Envelopes. For more information, check out APTNE's website: www.aptnet.org.