



NEW JERSEY  
**HISTORIC  
TRUST**

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023









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# MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Dear Friends of the Trust,

I am pleased to present the Trust's 2023 Annual Report. This year has witnessed remarkable achievements in safeguarding New Jersey's heritage and fostering community pride through the restoration and preservation of historic landmarks. The Trust's team, alongside their invaluable partners and supporters, has worked tirelessly to ensure that New Jersey's rich history is preserved, celebrated, and integrated into the vibrant fabric of communities throughout New Jersey.

One of the highlights of 2023 has been the Trust's ability to award grants to 71 projects through the Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund. These investments are funding preservation planning projects such as condition assessments, historic structure reports, archaeological investigations, and construction documents; heritage tourism initiatives to improve the visitor experience at historic sites; and capital preservation projects on sites listed in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. These projects exemplify the Trust's commitment to preserving New Jersey's rich and diverse history.

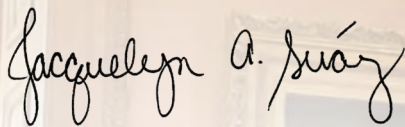
The Trust has also seen the successful completion of 25 projects in 2023 ranging from the Old Stone School in Greenwich, Cumberland County to Morven the former Governor's Mansion in Princeton to the Battleship USS New Jersey in Camden.

Looking ahead, the Historic Trust will carry out its mission through a new perspective and renewed vigor under the leadership of Executive Director Glenn Ceponis. I am confident that with the continued support of our community, stakeholders, and partners, the Trust will be able to achieve even more significant milestones in preserving our heritage for future generations.

As the State's leading voice for historic preservation, I thank the Trust for consistently advancing historic guardianship in New Jersey to benefit future generations through education, stewardship, and financial investment programs that protect our traditions and strengthen our communities.

With gratitude for your efforts,

Yours in preservation,



Jacquelyn A. Suárez  
Commissioner  
Department of Community Affairs





# MESSAGE FROM THE TRUST

Greetings!

2023 was another successful year for the New Jersey Historic Trust.

In June, the annual conference – Fun and Fury – was held in Atlantic City. The two-day event kicked off with a reception at the National Historic Landmark Boardwalk Hall. Our featured speaker was Nelson Johnson, author of the Boardwalk Empire and The Northside. Sessions explored the impacts of climate change on historic resources and heritage tourism. Our keynote speaker, Adam Markham, shared his work examining those impacts on a global scale.

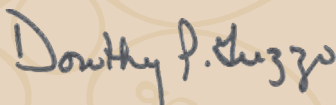
In September, the Board of Trustees voted to fund over \$14M in planning, capital, and heritage tourism grants. Seeing projects come to fruition is always the most rewarding part of the Trust's work. Through the corporate business tax dedication, funding for the Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund has been robust. The New Jersey Historic Trust is grateful to be in a position of supporting so many of New Jersey's irreplaceable treasures so that future generations will benefit from our past.

The Board of Trustees adopted a new Strategic Plan to guide their work in the coming years. While the work of funding historic sites through grants will continue, the Board will be exploring ways to help historic site stewards protect themselves against the impacts of climate change. In the new plan, there is a renewed emphasis on developing educational opportunities for local historic preservation commissions. We will also increase content and promotion of our website, Journey Through Jersey, and will continue to coordinate heritage tourism opportunities throughout the state.

As the year ends, I share with all of you that I will be retired on January 1, 2024. I have been employed by the State of New Jersey in some capacity since 1987. It has been very rewarding to work alongside so many dedicated preservationists and to assist so many historic sites in realizing their full potential. I am comforted by knowing that the Trust is in excellent financial position and that it will be managed by a team of very capable and accomplished people who care deeply about the mission.

Please know that I have considered it a privilege to serve New Jersey, the New Jersey Historic Trust, and the many citizens who steward historic resources. I look forward to my next chapter and hope to remain connected to many of you in some capacity, into the future.

Sincerely,



Dorothy P. Guzzo  
Executive Director  
New Jersey Historic Trust







# YEAR IN REVIEW

Throughout the year, the New Jersey Historic Trust staff helps plan and supports educational workshops and conferences that reached the history and historic preservation audiences. In 2023, the Trust participated in several events including the New Jersey Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development, New Jersey Conference on Tourism, New Jersey Rivers Conference, New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference, and the Past Forward Conference in Washington D.C. In addition, New Jersey Historic Trust staff and board members regularly attend events that celebrated a project's milestones, such as a ribbon cuttings or groundbreakings. This year, the Trust celebrated ribbon cutting and groundbreaking ceremonies at the East Trenton Public Library, Haddonfield Friends School, and Lambertville Historical Society.



*NJHT staff at the Past Forward Conference in Washington D.C.*



## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The History and Historic Preservation Conference: FUN & FURY was held at Stockton University in Atlantic City on June 12 and 13. It was an exciting two-day event that included a full-day workshop with the State Historic Preservation Office, bus (and boat!) tours, an opening reception at Boardwalk Hall, 18 classroom sessions, a dynamic keynote speaker at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino, and a closing reception highlighting the unique architecture of the new Stockton University campus. FUN & FURY received generous financial support from over 40 sponsors, many of whom were showcased in the marketplace on the day of the conference.

## NJ STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

The Capital Arts-Historic Locations Grant Program is presented through a partnership between the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Historic Trust to support capital projects for nonprofit arts organizations located in New Jersey. The program is designed to support organizations operating within buildings that are listed or eligible for listing in the New Jersey and/or National Register of Historic Places. Funds will be used for construction expenses related to preservation, restoration, repair, and expansion to improve or enhance facilities. Grant funding is provided by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and is reviewed and administered by the New Jersey Historic Trust. For FY23 there were 13 grants awarded totaling approximately \$2.7 million, with a maximum award of \$250,000 per grantee.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Historic Preservation Continuing Education Program at Rutgers University-Camden was launched in 2016 through a partnership between the New Jersey Historic Trust and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the Humanities (MARCH). Designed for those who desire to gain a deeper understanding of the vocabulary





and discipline of historic preservation, students learn from professionals working in the field to gain a more realistic perspective on how the tangible remains of our past can be integrated within current environments. In 2017, the program began offering a Certificate in Historic Preservation, and in 2023 the program presented two full semesters of courses. For more information, visit: [www.preservation.rutgers.edu](http://www.preservation.rutgers.edu).

## GLENN CEPONIS APPOINTED NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In December 2023, Glenn Ceponis was appointed as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Historic Trust.

"We are thrilled to have Glenn serve as our new Executive Director. His expertise ensures that the Historic Trust will continue to thrive and provide important leadership within the preservation community," said New Jersey Historic Trust Board of Trustees Chairman, Peter Lindsay.

Prior to his appointment as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Historic Trust, Mr. Ceponis served as the Principal Historic Preservation Specialist at the New Jersey History Trust since 2004. Prior to accepting a position with the Trust, Mr. Ceponis worked in the private sector for over fifteen years in the field of cultural resource management.



*Glenn Ceponis*

His years of experience, depth of knowledge, and passion for preservation will lead the Trust in exploring new ways to serve the community.

## NEW FACES AT THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS



*Stephanie Kraut*

Stephanie Kraut joined the NJHT staff as a Historic Preservation Specialist in June of this year. She is a graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design Historic Preservation Master's program. For the past seven years, she has been working for the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission leading multidisciplinary project teams of architects, engineers, and property owners through the city regulatory process to ensure compliance with Landmarks Preservation Law and preservation best practices. Since joining the NJHT, Stephanie has been managing the Capital Arts-Historic Locations Grant Program in partnership with the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Her over ten years of firsthand field, research, and technical writing experience in the preservation field will be an asset to the New Jersey Historic Trust.





*Jacquelyn A. Suárez*

Jacquelyn A. Suárez was appointed Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on May 20, 2024 making her the first Hispanic commissioner to lead the DCA. Suárez is committed to the Department's ongoing mission to provide residents, local governments, businesses, and community development organizations with financial support, administrative guidance, and technical assistance to help improve the quality of life for New Jersey families.

As Commissioner of one of the State's largest departments, Suárez is responsible for a \$1.485 billion operational budget and the administration of federal disaster relief grant funding provided through the Community Development Block Grant, COVID American Rescue Plan, and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. She oversees more than 1000 employees and leads a variety of departmental programs including the divisions of Local Government Services, Housing and Community Resources, Codes and Standards, Fire Safety, Disaster Recovery and Mitigation, and the Offices of Information Privacy and Local Planning Services. Suárez also has oversight of the Department's affiliate agencies including the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority, the Urban Enterprise Zone Authority, the New Jersey Historic Trust, and the Government Records Council.

Suárez continues to serve as the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, a position she has held since 2021, where she provides local governments with technical and financial assistance in several areas, including shared services, purchasing, and management issues. She also oversees the review and approval of all municipal, county, and fire district budgets, works to uphold the financial integrity of local government units, and guides the conduct of local government officials.

As Director of DLGS, Suárez also serves as Chair of the State's Local Finance Board, a position she has held since January 2021.

Prior to serving as the Director of DLGS, Suárez provided legal advice to Governor Murphy on matters affecting his Administration as an associate counsel in the Governor's Office. During her time in the Governor's Office, Suárez advised on pending legislation, statutory responsibilities, litigation, the development of administrative regulations, and various proposals impacting the Governor's public policy agenda. With a focus on issues related to the Departments of Community Affairs, Human Services, Children and Families, and the Administrative Office of the Courts, Suárez was integral to advancing the Governor's agenda in these areas and, in particular, to spearheading many of the State's COVID response policies such as the eviction moratorium. It was Suárez's proven aptitude and successful track record that gave Lieutenant Governor Sheila Y. Oliver the confidence to name her as the director of the DLGS.

## THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST SAYS FAREWELL TO DOROTHY P. GUZZO AFTER 36 YEARS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Dorothy P. Guzzo was appointed Executive Director of the New Jersey Historic Trust in February 2008. Under her leadership, the Trust has significantly contributed to the preservation of New Jersey's historic resources by helping to secure \$10 million in annual funding, creating and expanding heritage tourism throughout the state, and creating a historic preservation continuing education program.

From 1995 to 2008, Ms. Guzzo served as the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for the State of New Jersey. As the federally recognized State Historic Preservation Office, she oversaw the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places, project certification to qualify for Investment Tax Credits, the certification of local governments for implementing programs on the municipal level, historic and archaeological resource inventory, and resource protection through state and federal regulations.



*Dorothy P. Guzzo  
presenting at the Rivers  
Conference.*



Prior to her appointment in 1995, Ms. Guzzo was employed by the same Department as a grants and project manager overseeing the restoration and development of the state-owned historic sites. Resource types ranged from Revolutionary War Battlefields, agricultural villages, and 18th and 19th century mansions to lighthouses, ironworks, and sawmills. Combined, Ms. Guzzo has more than 36 years of government experience in historic resource stewardship.

Ms. Guzzo previously served on the not-for-profit Board of Directors for the Crossroads of the American Revolution Association; was an ex-officio to the New Jersey Historical Commission, New Jersey Historic Trust and Main Street New Jersey Board of Advisors; served on the New Jersey Heritage Tourism Task Force; and was the past Chair of the Alice Paul Institute. She has held elected office and served on her municipal planning board and local historic preservation commission.

Congratulations to Ms. Guzzo on her retirement!



*Celebrating the Haddonfield Friends School sign unveiling*



*Annual Board Meeting*

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHEILA Y. OLIVER

Lieutenant Governor Oliver served as New Jersey's 2nd Lieutenant Governor from January 16, 2018, until her passing on August 1, 2023. In addition to her role as Lieutenant Governor, she served as Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, where she led efforts to strengthen and expand initiatives for fair and affordable housing, community revitalization, homelessness prevention, and local government services that support New Jersey's municipalities. An advocate for historic preservation, she was instrumental in helping the Trust serve its community.



*Lieutenant Governor Sheila Y. Oliver*

Lieutenant Governor Oliver pioneered a successful career in public service advocating for social justice, women's equality, and education. A trailblazer in every sense of the word, in 2010, she became the first African American woman in state history to serve as Assembly Speaker and the second in the nation's history to lead a state legislative house. In 2017, she became the first woman of color to serve in a statewide elected office in New Jersey's history. She was reelected in 2021 to serve a second term in office.

Across her career, Lieutenant Governor Oliver worked in the public, non-profit, and private sectors, and taught numerous college courses. Her support and participation in the annual New Jersey History and Historic Preservation Conference demonstrated her commitment to preserve the rich history of the Garden State.

She was a truly dedicated public servant, compassionate woman, and an important friend to historic preservation. We are honored to have worked with her and she will genuinely be missed.





## GRANT PROGRAMS COMPLETED PROJECTS

### PRESERVE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

The Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund was established by legislation in 2016 to provide an annual source of matching grants from the state's corporate business tax for historic preservation projects. The Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund continues the work of the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund (2000-2012) and the Historic Preservation Bond Program (1990-1997). Since 1990, more than \$200 million in matching grants have been awarded to worthy historic preservation construction and planning projects throughout the state.

Four categories of grants are awarded through the program. Historic Site Management; Municipal, County, and Regional Planning; and Heritage Tourism Grants, up to \$75,000, help support planning exercises that promote effective management and interpretation at historic sites. Capital Preservation Grants, up to \$750,000, help support construction expenses related to the preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic properties and associated architectural and engineering expenses. In 2023, \$2,634,979 was reimbursed for construction and planning activities. The following projects were successfully completed and closed out in 2023:

Historic Site Management			
Project Name	Applicant	County	Grant Award
Radburn Historic District	The Radburn Association	Bergen	\$50,000
Roebbling Wire Company	Roebbling Museum	Burlington	\$36,415
Roebbling Historic District	Roebbling Main Gate Museum	Burlington	\$15,155
General Edward S. Godfrey House	New Hanover Township	Burlington	\$30,000
Haddonfield Friends School	Haddonfield Friends School	Camden	\$50,000
Newton Friends Meetinghouse	Hamilton Partnership for Paterson, Inc.	Camden	\$21,390
Historic Cold Spring Village Historic District	Historic Cold Spring Village (HCSV) Foundation	Cape May	\$37,107
Emlen Physick Estate	Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities	Cape May	\$47,370
Old Stone School	Greenwich Township	Cumberland	\$11,109
Cumberland County Courthouse	Cumberland County	Cumberland	\$50,000





Historic Site Management			
Project Name	Applicant	County	Grant Award
Siloam Cemetery Historic District	Siloam Cemetery Association	Cumberland	\$30,000
Hoboken Firehouses & Fireman's Monument	Hoboken City	Hudson	\$37,500
First Baptist Church and Parsonage	Allentown Public Library Association, Inc.	Monmouth	\$18,750
Seabright Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club	SLTCC Landmark Friends, Inc.	Monmouth	\$17,738
Navesink Lighthouse (Twin Lights) (Navesink Light Station)	Twin Lights Historical Society	Monmouth	\$27,072
S.U.M. Auxillary Steam Plant	Hamilton Partnership for Paterson, Inc.	Passaic	\$24,000
Cedar Brook Park	The Plainfield Garden Club	Union	\$9,000

Historic Site Management for Heritage Tourism			
Project Name	Applicant	County	Grant Award
Krueger Mansion	South Mountain TheaterWorks, Inc. (d/b/a South Mountain TV)	Essex	\$50,000



*Old Stone SchoolHouse*



*Siloam Cemetery Historic District*



Level I Capital Preservation Grants			
Project Name	Applicant	County	Grant Award
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Burlington	St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Burlington	Burlington	\$150,000
US Coast Guard Motor Lifeboat CG36538	Cape May Maritime Museum	Cape May	\$54,315
Morven	Morven Museum, Inc.	Mercer	\$31,434
Camp Evans Historic District	Information Age Learning Center	Monmouth	\$14,124

Level II Capital Preservation Grants			
Project Name	Applicant	County	Grant Award
Riverton Yacht Club (Riverton Historic District)	Riverton Steamboat Landing Foundation	Burlington	\$322,500
USS New Jersey (BB-62)	Home Port Alliance for the USS New Jersey, Inc.	Camden	\$750,000
Lambert Castle (Belle Vista)	Passaic County	Passaic	\$750,000







*Hoboken Firehouses & Fireman's Monument (Engine #2)*





## GRANT PROGRAMS NEW AWARDS

### PRESERVE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND AWARDED PROJECTS

Historic Site Management (HSM), Heritage Tourism, and Capital Level I & II Grants

In 2023, the New Jersey Historic Trust awarded over \$14 million in matching grant funds to 71 preservation planning and capital projects in 16 counties. Funded projects included National Register nominations, preservation plans, conditions assessments, design and construction documents, restoration, rehabilitation, and other projects that assist organizations in managing and stewarding their heritage buildings and sites. In addition to the 2023 Preserve New Jersey grant applications, the next phase of funding for one 2019 multiphase capital project was allocated. Also included in the list are two special initiatives: the Discover NJ History License Plate and the Emergency Intervention Fund. Together, the one multiphase capital project and two special initiatives total \$875,000, which brings the total amount for funds for the 2023 ground to \$15.7 million. The following grant awards were made in 2023:

Historic Site Management Grants (up to \$75,000)				
Applicant	Project Name	Municipality	County	Recommended Award
The Borough of East Rutherford	Richard Outwater House	East Rutherford Borough	Bergen	\$45,000
Radburn Association	Grange Hall (Radburn Historic District)	Fair Lawn Borough	Bergen	\$36,821
Borough of Oakland	Vygeberg Farm office building	Oakland Borough	Bergen	\$61,125
Bergen County	New Milford Plant of the Hackensack Water Company	Oradell Borough	Bergen	\$75,000
Roebling Main Gate Museum (d/b/a Roebling Museum)	101 Second Avenue (Roebling Historic District)	Florence Township	Burlington	\$28,332
Cape May County Historical & Genealogical Society	Cresse-Holmes House (John Holmes House)	Middle Township	Cape May	\$49,584
Millville Army Air Field Museum Inc.	Millville Army Air Field Historic District	Millville City	Cumberland	\$22,500





Historic Site Management Grants (up to \$75,000)				
Applicant	Project Name	Municipality	County	Recommended Award
Friends of the Van Ness House, Inc.	Van Ness House	Fairfield Township	Essex	\$45,713
The Montclair Foundation	Van Vleck House & Gardens (Mountain Historic District)	Montclair Township	Essex	\$41,025
Rowan University	Red Bank Battlefield	National Park Borough	Gloucester	\$55,634
Gloucester County Historical Society	Hunter-Lawrence-Jessup House	Woodbury City	Gloucester	\$26,929
Save Ellis Island, Inc.	Hospital Complex (Statue of Liberty National Monument, Ellis Island and Liberty Island)	Jersey City	Hudson	\$63,750
1759 Vought House	Christoffel Vought Farmstead	Clinton Township	Hunterdon	\$13,650
Borough of High Bridge	Solitude House	High Bridge Borough	Hunterdon	\$26,550
The College of New Jersey	William Green House	Ewing Township	Mercer	\$47,775
Howell Living History Farm	Hunter Road Bridge (Pleasant Valley Historic District)	Hopewell Township	Mercer	\$35,250
American Battlefield Trust	Princeton Battlefield (Princeton Battlefield/Stony Brook Historic District)	Princeton	Mercer	\$74,925
City of Perth Amboy	Perth Amboy City Hall and Surveyor General's Office	Perth Amboy City	Middlesex	\$71,250
Middlesex County, Division of History and Historic Preservation	Cornelius Low House	Piscataway Township	Middlesex	\$75,000



Historic Site Management Grants (up to \$75,000)				
Applicant	Project Name	Municipality	County	Recommended Award
Borough of Matawan	Major John Burrowes Mansion	Matawan Borough	Monmouth	\$33,964
Morris County Historical Society	Acorn Hall	Morristown Town	Morris	\$15,330
Town of Morristown	Morristown Post Office (Morristown Historic District Extension)	Morristown Town	Morris	\$75,000
Borough of Mountain Lakes	Mountain Lakes Train Station (Mountain Lakes Historic District)	Mountain Lakes Borough	Morris	\$7,670
Little Falls Historical Society	Little Falls Old Town Hall	Little Falls Township	Passaic	\$13,725
County of Passaic, Department of Cultural & Historic Affairs	Westside Park pedestrian bridge	Paterson City	Passaic	\$69,451
Town of Newton	Newton Town Plot Historic District	Newton Town	Sussex	\$32,813

Municipal, County, and Regional Planning (up to \$75,000)				
Applicant	Project Name	Municipality	County	Recommended Award
Township of Moorestown	Moorestown Historic District	Moorestown Township	Burlington	\$75,000

Historic Site Management Grants for Heritage Tourism (up to \$75,000)				
Applicant	Project Name	Municipality	County	Recommended Award
The Whitesbog Preservation Trust, Inc.	Whitesbog Historic District	Pemberton Township (Brown Mills)	Burlington	\$30,000
South Mountain TheaterWorks, Inc. d/b/a South Mountain TV	Greenwich Historic District	Greenwich Township	Cumberland	\$75,000
Millville Army Air Field Museum	Millville Army Air Field Historic District	Millville City	Cumberland	\$8,163
Historic Morven, Inc.	Morven	Princeton	Mercer	\$75,000
St. Michael's Episcopal Church	St. Michael's Episcopal Church	Trenton City	Mercer	\$24,390
Borough of Freehold	General Clinton's Headquarters	Freehold Borough	Monmouth	\$15,000



Historic Site Management Grants for Heritage Tourism (up to \$75,000)				
Applicant	Project Name	Municipality	County	Recommended Award
Millstone Township Historical Preservation Commission	Clarksburg Methodist Episcopal Church	Millstone Township	Monmouth	\$71,250
Friends of Passaic County	Belle Vista (Lambert Castle)	Paterson City	Passaic	\$75,000

Level I Capital Preservation Grants (\$50,000 – \$150,000)				
Applicant	Project Name	Municipality	County	Recommended Award
Perkins Center for the Arts	Carriage House (Perkins house)	Moorestown Township	Burlington	\$150,000
New Hanover Township	General Edward S. Godfrey House	New Hanover Township	Burlington	\$149,489
Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (trading as Cape May MAC)	Emlen Physick Estate	Cape May City	Cape May	\$32,308
Cape May Maritime Museum and Education Center	U.S. Coast Guard Motor Lifeboat CG-36538	Lower Township	Cape May	\$45,017
Bayshore Center at Bivalve	A.J. Meerwald Schooner and Bivalve Oyster Packing Houses and Docks	Commercial Township	Cumberland	\$82,728
Mount Pleasant Cemetery	Mount Pleasant Cemetery	Newark City	Essex	\$21,600
Gloucester County Historical Society	Moravian Church	Woolwich Township	Gloucester	\$23,582
Historic Morven, Inc.	Morven	Princeton	Mercer	\$72,300
Twin Lights Historical Society	Navesink Lighthouse (Twin Lights) (Navesink Light Station)	Highlands Borough	Monmouth	\$15,000
Borough of Matawan	Major John Burrowes Mansion	Matawan Borough	Monmouth	\$149,377
The Morristown & Morris Township Library Foundation	Morristown Public Library (Morristown Historic District Extension)	Morristown Town	Morris	\$37,911
The Growing Stage Theatre for Young Audiences, Inc.	Palace Theatre	Netcong Borough	Morris	\$140,502
Skylands Association, NJ Botanical Garden	Carriage House (Skylands)	Ringwood Borough	Passaic	\$150,000
Liberty Hall Museum	Carriage House Liberty Hall (Governor William Livingston House)	Union Township	Union	\$90,000



Level II Capital Preservation Grants (\$150,001 - \$750,000)				
Applicant	Project Name	Municipality	County	Recommended Award
New Jersey Pinelands Commission	Fenwick Manor	Pemberton Township	Burlington	\$575,000
Camden County Historical Society	Benjamin Cooper Ferry and Tavern	Camden City	Camden	\$611,340
Home Port Alliance for the USS New Jersey, Inc.	USS New Jersey (BB-62)	Camden City	Camden	\$750,000
Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (trading as Cape May MAC)	Emlen Physick Estate	Cape May City	Cape May	\$404,611
HCSV Foundation, t/a Historic Cold Spring Village	Cold Spring Grange Hall	Lower Township	Cape May	\$156,266
City of Jersey City	Reservoir #3	Jersey City	Hudson	\$750,000
Hudson County Division of Parks	North and South Summer Houses (West Bergen-East Lincoln Park Historic District)	Jersey City	Hudson	\$713,550
Dorothea van Dyke McLane Association	Dorothea van Dyke McLane House (Princeton Historic District)	Princeton	Mercer	\$475,718
Historic Morven, Inc.	Morven	Princeton	Mercer	\$500,000
Old Barracks Association	Old Barracks	Trenton City	Mercer	\$152,622
City of Trenton	Trenton City Hall	Trenton City	Mercer	\$749,644
SLT & CC Landmark Friends, Inc.	Seabright Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club	Rumson Borough	Monmouth	\$304,000
Ayres/Knuth Farm Foundation, Inc.	Ayres Farm (Knuth Farm)	Denville Township	Morris	\$194,150
Township of Hanover	Joseph Tuttle House	Hanover Township	Morris	\$539,250
Borough of Mendham	Phoenix House (Mendham Historic District)	Mendham Borough	Morris	\$214,029
Township of Mine Hill	Bridget Smith House	Mine Hill Township	Morris	\$259,600
Morris County Park Commission	General Joseph W. Revere House (The Willows, Fosterfields)	Morris Township	Morris	\$245,430
Mount Olive Township	Barn (Seward House)	Mount Olive Township	Morris	\$261,205
Washington Township Land Trust of Morris County, Inc.	Obadiah LaTourette Grist and Saw Mill (German Valley Historic District)	Washington Township	Morris	\$470,500
City of Clifton	Morris Canal	Clifton City	Passaic	\$444,995



Capital Level II: Multiphase (\$500,000 - \$750,000)				
Applicant	Project Name	Municipality	County	Recommended Award
120 East State Street	First Presbyterian Church and Cemetery	Trenton City	Mercer	\$750,000
County of Passaic	Passaic County Court House, and United States Custom House and Post Office Historic District	Paterson City	Passaic	\$750,000

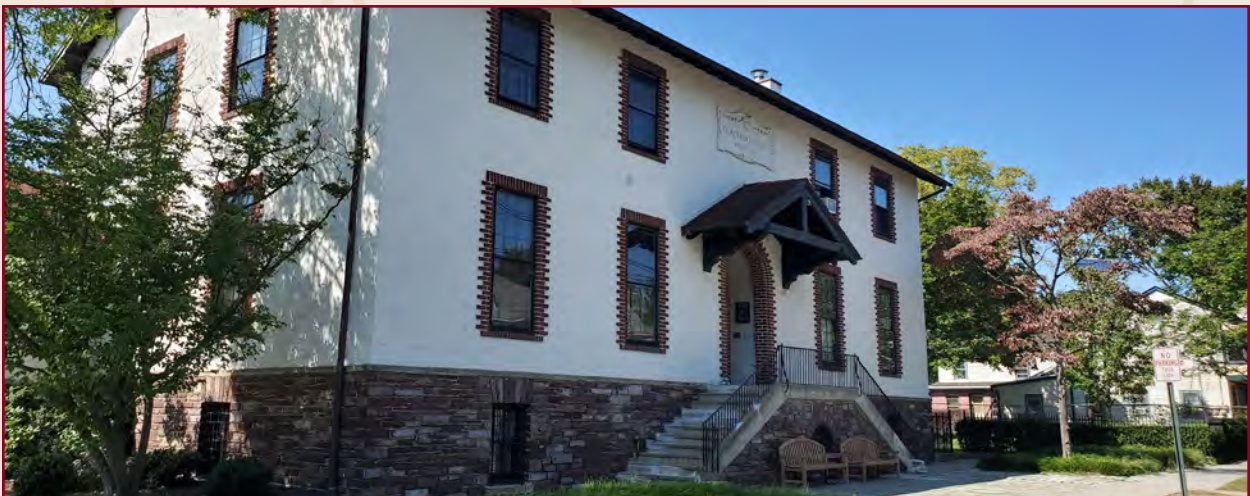
Miscellaneous				
Applicant	Project Name	Municipality	County	Recommended Award
Hoboken Public Library	Hoboken Public Library	Hoboken City	Hudson	\$750,000
New Jersey Historic Trust	Emergency Intervention Fund	Trenton City	Mercer	\$100,000
New Jersey Historic Trust	Discover NJ History License Plate Fund	Trenton City	Mercer	\$25,000



*Passaic County Court House, and United States Custom House and Post Office Historic District*



*Christoffel Vought Farmstead*



*Dorothea van Dyke McLane House (Princeton Historic District)*



# WORKING the Land



## Life, Family & Change in Early 1800s New Jersey

Once, most New Jersey families were farm families. Explore the tools and strategies that helped them meet the challenges of working the land—and the innovations that promised to change their lives.



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**In the early 1800s, most people grew their own food.**

In fact, about 80% of all Americans farmed. The cycle of planting, growing, harvesting—and then eating all new again—wasn't familiar. But then it had been that way for centuries.



**Food for Thought**

The first settlers had to grow their own food. They didn't have stores or markets. They had to grow everything they needed to survive. This was a hard life, but it was also a life of self-sufficiency. They grew corn, wheat, and other crops. They raised animals like cows and pigs. They made their own tools and clothing. They lived in simple houses made of wood or mud. They didn't have electricity or running water. They had to do everything themselves. This was the way of life for most people in the early 1800s.

**They grew enough to survive—with a little left over.**

While there were a few wealthy landowners who grew enough crops to export them to other countries, most farmers produced just enough for their families to survive. Any extra they sold locally to neighbors or nearby towns and cities like Newark, New Brunswick, Philadelphia, and New York.



**But life was slowly changing...**

After centuries of doing things the same way, changes were slowly taking place. New tools and techniques helped farmers grow more crops. More people moved west, and in the 1850s, the railroads made it easier and faster to transport food from the farms to the cities.



**...and the railroad helped fuel New Jersey's growth.**

As farmers planted, plowed, and harvested more efficiently, they made more and more food. More people moved to the cities to work in factories and on the railroads. More people had the time and money to buy food from the stores. This was the beginning of the Industrial Revolution in New Jersey. The railroads made it easier to transport goods from the farms to the cities. This helped the cities grow and the state become more industrialized.







# GRANT PROGRAMS NEW AWARDS

## NEW JERSEY CULTURAL TRUST CAPITAL PRESERVATION GRANTS

The New Jersey Cultural Trust was created in July 2000 as a public/private partnership to help ensure a stable and healthy nonprofit cultural industry in New Jersey that is sustainable even in the toughest of economic times. The Cultural Trust provides grants to support capital projects; endowments; and institutional and financial stabilization of arts, history, and humanity organizations in New Jersey. Funding for the grants comes from interest earned on the Cultural Trust Fund, which is a permanent investment fund.

The New Jersey Historic Trust is authorized by the Cultural Trust Act to make capital facilities grant award recommendations for funding by the New Jersey Cultural Trust. In 2023, \$798,395 was awarded to 21 projects.

New Jersey Cultural Trust Capital Preservation Grants				
Applicant	Project Name	Municipality	County	Recommended Award
Camden County Historical Society	Pomona Hall	Camden City	Camden	\$40,000
Home Port Alliance for the USS New Jersey Inc.	USS New Jersey (BB-62)	Camden City	Camden	\$40,000
Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities	Emlen Physick Estate	Cape May City	Cape May	\$40,000
Historic Cold Spring Village	Historic Cold Spring Village Historic District	Lower Township	Cape May	\$40,000
Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum	Hangar No. 1, NASW	Rio Grande	Cape May	\$40,000
Millville Army Airfield Museum	Millville Army Air Field Historic District	Millville City	Cumberland	\$30,000
Montclair Historical Society	Nathaniel Crane House and Clark House	Montclair Township	Essex	\$40,000
Gloucester County Historical Society	Hunter-Lawrence-Jessup House	Woodbury City	Gloucester	\$39,997
Save Ellis Island, Inc.	Statue of Liberty National Monument, Ellis and Liberty Island	Jersey City	Hudson	\$40,000





New Jersey Cultural Trust Capital Preservation Grants				
Applicant	Project Name	Municipality	County	Recommended Award
The 1759 Vought House, Inc.	Christoffel Vought Homestead	Clinton Township	Hunterdon	\$33,000
Hunterdon Land Trust	Case-Dvoor Farmstead	Raritan Township	Hunterdon	\$39,200
Delaware River Mill Society	Prallsville Mills	Stockton Borough	Hunterdon	\$40,000
Morven Museum, Inc.	Morven	Princeton	Mercer	\$40,000
Old Barracks Museum	Old Barracks	Trenton City	Mercer	\$40,000
Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties	Clarksburg Methodist Episcopal Church	Millstone Township	Monmouth	\$40,000
InfoAge Science History Center	Camp Evans National Historic Landmark	Wall Township	Monmouth	\$40,000
South Street Theatre/The Community Theatre	Community Theatre, Morristown Historic District	Morristown Town	Morris	\$40,000
American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark	Botto House	Haledon Borough	Passaic	\$39,975
Liberty Hall Muse-um	Liberty Hall Muse-um	Union Township	Union	\$40,000
Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum Associa-tion	Merchants and Drovers Tavern	Rahway City	Union	\$40,000
Reeves-Reed Arboretum	Reeves-Reed Arboretum, Wisner House	Summit City	Union	\$16,223



*Reeves-Reed Arboretum, Wisner House*



*Pomona Hall*



*Botto House*





## GRANT PROGRAMS

# DISCOVER NEW JERSEY HISTORY LICENSE

The Discover NJ History License Plate Fund provides grants (up to \$5,000) to develop and promote visitor-ready sites as heritage tourism destinations. The Fund was established at the recommendation of the 2010 Heritage Tourism Master Plan for New Jersey. Since 2012, 55 projects have been awarded for a total of \$233,025. The following grant awards were made in 2023:

Discover NJ History License Plate Fund			
Project Name	Applicant	County	Grant Award
Roebing Museum	Roebing Museum	Burlington	\$2,000
Washington Crossing State Park	Washington Crossing Park Association	Mercer	\$5,535
The Proprietary House	Crossroads of the American Revolution	Middlesex	\$4,750
For a complete list of awarded projects, please visit: <a href="https://www.nj.gov/dca/njht/programs/discover/">https://www.nj.gov/dca/njht/programs/discover/</a> .			



# PLATE FUND

## DISCOVER NJ HISTORY LICENSE PLATE

Help us fund more projects by purchasing a Discover NJ History license plate today! It is easy to order your "Discover NJ History" license plate online from Motor Vehicle Services. The cost is a one-time fee of \$50 (or \$100 for personalized plates) and an annual \$10 renewal fee. Your purchase helps sustain the Discover NJ History License Plate Fund for Heritage Tourism. The greater number of license plate sales and renewals, the more funding there is available for heritage tourism projects! Go online and visit, [preservenjhistory.com](http://preservenjhistory.com) for more information and to purchase a Discover NJ History license plate.



*Washington Crossing State Park*











# JOURNEY THROUGH



*Cumberland County Historical Society*

In February of 2017, the New Jersey Historic Trust launched [journeythroughjersey.com](http://journeythroughjersey.com), the first website dedicated solely to promote heritage tourism in the state and to support and improve quality visitor experiences at the state's many and diverse historic sites. The development of the award-winning website arose from the needs identified in Linking our Legacy to a New Vision: A Heritage Tourism Master Plan for New Jersey, published by the Trust in 2010. This master plan documented the untapped potential for a robust heritage tourism sector and outlined the steps necessary to achieve that goal.

In 2023, the New Jersey Historic Trust embarked on its first comprehensive marketing plan to increase awareness of Journey Through Jersey. The plan included sponsored content articles and advertisements on NJ.com, full-page advertisements in Jersey Best Magazine, full-page advertisements in the Star Ledger Travel Guide, and targeted social media posts. The marketing plan was very successful as traffic to the website grew by 256%!

Journey Through Jersey was also a prominent sponsor of the 2023 New Jersey Conference on Tourism. Ten Journey Through Jersey partners were sponsored to attend the conference where they learned about marketing trends and how to position their site to attract new audiences. Additionally, Trust staff was invited to speak at the conference and reported on the economic and fiscal impacts of heritage tourism in New Jersey, visitor-readiness, and how to leverage partnerships and resources in preparation for the festivities planned in 2026.

Moreover, Journey Through Jersey continued to accept site nominations throughout the year. In 2023, 13 historic sites were nominated and added to the Journey Through Jersey website representing all the themes identified in the 2010 master plan. New blog posts and travel itineraries were also added regularly that took visitors across the state exploring African American history in the Pine Barrens, Morristown National Historical Park's 90th anniversary, historic preservation, New Jersey's agricultural history, pet-friendly historic sites, New Jersey diner history, the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge, and more!

We look forward to keeping the momentum going and to exciting developments in the year ahead! To plan your journey, visit [journeythroughjersey.com](http://journeythroughjersey.com) for more information.





# JERSEY



*Historic Longstreet Farm*





# EASEMENT HIGHLIGHT



*Van Gelder Studio and House (exterior)*

In 2023, the New Jersey Historic Trust acquired a historic preservation easement on the Van Gelder Studio and Home located at 445 Sylvan Avenue in Englewood Cliffs. The Van Gelder Studio and Home was listed in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places on March 10, 2022, and in the National Register of Historic Places on April 25, 2022. It is significant for its association with Rudolph “Rudy” Van Gelder and architectural period of significance (1959-1970).

The Van Gelder Studio and Home (VGSH) served as Van Gelder’s professional recording studio and home. He began professionally recording music in his parent’s home in Hoboken until he built the mixed-use commercial and residential building in 1959. The 2-story polygonal building in a modern Wrightian style was designed by David Henken, an apprentice of Frank Lloyd Wright. The Van Gelder Recording Studio was one of the first businesses established during Englewood Cliffs decade of rapid growth between 1950 to 1960.

Rudy Van Gelder was trained as an optometrist, receiving his doctorate in optometry in 1946; however, his passion was for recording music. Van Gelder was a self-taught audio engineer that developed ways to capture sound with renowned clarity and depth. In this studio, thousands of jazz albums were recorded by the likes of John Coltrane, Horace Silver, Dexter Gordon, and Bill Evans. The period between 1959 to 1970 witnessed some his best-known recordings, many of which receiving Grammy awards.

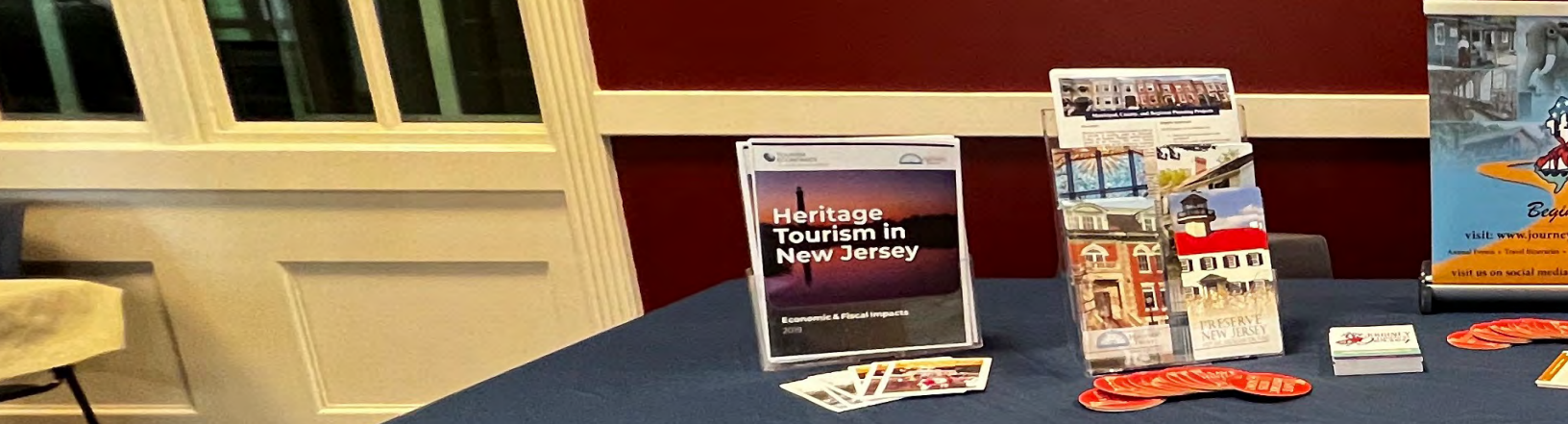
The recording studio performance space features Wrightian Cherokee red integral color poured concrete floors. The walls are constructed from custom designed hollow integral color concrete blocks. The impressive ceiling is composed of tongue-and-groove cedar plank. The hipped roof over the studio is supported by four laminated Douglas-fir exposed structural arches with a thirty-foot apex. In response to changing recording technology, four isolation booths--percussion, bass, drum, and vocal--were added ca. 1970 to enable musicians to be recorded individually. A fifth booth, the piano booth, was added in the 1990s. Van Gelder’s modest, yet spacious, apartment located on the upper floor features custom built furniture from the time of construction and is accessible from a set of stairs leading from the studio.

Rudy Van Gelder lived and recorded in the building until his death in 2016. Maureen Sickler, Van Gelder’s long-time assistant, and her husband continue to operate the facility as a commercial recording studio. It is their hope to maintain and restore the studio. A long-term goal is to establish a non-profit organization to ensure the studio’s existence long into the future.









# ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Historic Trust advances historic preservation for the benefit of the state's diverse population today and for its future generations. Through its education, tourism, stewardship, and financial investment programs, the Trust saves New Jersey's heritage and strengthens its communities.

In order to present a fuller understanding of our heritage, the New Jersey Historic Trust actively supports the discovery, preservation, and appreciation of the tangible remains of history that have been previously under-represented in the historical record.

The New Jersey 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 Trust also provides financial support, protection, and technical assistance through its programs:

The Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund was established by legislation in 2016 to provide an annual source of matching grants from the state's corporate business tax for historic preservation projects. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and government entities. The Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund continues the work of the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund (2000-2012) and the Historic Preservation Bond Program (1990-1997). Since 1990, over \$200 million in matching grants has been awarded to worthy construction and planning historic preservation projects throughout the state.

The Discover New Jersey Historic License Plate Fund for Heritage Tourism provides grants up to \$5,000 to develop and promote visitor-ready sites as heritage tourism destinations.

New Jersey Cultural Trust Capital Preservation Grants protect and improve historic properties that are used by nonprofit organizations that have history, humanities and arts programming. Grants may fund projects for stabilization, repair, restoration, adaptive use, and increased accessibility. Funding is offered on a schedule provided by the New Jersey Cultural Trust, which also qualifies eligible organizations.

The New Jersey Historic Trust offers long-term, low-interest loans through the Historic Preservation Revolving Loan Fund for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration of historic properties.

An Emergency Grant and Loan Fund has limited funds for critically needed work on endangered historic resources. Currently only loans are available.

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The Emergency Intervention Fund was established in 2022 to restore stability to a historic resource following a natural or human-made disaster and/or to assist efforts when a resource becomes threatened by demolition.

The Preservation Easement Program ensures the preservation of privately-owned properties in perpetuity using deed restrictions. The Trust initiated the first statewide program of this kind, which enables easement donors to take advantage of charitable deduction tax benefits. In addition, the Trust can now acquire easements on special properties that meet certain criteria.

The New Jersey Historic Trust accepts donations of real estate through New Jersey Legacies. Property donors may realize significant income and estate tax benefits by their donations. Donated properties are resold by the Trust with protective easements to ensure their preservation.





## NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST

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### **Lisa Easton, AIA, Hunterdon County**

Ms. Easton has worked on the restoration of some of the New York Metropolitan Region's most noteworthy landmarks. She has developed a reputation in the historic preservation field as an expert architect, planner, and historian. Her work consists of commercial, institutional, and residential projects set within urban and sub-urban settings. She teaches, lectures, and serves on a variety of non-profit boards, promoting the integration of architecture and preservation.



**Janet W. Foster, Morris County**

An architectural historian and historic preservation consultant, Janet W. Foster is a proponent of New Jersey and its vernacular architecture. She lectures and writes on the topic. She serves on the Madison Borough Historic Preservation Commission and on the NJ State Review Board.

**Deborah Marquis Kelly, Mercer County**

Ms. Kelly is a former executive director of Preservation New Jersey and since 1996 has been an independent historic preservation consultant through her company, Preservation Partners. She is the co-author of the New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail, the current secretary of the Chesterfield Township Historical Society, and immediate-past Chair of the Chesterfield Township Historic Preservation Commission.

**Peter Lindsay, PE, Sussex County**

Mr. Lindsay has more than thirty-eight years of professional experience in engineering and holds a master's degree in mechanical engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology. Mr. Lindsay participated in the structural stabilization project of the Hamburg Presbyterian Church's 1868 sanctuary. He is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and several classic car clubs in addition to professional organizations.

**Kenneth A. Miller, Morris County**

Mr. Miller is retired from the financial services industry, and serves in several volunteer positions, including treasurer of the Joint Free Public Library of Morristown and Morris Township Foundation. He has been involved in preservation as a Commissioner and Chair of Morristown's Historic Preservation Commission, as well as restoring his private residence, a National Historic Landmark.

**Meme Omogbai, MBA, CPA, CGMA, Somerset County**

Named one of 25 Influential Black Women in Business by The Network Journal in 2010, Ms. Omogbai has been a leader in the nonprofit, corporate, museum and government sectors. As the first American of African descent named Board Chair of the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), Ms. Omogbai co-authored its ground-breaking strategic plan, The Spark, and led the initiative to rebrand the AAM as a global alliance. As Co-Director, Interim CEO, COO, CFO and Trustee, she led a major transformation in operating performance at the 105-year-old Newark Museum.

**Chris Perks, PE, Camden County**

Mr. Perks is a professional engineer and construction manager who has worked on many historic projects including comprehensive renovations of the Philadelphia Academy of Music, the Philadelphia Water Works, and fifty-three Philadelphia Free Library buildings, with fifteen historic Carnegie Libraries. He served on the Camden City Historic Preservation Commission and is the president of the Camden County Historical Society.

**Patricia Anne Salvatore, Cape May County**

Ms. Salvatore founded, developed, and preserved/restored two history sites as nonprofit museums: Historic Cold Spring Village (where she currently serves as executive director) and Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum. She is a leader locally and regionally in promoting historic preservation, history education, and heritage tourism.

**Troy Joseph Simmons, Essex County**

Troy Joseph Simmons is Principal and Owner of McPherson, Simmons Brothers & Sons LLC. In 2006, he was curator to Form, Function & Faith, an exhibition held at Seton Hall University, highlighting the Arts and Crafts movement and its influence on Roman Catholic ecclesiastical architecture in America. He is the co-author of Guidelines Concerning the Handling of Ecclesiastical Patrimony, a document that instructs church pastors and parish administrators in the proper handling of art and artifacts that are of historical value to the Archdiocese. Troy has published numerous articles and has lectured both in the United States and Canada on the topic of American ecclesiastical art and architecture.

**Linda Stender, Union County**

Linda Stender served as the Mayor of Fanwood Borough from 1988 to 1995, a member of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders from 1994 to 2001, and in the New Jersey General Assembly from 2002 to 2015, where she represented the 22nd legislative district. Ms. Stender now serves as the Director of Planning and Policy for the Union County Utilities Authority. As Councilwoman and then Mayor of Fanwood, Ms. Stender led the renovation of the Fanwood Community House/ Train Station building and helped protect the Farmhouse at Oak Ridge Park from demolition. As President of the Fanwood Junior Women's Club, she led the fight to save the Fanwood Carriage House and its adaptive reuse as the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center.



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