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**On the cover:** The exterior of the South Orange Fire Station was restored with the help of a $440,675 capital preservation grant from the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund.
Dear Friends,

We are pleased to bring you the 2008 New Jersey Historic Trust Annual Report. As the state’s leading voice for historic preservation, the Trust has accomplished much since its creation more than 40 years ago. This year was no exception.

In February, we welcomed Dorothy P. Guzzo as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Historic Trust. Dorothy brings a wealth of experience to her new post at the Trust. Prior to her appointment, she served for 12 years as the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer in the Department of Environmental Protection. She serves on the Heritage Tourism Task Force and has served on the New Jersey Historical Commission and various historic-preservation related nonprofit boards on the state level, as well as on the Mount Holly Township Council, Planning Board and Historic Preservation Commission. We are thrilled that she has become part of the team!

We also have exciting new “green” initiatives underway. In June, the New Jersey Historic Trust cosponsored the annual Historic Preservation Conference along with the Historic Preservation Office, Department of Environmental Protection, Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Preservation New Jersey and Rutgers University. The 2008 theme – “See It, Keep It, Use It: the New American Standard” – centered around the concept of incorporating green building techniques into historic preservation, “recycling” historic buildings in adaptive use projects, disaster planning, and other topics relating to historic structures and the environment.

This report highlights these accomplishments and more of outstanding historic preservation projects that received funding in 2008 through the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund. Since 2000, the Trust has awarded nearly
$56 million to help preserve 359 landmark properties across the state of New Jersey. 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.

In the past year alone, the Trust awarded $1.07 million in matching grants to support 26 preservation planning projects, after receiving 55 applications requesting $2.07 million. These figures demonstrate the growing need of our state’s communities for preservation funding and the continued enthusiasm for saving New Jersey’s history for future generations.

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.

With regards,

Joseph V. Doria, Jr.
Commissioner
Department of Community Affairs
Dear Friends,

The year 2008 was a dynamic time in the Historic Trust’s history as it brought new energy and leadership to advance historic preservation efforts in the State of New Jersey. The Trust’s board and staff are in a prime position to move forward with strategies to develop continued long-term funding for historic preservation, improve education and outreach opportunities, and pursue new ways to incorporate preservation values at every level of community building and development.

Although I am new to the position of chair, I have served on the Trust’s board for a year and a half, and I am impressed by the organization’s abundance of experienced professionals, both on the staff and on the board. This year, Dorothy Guzzo, former Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, was appointed executive director of the Trust, and the trustees also revised the bylaws to include the immediate past chair as a member of the executive committee. Carolann Clynes, former chair, will assume that role, and her input will ensure an organizational history and continuity in the board’s efforts and decisions as it faces new challenges.

Our primary challenge today is to ensure a stable funding source for historic preservation grants. The Historic Trust’s main source of funds is the Garden State Preservation Trust, funding that will expire in 2009. In 2007, the voters approved one-year stop-gap funding for GSPT, but long-term solutions are needed if the Trust’s grants programs are to continue. Over the past eight years, the Trust has documented an increasing volume of applications for funding as well as higher dollar amounts in grant requests. Those figures clearly demonstrate continuing need and a motivation for incorporating historic preservation activity into county, municipal, and nonprofit-organization planning efforts.

The economic benefits of historic preservation are relevant in the newest and most urgent discussions about how to stimulate the economy, and the preservation community must be ever vigilant in delivering this message. Historic preservation

Greetings from the New Jersey Historic Trust
creates jobs, revitalizes neighborhoods, opens up business opportunities, and attracts people to areas where they will want to live, work, and visit. By cooperating with the environmental community, public planners, and concerned citizens throughout the state, the New Jersey Historic Trust will continue to expand the base for funding and educational initiatives.

Thank you for your support of historic preservation in New Jersey, and for your interest in the New Jersey Historic Trust.

Sincerely,

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**Maia Farish (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 Strategic Planning and the Garden State Preservation Trust Reauthorization committees, and serves on the Grants and Loans and Historic Preservation Action committees.

**Joseph J. Alessandrine, Jr., M.G.A., Cape May County**
Mr. Alessandrine is the Director of Finance/Acting Director of Revenue & Finance in the city of Atlantic City. 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. (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 and Union County Economic Development Corporation. He serves on the Education and Outreach Committee.

**Daniel T. Campbell, Ph.D., J.D., Atlantic County**
Dr. Campbell is the Historic Preservation Specialist at Bass River State Forest and Batsto Village, state historic sites. Prior to entering the field of historic preservation, Dr. Campbell was a practicing attorney in his own firm, for Burlington County, and the State of New Jersey. Dr. Campbell – who has a Ph.D. from Temple University – currently chairs the Legislation Committee and serves on the Education and Outreach Committee.

**Carolann Clynes (Immediate Past Chair), Union County**
A professional real estate broker, former branch office manager and appraiser for 35 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. Ms. Clynes spearheaded the movement to save Summit’s Richardson-Romanesque town hall, which was built in 1892 and had been slated for sale or demolition. Ms. Clynes has been a member of Who’s Who of American Women since 2002. She chaired the Grants and Loans Committee from 2004 to 2006; served as Vice Chair from 2004 to 2006; and served as Chair of the Trust from 2006 to 2008.
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 18 years of experience at the Trenton-based firm of Clarke Caton Hintz. In addition, Mr. Hatch serves on the Historic Preservation Action Committee and the boards of the Trenton Landmarks Commission, Trenton Historical Society. He is currently serving as President of Preservation New Jersey.

Peter Levasseur, A.I.A. LEED AP, Camden County
Mr. Levasseur is an architect and the Director for Sustainable Design at EwingCole, based in Philadelphia. He is a LEED accredited professional. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Rating System encourages the application of green building technology and practices on existing, historic and new buildings. Mr. Levasseur worked on the first LEED-certified historic building in the State of New York. He also spent five years working on historic preservation projects in Washington D.C. Mr. Levasseur serves on the Historic Preservation Action Committee.

Deborah Marquis Kelly (Secretary), 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 and serves on the Historic Preservation Action Committee.

Allen W. Kratz, J.D. (Vice Chair), Hudson County
Mr. Kratz is director of revenue contract programs and sales 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 Acquisitions and Easement Committee.

Chris Perks, P.E., Camden County
A civil engineer who resides in Camden City, Mr. Perks is a director of Dresdner Robin, a consulting firm that specializes in urban redevelopment projects in Philadelphia and New Jersey communities. Mr. Perks is also the treasurer of the Camden County Historical Society.
Ellen 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. He is also 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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Ellis Island

“With funds from the Historic Trust, Save Ellis Island was able to prepare a comprehensive plan for restoring and interpreting important spaces within the U.S. Public Health Service hospital buildings on Ellis Island. This plan will guide interior restoration, exhibit development and interpretive strategies for spaces that include a typical ward, operating room and support facilities.”

– Dorothy Hartman, Save Ellis Island
Dorothy Guzzo Appointed Trust’s New Executive Director

In February 2008, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Joseph Doria and Carolann Clynes, former Chair, announced the appointment of Dorothy P. Guzzo as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Historic Trust.

“Dorothy is dedicated to the preservation of New Jersey’s historic treasures,” Commissioner Doria said. “She is a wonderful addition to the Historic Trust team and I look forward to working with her as we continue to restore and preserve our state’s history for future generations.”

Prior to her appointment as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Historic Trust, Dorothy Guzzo served for 12 years in the Department of Environmental Protection as the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer. She received her master’s degree in historic preservation planning from the Columbia Graduate School of Architecture and Planning. Guzzo has served on the New Jersey Historical Commission, Heritage Tourism Task Force and various historic-preservation related nonprofit boards. She has also served on the Mount Holly Township Council, Planning Board and Historic Preservation Commission.
Our Vanishing Past Documentary

In 2008, the New Jersey Historic Trust was a key advisor and funder to the development of NJN’s “Our Vanishing Past”, a one-hour documentary about historic preservation in New Jersey. The show sheds light on how communities change when historic landmarks and districts are destroyed. It also explores success stories in saving historic resources throughout the state, such as ghost towns in the Pine Barrens, the restored Essex County Courthouse in Newark and the Edison National Historic Site in West Orange. Lester Holt, anchor of “NBC Nightly News” weekend edition and co-host of “Weekend Today,” narrates this fascinating program.

Written and produced by Lynn Kosek Walker, the New Jersey Historic Trust helped fund this production along with The 1772 Foundation, American Express and the Holly Beach Public Library Association. In addition, former Trust Executive Director Barbara Irvine and Dorothy Guzzo, the Trust’s current director, advised NJN on the production of this show, which is distributed nationwide.

Howard Green, Barbara Haney Irvine, Lynn Kosek Walker, Dorothy Guzzo, Barbara Moran and Janice Sellinger at the opening of “Our Vanishing Past.”
Trust-Funded Project Receives Preservation Award for the Oswald Nitschke House

During Historic Preservation Month in May 2008, the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office recognized the achievement of the Kenilworth Historical Society’s restoration of the Oswald Nitschke House. The project was made possible by a $199,767 capital preservation grant from the Historic Trust’s Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Oswald J. Nitschke, a historically significant local pioneer and political leader, settled in Kenilworth as a young German immigrant in 1899, at the height of the area’s first major building boom. His house is one of Kenilworth’s original wood frame, clapboard-clad farmhouses, and the most notable of the community’s few remaining 19th century buildings. The Kenilworth Historical Society rescued the building when it became threatened by commercial development and relocated it to a site 1,500 feet away. Long-term plans call for the building to become a combination of period restoration and general exhibit space, a room for visitor orientation and a gift shop. The house will be used for archival storage and society offices.
Historic Trust Helps Preservation Conference Go “Green”

In June, the New Jersey Historic Trust cosponsored the annual Historic Preservation Conference along with the Historic Preservation Office, Department of Environmental Protection, Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Preservation New Jersey and Rutgers University. The conference theme, “See It, Keep It, Use It: the New American Standard” brought together diverse professionals to discuss incorporating green building techniques into historic preservation, “recycling” historic buildings in adaptive use projects, disaster planning, and other topics relating to historic structures and the environment. The conference was held at Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

The keynote speaker, Donovan D. Rypkema, explained how preserving historic buildings is the ultimate in green building. He also discussed how preservation reduces solid waste, encourages recycling, sustains neighborhoods and reduces energy use in the manufacture and delivery of new building products.

Save the Date!

Next year’s conference is scheduled for June 4, 2009 at Rowan University in Glassboro. The Historic Trust will again play a key role in the planning and coordination of this annual event.
Funding from Historic License Plates Helps Heritage Tourism

“Discover NJ History” license plates are still available for a limited time. The design of the bright, attractive plate was unveiled in 2000 and features an image of a Victorian-style row house from a painting by New Jersey artist Harry Devlin.

Money from the sale of these plates goes to the Historic License Plate Preservation Fund. The Fund is currently supporting the New Jersey Heritage Tourism Task Force and the preparation of a Heritage Tourism Master Plan for the State of New Jersey. After the Task Force completes its work, the Fund will continue to support heritage tourism initiatives that benefit the history community well into the future.

New license plates are available at any local Motor Vehicle Commission agency for a one-time $50 fee and $10 annual renewal.

For more information, visit state.nj.us/mvc/vehicle/DedicatedPlates.htm or call (888) 486-3339.

Breidenhart

“Breidenhart, constructed in 1894, was the home of Samuel Allen, inventor of the Flexible Flyer sled; and later owned by Eldridge Johnson, founder of the Victor Talking Machine Company, the forerunner of RCA. The future use of the building is by the Lutheran Home at Moorestown for community services and offices. Guided by the recommendations documented in the report, the rehabilitation to the castle is nearly complete.”

– Susan Arnold, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey
In Pictures – Historic Trust Events in 2007

Grants and Loans Committee Chair Deborah Kelly helps celebrate the reopening of the Comfort Station in Cadwalader Park, Trenton. The city of Trenton received a capital preservation grant of $205,000 from the Historic Trust.

Stakeholders gather to support the Dvoor Farm in Flemington, a site that preserves historic structures and open space. The site received a $50,000 planning grant from the Historic Trust.

New grantees attending a workshop and reception to celebrate their awards for a variety of historic site management projects including architectural and master plans, and heritage tourism development.

The New Jersey Historic Trust helped the Department of Community Affairs commemorate National Historic Preservation Month with a lobby display that included copies of the new Women’s Heritage Trail interpretive signs and a display case full of architectural artifacts from preservation construction projects funded by the Trust.
Larger Cultural Trust Grants Help Historic Sites

The New Jersey Historic Trust helps to administer the grant program for Capital Preservation Grants, as part of the New Jersey Cultural Trust. The grants go to nonprofit organizations that have a history or humanities mission and meet the criteria set forth by the Cultural Trust. The most recent list of grant recipients received awards up to $50,000 for needed repairs or restoration projects, or for improvements to the facilities that are used for historic and cultural activities. On January 23, 2008 the Cultural Trust announced awards for the following projects, pages 17-20.

About the New Jersey Cultural Trust

The New Jersey Cultural Trust is a public-private initiative created as a state agency by the Cultural Trust Act of July 2000. Its goal is “to ensure a stable and healthy cultural industry in New Jersey that is sustainable under fluctuating economic conditions through the establishment of permanent, interest-generating funds to be an additional source of revenue to nonprofit arts, history and humanities organizations.” Cultural Trust grant awards are guided by recommendations from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the New Jersey Historical Commission and the New Jersey Historic Trust. Money for these awards comes from annual appropriations, private donations and endowments. The Cultural Trust distributed its first grants in August 2005, and since then has awarded more than $2.5 million to 111 organizations in New Jersey.
Grants And Loans Committee Recommended Projects For New Jersey Cultural Trust Capital Historic Preservation Projects

Bivalve Shipping Sheds, Commercial Township, Cumberland County: $50,000 awarded to Bayshore Discovery Project for the rehabilitation of a 1916 boxcar into a barrier-free restroom facility.

The shipping sheds and wharves were constructed in 1904 with roofs added over the wharves in 1916. The row of seven remaining sheds is the centerpiece of the Maurice River Cove oyster industry that once prospered on the bay. Built by the railroad, the sheds and its associated industries employed thousands of workers and defined the regional economy. The site is open to visitors.

Cape Island Presbyterian Church, Cape May, Cape May County: $50,000 awarded to Cape May Stage for the interior restoration of the ceiling, walls and floor. The theater hosts numerous theatrical productions and educational activities throughout the year.

The building was constructed in 1853 as the Cape Island Presbyterian Church. It later housed an Episcopal congregation and during the second half of the 20th century the city of Cape May used the building as a community and visitor’s center. In 1994, the Cape May Stage began using the space to hold theatrical performances. The building exemplifies local carpenter-designed architecture and retains its integrity. It includes Greek Revival-style elements as well as a unique belvedere. The building is a locally known landmark in the center of town. The recently restored exterior and the rehabilitated entrance vestibule are in excellent condition.

Building 23, Millville Army Field, Cumberland, Cumberland County: $50,000 awarded to Millville Army Air Field Museum for a historically accurate roof replacement for the site’s main exhibit building.

Constructed during World War II, Millville Army Air Field is considered the nation’s first “defense airport.” The proposed district is significant for its associations with military history and the development of air travel. The district contains 16 buildings and two hangars. The advanced combat fighter training techniques provided at Millville made a significant contribution to the war effort.
The Clearing, Summit, Union County: $50,000 awarded to Reeves-Reed Arboretum for safety and accessibility improvements to the house and grounds that are open to the public.

The 13.3-acre property occupied by the Reeve-Reed Arboretum was historically referred to as “The Clearing.” Beginning in 1888, the property was developed as a country estate by Mr. and Mrs. John Wisner of New York City. The Colonial Revival House was designed by New York Architects Babb Cook and Willard. The landscape reflects the designs of three noted American landscape architects during three periods of development. Calvert Vaux provided the first designs for the landscape in 1889; Ellen B. Shipman, one of the first women professional landscape designers, provided additional designs in 1924; and Carl F. Pilat, a landscape designer for the New York City Parks Department, provided additional plans for the garden in 1925. The site includes formal and natural gardens, the Wisner House, a historic carriage house used as the education center, as well as a new, but historically appropriate greenhouse and barn.

Paulsdale, Mount Laurel, Burlington County: $12,949 awarded to Alice Paul Institute to help fund the repair and refinishing of original wood floors and stairs throughout the building.

Paulsdale was the birthplace of Alice Paul, a prominent suffragist who was born in Mount Laurel in 1885 and died in Moorestown in 1977. Leading the suffrage campaign for the 19th Amendment and working for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment were among her significant achievements. The house has been restored to its period of significance, 1885 to 1920, when Alice Paul was a resident. It is used for public tours, lectures and educational events for young women.

Long House, Hope, Warren County: $50,000 awarded to Help Our Preservation Effort (H.O.P.E.) for the rehabilitation and repair work in specific areas of the building.

The Long House was constructed in five phases from circa 1777 through circa 1870. The earliest two sections of the building date to a period of Moravian settlement, and may be one of the only surviving frame structures from this period in Hope. The Long House is a good example of a building showing the evolution of construction methods and stylistic trends from the Moravian settlement to the Victorian era. The style of the Long House and its continued relationship to the community makes the resource an important element in the Hope Historic District. H.O.P.E. acquired the property in 1998. They use part of one building for their offices, one building is vacant and three buildings are rented – two for commercial business and one as professional office space.
**Hageman Farm House and Van Liew-Suydam House**, Somerset, Somerset County: $50,000 awarded to Meadows Foundation to fund accessibility improvements to both houses that are open to the public for tours and special events.

The Hageman Farm House was constructed in 1861 with an 1876 addition and is associated with Adrian and Catherine Hageman (who came to America around 1652 to 1653) and their descendents. The house and barn are representative examples of a 19th century farmstead. The Van Liew-Suydam House was built in 1875 by Peter Suydam. The property was originally settled by Frederick Van Liew. Suydam’s family farmed the property until 1922. The house is a good example of Italianate architecture. In 197, the State of New Jersey acquired the property for part of the Six Mile Run Reservoir. Each property is cared for by the Meadows Foundation, an organization that stewards multiple sites of Dutch and Early American heritage in Somerset County.

**Pietro and Maria Botto House**, Haledon, Passaic County: $49,997 awarded to American Labor Museum for resource improvements, including wood and plaster repairs, installation of egress signs and restoration of garden structures.

The Botto House is a National Historic Landmark notable for its use as the meeting place for nearly six months for silk mill workers during the Paterson Silk Strike of 1913. The House was built in 1908 by northern Italian immigrant silk mill workers Pietro and Maria Botto. The property preserves the Botto’s house and Old World garden, which feature a bocce court, grape arbor, wine press, root cellar and chicken coop. The American Labor Museum advances public understanding of the history of work, workers and the labor movement, with special attention to the ethnicity and immigrant experience of American workers. It is open to the public with regular hours.

**Peachfield**, Westampton, Burlington County: $50,000 awarded to National Society of Colonial Dames in America, NJ Chapter to help fund the repair of the stone terrace, construction of an accessible ramp and improvements to make the first floor of the house fully accessible.

The original Peachfield was constructed by the Burr family in two campaigns – 1725 and 1732 – and owned by the Burrs for 200 years. A 1929 fire destroyed the roof and millwork, leaving three stone walls standing. The Harkers commissioned a full “restoration” by architect R.B Okie in the Colonial Revival style, and the house retains a very high degree of integrity to this period, a fine example of this architectural style and of Okie’s work. The house sits on a 100-acre site – part of which is leased for agricultural
purposes and part leased to the neighboring golf course – which reflects the house’s historic role as a farmstead for 300 years. The building is open to the public by appointment and for special lectures, events and exhibits.


The mill was constructed circa 1810 as a single-story structure and enlarged to four floors later in the 19th century. The mill was first used to process wool, but later became a grist mill, flour mill, graphite mill, and during the early 20th century produced talc. Between 1928 and 1963 it was used as a storage facility. The town of Clinton purchased the property in 1949 to store town equipment in its buildings. Five concerned citizens, known as the “Red Mill Five,” purchased the property in 1960 to save it from deterioration due to neglect. The mill opened as a museum in 1963 and is currently open to the public for tours and exhibits.

**Ritz Theatre**, Haddon Township, Camden County: $50,000 awarded to The Ritz Theatre Company for the restoration of the front doors.

This Classical Revival style theater was constructed in 1927 and designed by Hodgens and Hill, an Philadelphia architectural firm specializing in theater design. The building incorporates two storefronts that flank the central entrance to the lobby. After the movie theater closed in 1985, the building was leased by the Ritz performing arts group, who acquired the building in 2002. The theater actively presents a year-long program of adult and children’s theater and hosts other comedy and musical performances.
From October 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008, the Trust approved reimbursement requests totaling more than $4.9 million in support of preservation projects in the state.

The following 47 projects were completed and their Trust grants closed this past year, while more than 61 other preservation planning and construction projects are underway.

**Historic Site Management Grants ($5,000 to $50,000)**

Historic Site Management Grants support planning exercises that promote effective management at historic sites. Such work may include the preparation of construction documents, building conditions assessments, preservation plans, historic structure reports, engineering assessments, heritage tourism plans, accessibility studies, feasibility studies, fundraising plans and more.

**Dey Mansion**  
**Wayne Township, Passaic County**

Passaic County received $36,000 in 2002 for the preparation of a historic structures report. In 2004, it received $37,500 to fund the preparation of a cultural landscape report to develop a restoration plan. Both projects were completed this year.

**Long Pond Ironworks**  
**West Milford Township, Passaic County**

NJ Division of Parks and Forestry and Friends of Long Pond received $24,000 to support the creation of a site management plan, including a conditions assessment, a preservation plan, and a phased plan for stabilization and restoration of its historic structures.

**Edison Tower**  
**Edison, Middlesex County**

The Municipality of Edison received $50,000 to fund a master plan that includes an archaeological study, preservation plan and restoration alternatives for the tower and site.

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Tewksbury, Hunterdon County**

Zion Lutheran Church received $17,175 for the preparation of a preservation plan for the church, ancillary structures and site.
Breidenhart
Mooresetown, Burlington County
Lutheran Home at Mooresetown received $47,331 for a detailed historic structure report that identifies key historic features, examines existing conditions, documents the site’s unique history, and proposes recommendations for preserving Breidenhart.

Memorial Hall at Protestant Community Church
Medford Lakes, Burlington County
Protestant Community Church received $14,561 for a preservation plan to form the basis for roof restoration and maintenance. The plan also addressed the stability of the roof framing and foundation.

Old Manahawkin Baptist Church
Stafford Township, Ocean County
Stafford Historical Society received $10,207 for the preparation of a preservation plan identifying preservation priorities for the structure.

Georgian Court University
Lakewood, Ocean County
Georgian Court University received $50,000 for a comprehensive existing conditions assessment of the historic core of buildings and landscape for the campus.

Deerfield Presbyterian Church
Cumberland County
Deerfield Presbyterian Church received $13,699 to fund a preservation plan for recommendations regarding exterior repairs, preservation and improving accessibility to the site.

Hereford Inlet Light Station
North Wildwood, Cape May County
City of North Wildwood Lighthouse Commission received $26,250 for the creation of planning documents for the next phase of restoration.

St. Bernard’s Episcopal Church
Bernardsville, Somerset County
St. Bernard’s Episcopal Church received $43,384 to support an assessment of the church and parish house exteriors. The assessment developed a 15 year long range plan and solutions for barrier free access and restrooms. The church was severely damaged by fire in 2005.

“Georgian Court University is the original Georgian Court estate that was designed in 1896 - 1898. The Trust grant funded an Existing Conditions Assessment for the seven historic buildings and four formal gardens. (Among other goals) the assessment developed a landscape conservation plan that will appropriately balance history, use and maintainability while framing a vision for the future of the historic campus core.”
– Cathy Sage, Georgian Court University
**Hoff-Vannatta Farm**  
**Harmony, Warren County**  
Harmony Township Historic Preservation Committee received $17,025 to identify structural needs of the house and barn, which are being addressed by repair work supported by county funding.

**Mountain Lakes Dams**  
**Princeton, Mercer County**  
Township of Princeton received $50,000 to help fund structural investigations, materials analysis and engineering design documents for preservation solutions for the two dams.

**Darlington Schoolhouse**  
**Mahwah, Bergen County**  
New York/New Jersey Trail Conference received $29,505 for the preparation of a preservation plan and National Register nomination.

**Ramsaysburg Homestead**  
**Knowlton, Warren County**  
Knowlton Township Historical Commission received $46,313 for the preparation of a historic structures report.

**Ferracute Machine Company**  
**Bridgeton, Cumberland County**  
South Jersey Economic Development District received $15,000 to fund a preservation plan and design a charette to explore opportunities for adaptive use.

**Battleship New Jersey**  
**Camden, Camden County**  
Home Port Alliance for the USS New Jersey received $11,099 for the preparation of a tour route for the below deck areas that are not currently accessible due to public safety and engineering concerns.

**St. Luke’s Episcopal Church**  
**Hope, Warren County**  
St. Luke’s Episcopal Church received $11,021 for the preparation of a preservation plan and the design for a plaza.

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“Thanks to the Trust’s funding, the Historic Structures Report has been helpful in illuminating for the public the project’s scope and goals. The Report is a useful tool that also enabled Warren County to understand the need for additional stabilization grant funding. As a result, a new grant was awarded for the Ramsaysburg project earlier this year.”

– Hal Bromm

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Fleming Castle
Flemington, Hunterdon County
Borough of Flemington received $18,750 to assist the preparation of a preservation plan and feasibility study. The preservation plan clarifies the building’s long history and provides guidance for both restoration and interpretative activities.

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church
Bridgeton, Cumberland County
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church received $14,972 for the preparation of a structural analysis and structural condition assessment of the church and tower.

Mount Holly First Presbyterian Church
Mount Holly, Burlington County
First Presbyterian Church of Mount Holly received $49,995 to assist in the preparation of a roof stabilization feasibility study and the completion of construction documents. This is a step in resolving a safety issue, restoring the roof and reopening the building to the public.

Temple B’nai Abraham
Newark, Essex County
Deliverance Evangelistic Center received $24,497 for a conditions assessment report to guide restoration and maintenance of the complex, specifically addressing the urgent need for roof repairs.

Presbyterian Church at Bound Brook
Somerset County
Presbyterian Church at Bound Brook received $29,178 for the preparation of a National Register nomination and a preservation plan to guide the interior and exterior restoration, stabilization and improved accessibility.

St. Michael’s Episcopal Church
Trenton, Mercer County
St. Michael’s Episcopal Church received $26,250 for the preparation of a preservation plan.

Ballantine Mansion Carriage House
Newark, Essex County
Newark Museum Association received $50,000 to fund the preparation of a historic structure report for the carriage house, to maintain building integrity and its possible use as a fire museum.

“The Fleming Castle Museum Feasibility Study provides a plan for the current and future stewardship of the oldest house in town. It serves as a guide for the preservation of an important local historic site.”
— Janice Armstrong, Fleming Castle Museum
Edgewater Municipal Building
Bergen County
Borough of Edgewater received $27,810 for the preparation of a project manual and construction documents for the first phase of building restoration. The project addresses the exterior fabric of the building in preparation for its restoration.

Ellis Island Hospitals
Jersey City
Hudson County
Save Ellis Island, Inc. received $50,000 for the assessment and development of interpretation for a hospital ward (Ward G) and the power plant, both slated for restoration and interpretation.

Life-Saving Station
Manasquan, Monmouth County
Borough of Manasquan received $32,047 for the preparation of a preservation plan.

Calvary Presbyterian Church
Riverton, Burlington County
Calvary Presbyterian Church received $14,494 for the preparation of a preservation plan that addresses the long term preservation of the church, including handicap accessibility, architectural evolution, significance, current conditions, code compliance and cyclical maintenance.

First Unitarian Society of Plainfield
Union County
First Unitarian Society of Plainfield received $41,033 to fund the preparation of a thorough conditions assessment and nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

“We were very happy with the work product provided by our consultant team and are grateful for the funds provided by the Historic Trust. Without the financial support, we would not have been in a position to properly analyze our problems and move toward solutions to our preservation needs.”
– Gerald E. Heinzer for the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield
Capital Preservation Grants

These grants helped support the “bricks and mortar” repair, preservation, restoration, and adaptive use construction work necessary to maintain historic propriety.

Capital Level I Grants ($5,000 to $50,000)

Crescent Theater
Sussex Borough, Sussex County
Tri-State Actors Theatre, Inc. received $16,320 for the shoring up of the roof, rerouting of roof drainage away from the heel of one failed truss and repair of the lower chord of the failed truss.

St. John’s Episcopal Church
Dover, Morris County
St. John’s Episcopal Church received $32,193 to aid the exterior restoration of the church.

Ramapo Reformed Church, Mahwah, Bergen County: Ramapo Reformed Church received $46,980 to help fund a preservation plan and the structural stabilization of the cupola and tower.

Capital Level II Grants ($50,001 to $750,000)

Roebling Machine Shop
Invention Factory, Trenton, Mercer County
Invention Factory Science Center received $750,000 for exterior restoration and site improvements.

South Orange Fire Station
Essex County
Township of South Orange Village received $440,675 for the exterior restoration and repair of the roof and walls.
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Camden, Camden County
Diocese of Camden received $233,000 to fund the exterior repair and restoration, including slate roof repairs, brownstone consolidation, repairs to one deteriorated stained glass window, and attention to all window protection and frames.

Somerville Fire Museum
Somerset County
Somerville received $186,872 for exterior restoration and repair, including the reconstruction of the decorative doors and balcony on the street elevation that were removed in 1916.

St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
Perth Amboy, Middlesex County
St. Peter’s Episcopal Church received $260,805 to help fund the second phase of a $1.4 million capital campaign addressing exterior needs. This includes masonry restoration, repair and installation of drainage, replacement of the entrance porch flat roof, repairs to the copper spire, and restoration of a stained-glass window and cast iron fence.

Clarksburg School
Clarksburg, Monmouth County
Township of Millstone received $399,647 in 2002 for exterior work, including restoration of exterior shingles and windows, roof and chimney repairs, removal of unsympathetic alterations, and the construction of a new accessible ramp and entry. In 2004, it received $300,000 for the interior rehabilitation of the structure for use as municipal offices. Both projects were completed this year.

“The results can be easily appreciated by looking at the face of the building. There are refurbished windows, garage door, repair of the face of the building wood portions, re-painting, re-pointing of brick. Inside is a new heating system, fire suppression and more. It is almost ready to receive visitors.”
– Ben Nally, Somerville Fire Museum
Oswald Nitschke House
Kenilworth, Union County
Kenilworth Historical Society received $199,767 to help fund the first phase of work that permits the society to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy and begin to use the building as a living museum and cultural arts center.

Old Dutch Bergen Reformed Church
Bayonne City, Hudson County
First Federated Church of Bayonne received $99,912 for the exterior restoration of the church, including wood siding and trim repairs.

Croft Farm
Cherry Hill, Camden County
Cherry Hill Township received $238,750 to fund repairs to the house exterior and restoration work to the outbuildings. This work was recommended in a preservation plan that was prepared with grant assistance from the Historic Trust.

Christ Episcopal Church
Middletown
Monmouth County
Christ Episcopal Church received $200,000 for the structural stabilization of the tower.
Church of the Presidents
Long Branch, Monmouth County

Long Branch Historical Museum Association received $342,410 to help fund two phases of the proposed restoration, including exterior restoration of the wood shingle cladding, masonry repairs and roof and water conductions systems.

“The Church of the Presidents is the last building directly associated with presidential visits to Long Branch. The New Jersey Historic Trust Grant enabled the Long Branch Historical Museum Association to strengthen and protect the structure by replacing the roof—a major step towards reopening the site to the public.”

— Joan Schnorbus, Long Branch Historical Museum Association

Egg Harbor
Commercial Bank
Atlantic County

City of Egg Harbor received $250,000 for new heating, ventilation, plumbing and electrical systems, as well as restoration of interior and exterior finishes and accessibility improvements. The Atlantic County Library plans to locate a branch library in the building.
Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund

On September 6, 2008 Governor Jon Corzine signed legislation that appropriated $1,068,921 from the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund to fund the following 26 projects.

2007 Grants from the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund

Burlington County

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church
Beverly City
$50,000 awarded to St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church for the preparation of construction documents for structural and stabilization repairs to the steeple.

Perkins House
Mooresstown
$29,021 awarded to Perkins Center for the Arts for signage and site interpretation for the arboretum and the development of walking tours of the historic district.

Camden County

Pomona Hall
Camden City
$6,840 awarded to the Camden County Historical Society for the preparation of an accessibility study that will recommend methods to make the house museum, exhibits and research facility more accessible to visitors with impairments.
Pathways to Freedom Tour
Camden City, Cherry Hill Township, Haddonfield Borough and Lawnside Borough
$30,000 awarded to Camden County Board of Freeholders for the research, preparation and marketing of a themed audio tour on Camden County sites that are associated with the story of the Underground Railroad in New Jersey. The tour materials will be available as podcasts for downloading from the South Jersey Tourism Corporation web site.

Cape May County

Emlen Physick Estate
Cape May City
$50,000 awarded to Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts for the preparation of a detailed study and schematic plans for a new HVAC system to protect the house and its collection.

Joseph Falkenburge House
Dennis Township
$50,000 awarded to ARC of Cape May County, Inc. for the preparation of a preservation plan, a structural investigation and construction documents.

Cumberland County

Ferracute Machine Company
Bridgeton City
$15,375 awarded to South Jersey Economic Development District for the preparation of a Phase I Archaeological Survey of the site.

Bivalve Packing Houses & Docks
Commercial Township
$50,000 awarded to Bayshore Discovery Project for the preparation of an interpretive plan, the redesigning of portions of the web site, and the creation of an orientation video, new wayside signage, and interpretation packets for teachers and students.
Essex County

Polhemus House
Newark City

$50,000 awarded to Newark Museum Association for the preparation of a Historic Structure Report, part of the Museum’s planning to save and rehabilitate the structure. Work to prevent the water infiltration is also underway, funded in part by an emergency grant from the Historic Trust.

Gloucester County

Fighting for Freedom Tour
Swedesboro Borough and Woodbury City

$30,000 awarded to Gloucester County Department of Economic Development for the research, preparation and marketing of a themed audio tour on Gloucester County sites that are associated with the Revolutionary War. The tour materials will be available as podcasts for downloading from the South Jersey Tourism Corporation web site.

Hudson County

Ellis Island
Jersey City

$50,000 awarded to Save Ellis Island, Inc. for the assessment and development of interpretation for a hospital ward (Ward G) and the power plant, both slated for restoration and interpretation.

Hunterdon County

Stockton Borough School
Stockton Borough

$40,500 awarded to Stockton Borough School for the preparation of construction documents and construction supervision for work that will address repairs to the timber frame, sill, wood siding and stone foundations.
Mercer County and Burlington County

Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark District
Trenton City, Hamilton Township, Bordentown City
and Bordentown Township

$50,000 awarded to Mercer County Park Commission for the preparation of an interpretation plan for the district that will inventory historical, archaeological and natural resources, look at current and potential audiences, and make recommendations for developing the District as a heritage and eco-tourism destination.

Middlesex County

First Reformed Church
New Brunswick City

$50,000 awarded to First Reformed Church, New Brunswick for the preparation of a preservation plan for the three historic buildings, the preparation of construction documents for the stabilization of the church and educational building, and an interpretive brochure.

Princeton Nurseries
South Brunswick Township

$50,000 awarded to South Brunswick Township Historical Preservation Committee for the preparation of a cultural landscape report that will guide restoration of the site.

Monmouth County

All Saints’ Memorial Church
Navesink, Atlantic Highlands Borough

$50,000 awarded to All Saints’ Memorial Church, Navesink for the preparation of a preservation plan for the five buildings and cemetery. The plan will assist the owner in planning for the long-term preservation, care, use and interpretation of the property.

Woodrow Wilson Hall
West Long Branch Borough

$50,000 awarded to Monmouth University for the preparation of construction documents for the long-awaited repair of the portico.
Morris County

Craftsman Farms
Parsippany-Troy Hills Township
$50,000 awarded to Craftsman Farms Foundation, Inc. for the preparation of a Site Master Plan that will address the long-term preservation and use of other buildings on the site, and make recommendations for site and accessibility improvements.

Historic Speedwell
Vail & Estey Houses, Morristown
$50,000 awarded to Morris County Park Commission for the preparation of a historic structure report for the Vail Homestead and the preparation of a preservation plan for the Moses Estey House.

Passaic County

Rosen Mill
Paterson City
$46,635 awarded to ECUMP, Inc. for preparing a preservation plan for the building. The plan will guide the building’s further rehabilitation and maintenance. It will also explore site interpretation, signage, and development of a visitor’s center interpreting the history of the mill and surviving mill machinery.

Great Falls Hydroelectric Plant
Paterson City
$50,000 awarded to Paterson Municipal Utilities Authority for the preparation of a preservation plan and interpretive plan. The MUA plans to make the building accessible for the public and interpret the plant as part of the Paterson Falls State Park.
Somerset County

Franklin Inn  
Franklin Township
$39,863 awarded to Franklin Township for the preparation of a historic structure report that will provide a chronology of the building’s history and construction, document existing conditions and make prioritized recommendations for future repair and restoration of the structure.

Skillman Village  
Montgomery Township
$46,500 awarded to Montgomery Township for the preparation of a historic structure report for Maplewood, and a preservation plan and sustainable use study for the Smalley Theater. The reports will advise the township on the long-term preservation, use and stewardship opportunities for these structures.

Union County

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church  
Plainfield City
$47,186 awarded to Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield for the study of the cast-stone exterior and determining an appropriate method of repair.

Warren County

St. Luke’s Episcopal Church  
Hope Township
$7,526 awarded to St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Hope for the preparation of construction documents for the restoration of the steeple that was severely damaged during a 2006 wind storm.

Port Colden School  
Washington Borough
$50,000 awarded to Washington Township Board of Education for the preparation of construction documents, materials analysis and construction supervision for the interior restoration of the historic school house.
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.
- A technical and financial resource for the stewardship of historic properties.

The Historic Trust currently administers six active programs:

The Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund guarantees funding through 2008, allowing the Trust to meet New Jersey’s capital preservation needs. Since 2000, nearly $56 million has been awarded to help preserve 350 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 humanities organizations for the stabilization, preservation and accessibility improvement projects at historic properties. This program is administered in cooperation with the New Jersey Cultural Trust. Since 2004, the Historic Trust has recommended funding for 31 projects totaling $560,000 in funding.

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.