So our past has a future.
Since our founding in 1974, the Preservation League has built a reputation for action and effectiveness. Our goal has been to preserve our historic buildings, districts, and landscapes to build a better New York, one community at a time.

Our vision is a New York State whose people value and protect our historic resources. We strive for growth that is smart, sustainable and in harmony with the landscape. To achieve this, we are working to increase public awareness of historic preservation, and to establish it as a widely accepted tool for economic development, community revitalization, and smart, sustainable growth.

Our strength lies in our relationships with people who wish to protect the architectural and cultural heritage of the Empire State. We welcome all individuals, organizations, and businesses to join us in this mission.

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Preservation League staff stays busy throughout the year awarding grants, doing site visits, making loans, promoting historic sites, and advocating for policies that protect them. All that we do is possible because of your support and the support of preservation enthusiasts around New York State. THANK YOU.

By the Numbers

46 Years
of championing historic preservation in NYS

35
presentations and workshops in

33
cities and towns, attended by

969
people from July 2018-September 2019

17,867
number of miles driven for

45
site visits around the state

834
technical assistance phone calls fielded

6
number of cities our Hidden in Plain Sight exhibit traveled

3
number of scholarships awarded through our inaugural Zabar Scholarship program for students currently enrolled in a preservation-focused program in NYS

$690,000
committed to new EPIP projects

$326,166
awarded through out Gratz Fund, Preserve NY, and Technical Assistance grant programs, benefiting

51
projects
Advocating for the Places that Matter to You

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TWO IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STATE HISTORIC TAX CREDIT MADE IT INTO THE FINAL STATE BUDGET FOR 2020. Historic Tax Credits have proven to be an effective tool that enables preservation work to be completed that might not otherwise be possible. Our team spent considerable time and energy working with lawmakers to advocate for these positive changes for New York State.

All historic buildings within two distinct groups will now be able to take advantage of the State Historic Tax Credit, regardless of prior qualification:

1. Historic buildings within New York State Parks and State Historic Sites
2. Historic homes in cities with a population under one million with at least a 15% poverty threshold

This win for historic preservation would not have been possible without the leadership of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the Assembly and Senate, especially Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Ways and Means Chair Helene E. Weinstein and Senate Finance Chair Liz Krueger.

Recognition also belongs to Assemblymembers Carrie Woerner, Donna Lupardo, Patricia A. Fahy, Steve Otis, Steven Englebright, Robin Schimminger, Anthony D’Urso, and Carmen Arroyo and NYS Senators Timothy Kennedy and Jose M. Serrano who sponsored the initial bill that included the poverty rate qualification for cities.

On the federal side of tax credits, our team was in Washington DC to encourage support for the Historic Tax Credit Growth & Opportunity Act (HTC-GO). Preservation League staff met with several New York State Congressmembers to express the importance of HTC-GO, and how it would bring more value to historic tax credits, improving access to the credit and investment for smaller rehabilitation projects across New York State.

Many thanks to New York State Representatives Brian Higgins (D-NY), Anthony Brindisi (D-NY), Antonio Delgado (D-NY), Paul Tonko (D-NY), Joseph Morelle (D-NY), John Katko (R-NY), and Elise Stefanik (R-NY) for co-sponsoring this legislation. (List up-to-date as of printing)

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CLOSER TO HOME, the League was proud to support Assemblymember John McDonald and Senator James Gaughran’s legislation aimed at mitigating blight. This legislation (A4403/S1864) will help small and mid-sized cities in New York State mitigate the blight caused by vacant and abandoned buildings by providing them with a more expedient mechanism to place the buildings with owners who can rehabilitate them.

Thank you to the Preservation League of New York State for all of your efforts to preserve and support our rich historic resources and your strong advocacy on these important issues. I am grateful to have the opportunity to work with the Preservation League on many legislative issues and policies and for their partnership in passing legislation that I sponsored with Senator James Gaughran that would decrease the foreclosure redemption period for vacant and abandoned properties.”

John T. McDonald III, Assemblymember
Our Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards have been honoring the best examples of historic preservation, whether they be projects, organizations, or advocates, since 1998. The annual award ceremony, sponsored in 2019 by CJS Architects, Paulus Development & RUPCO, is one of our most popular events and provides a great chance to celebrate the people who make preservation possible.

2019 Excellence Awards

1. GRAYCLIFF—ISABELLE MARTIN HOUSE
   Graycliff Conservancy, CJS Architects LLP
   Derby, Erie County
   PHOTO BY DAVI MILLER

2. THE NEWS APARTMENTS
   The Rosenblum Companies
   Troy, Rensselaer County
   PHOTO BY DAVI MILLER

3. WILTON & WILLET STONE STORE—CAHILL LANDING
   Anthony Pauldine, Owner,
   Crawford and Stearns Architects
   Oswego, Oswego County

4. EASTMAN GARDENS,
   HOME LEASING LLC
   Rochester, Monroe County

5. NEUMANN HOUSE
   designed by Marcel Breuer
   Croton-on-Hudson, Westchester County
   PHOTO BY UNDINE PRÖHL

6. KNICKERBOCKER CLUB:
   CENTENNIAL RENEWAL
   Jan Hird Pokorny Associates, Inc.
   NYC

7. NYC LGBT HISTORIC SITES PROJECT
   NYC

8. RUPCO EAST END APARTMENTS
   OF HISTORIC NEWBURGH
   Newburgh, Orange County
   PHOTO BY DAVI MILLER

The Neumann House (1953) was named for its original owners, George & Vera Neumann (of Scarves by Vera fame). It was designed by architect Marcel Breuer and sited to take advantage of its commanding Hudson views. Visitors were able to enjoy a rare look inside the Neumann House during the League’s fall tour exploring historic sites in Westchester County.
“Thank you to the Preservation League of New York State for recognizing the Neumann House with a 2019 Excellence in Historic Preservation Award and for including us as part of your Hidden Gems of Westchester tour. While the restoration was not easy, the pride that we felt from the League’s recognition, and the amazing people we met through the League that followed, all made it very worthwhile. We are sincerely grateful.”

Neumann House homeowners Joseph Mazzaferro & Ken Sena
Checking in with our **Seven to Save**

When we include a site on our biennial *Seven to Save* list of endangered historic places, we don’t just assign that label and then move on. It’s the start of an ongoing relationship where we use multiple strategies to effect positive outcomes for these important historic resources that we all care so much about. Media outreach, tours, grants, local collaborations, and new legislation are among the strategies the League uses to secure the future of at-risk historic places.

### 2018–19 **Seven to Save**

**SOUTH END-GROESBECKVILLE NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**
Albany, Albany County

**WATervliet Shaker National Register Historic District**
Colonie, Albany County

**Haglund Building (Jamestown Arcade)**
Jamestown, Chautauqua County

**Wells Barns**
Various Municipalities, Monroe & Livingston Counties

**ENLARGED ERIE CANAL SCHOHARIE AQUEDUCT**
Fort Hunter, Montgomery County

**LeHIGH Valley RAILROAD RoundHOUSE AND RELATED STRUCTURES**
Manchester, Ontario County

**HISTORIC OPERA HOUSES**
Statewide

"You can’t underestimate the value of Seven to Save as well as the Landmark Society’s Five to Revive — especially for such down and out places like the Roundhouse. At a recent Board of Supervisors meeting, the Supervisor from the Town of Seneca said he was so pleased to see others support the project. Sometimes, whether it is a person or municipality — you need someone to have faith in you when everyone else is negative or skeptical. That is an intangible that your grants and listings do that you can’t put a price on. So thank you."

Maria Rudzinski, Senior Planner, Ontario County Planning Department

"Designating the Schoharie Crossing Aqueduct in the Seven to Save program has really helped give this site the attention it deserves. The Aqueduct Alliance continues to build on this attention by collaborating with many passionate people and groups to help save this important place."

Alex Kuttesch, Senior Planner for Montgomery County Department of Economic Development & Planning

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"The Schoharie Aqueduct, which once served as a magnificent water bridge over the Erie Canal, still inspires connections. Several groups and communities have come together to study, appreciate, and preserve this nationally significant icon of the Erie Canal. Together as the Aqueduct Alliance, they are matching talents and abilities to the needs and concerns for the future of the Aqueduct. The Preservation League has been proud to partner with organizations including the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, Canal Society of NYS, and Montgomery County to advocate on behalf of this important historic landmark."
Providing Assistance Across the State

Whether it’s in person, over the phone, or online, our Technical Services team helps New Yorkers from Montauk to Niagara Falls and everywhere in between with all sorts of preservation-related issues. In addition to our Road Map to Preservation workshops, this year we started hosting Pop-up Office Hours to reach more communities across the Southern Tier. We continue to be a resource to help you understand historic tax credits, State and National Register nominations, preservation advocacy, funding opportunities and so much more. We hope to continue to be of service to you in the coming year!

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Our Endangered Properties Intervention Program—A Banner Year

Our EPIP program has been providing loans to help individuals, nonprofits, companies, and municipalities return endangered historic properties to active use since 2008. In that 10+ year history, 2018–2019 was by far the most active to date. Five new loans were approved, totaling almost $700,000. These funds will enable critical work to stabilize and rehabilitate historic sites in various locations throughout the state.

2018–2019
EPIP Loan Recipients

CB EMMANUEL REALTY, LLC for the
Angela’s House Project in Cheektowaga

HOME LEASING, LLC for The Gardens at St. Anthony’s in Syracuse

FRIENDS OF FORT PLAIN, INC. for Diefendorf Hall in Fort Plain

FRIENDS OF PARROTT HALL, INC. for Parrott Hall in Geneva

EAGLE ISLAND, INC. for the Eagle Island Camp in Upper Saranac Lake

“...are extremely grateful for the many forms of help received from the Preservation League of New York State, without which Parrott Hall may very well have been demolished by now. The EPIP loan, to help with cash flow during current stabilization efforts, is but one major example of League resources having a very positive effect on work to expedite the renovation and stabilization of this unique site, the first in Geneva to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.”

Bruce Reisch of the Friends of Parrott Hall
Our Signature Grant Programs
Preserve New York, Technical Assistance Grants, and the Donald Stephen Gratz Preservation Services Fund

Preserve New York and Technical Assistance Grants are grant programs between the League and the New York State Council on the Arts. This long running partnership has enabled the League to support projects in all of New York’s 62 counties.

In 2018, Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus was awarded a Preserve New York grant to conduct a reconnaissance level survey of Buffalo’s Fruit Belt neighborhood. They worked closely with groups such as the Fruit Belt/McCarley Gardens Housing Task Force to revitalize the area. In late 2019, the results of the survey were released in collaboration with Preservation Buffalo Niagara. This tool offers opportunities for the community to preserve their important history and culture.

In 2016, Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus received additional funding from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation to support projects in Nassau, Suffolk, and Bronx counties.

“The Preserve New York grant allowed the Fruit Belt Community to recover its history of resistance and empowerment in the face of systemic racism. Thank you to the Preservation League for giving our community a renewed pride and hope for the future.”

Veronica Hemphill-Nichols, Founder, Fruit Belt/McCarley Gardens Housing Task Force

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Preserve New York & Technical Assistance Grants

ALBANY COUNTY
Rensselaer County Library: $5,000

ALLEGANY COUNTY
Town of Angola: $5,000

BRONX COUNTY
Historic Districts Council: $14,000

BROOME COUNTY
Roberson Museum and Science Center: $9,000

CAYUGA COUNTY
Seward House Museum: $10,000

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
Jamestown Renaissance Corporation: $4,208

CLINTON COUNTY
Town of Schuyler Falls: $10,000

COLUMBIA COUNTY
Plimoth Bradfastrict, Inc: $50,000

Delaware County
West Burtong Centre: $4,294

DUTCHESS COUNTY
Village of Rhinebeck: $9,793

SPRINGFIELD (New York)
Rensselaer County: $4,208

ROCKLAND COUNTY
New York City: $3,000

SARATOGA COUNTY
City of Saratoga: $5,000

ERIE COUNTY
Preservation Buffalo Niagara: $10,000

ESSEX COUNTY
The Depot Theatre, Inc: $4,712

GENESSEE COUNTY
Geneee-Orleans Regional Arts Council: $5,000

GREENE COUNTY
Zadock Pratt Museum, Inc: $6,400

Greene County Council on the Arts: $10,951

LEWIS COUNTY
Lewis County Historical Society: $10,000

Constable Hall Association, Inc: $3,000

MADISON COUNTY
Smithfield Community Association: $9,007

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank: $3,000

Historic Amsterdam League: $14,560

WASHINGTON COUNTY
Wayne County Historical Society: $5,000

WARREN COUNTY
Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank: $5,000

Schoharie County
Historic Amsterdam League: $14,560

Ancient History<br>
Erie County:<br>$86,383

Jefferson County:<br>$46,958

Jefferson Historical Society: $5,000

St. Lawrence County
Town of Fine: $3,000

Sullivan County
Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop: $3,000

TIOGA COUNTY
Village of Owego: $8,000

Richford Historical Society: $3,000

ULSTER COUNTY
Kingston Library: $3,000

Richards County
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Washington County
Village of Cambridge: $3,000

Wayne County
Baptist Rural Cemetery Association of Solus Center: $1,700

Westchester County
Village of Larchmont: $5,000

Warren County
Town of Somers: $3,000

International Percy Grainger Society: $6,977

Yates County
Village of Penn Yan: $3,000

“Building condition reports<br>Survey structure reports<br>Architectural landscape resources<br>Historic structure surveys<br>Historical resource surveys”

New York State Legislature.

These programs are made possible with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

The Preserve New York and the Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) programs are a partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League of New York State. These programs are made possible with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.
2019 Gratz Fund Awardee: Uptown Theatre for Creative Arts

Utica’s Uptown Theatre opened to much excitement in 1927 as a brand new type of theatre. It remained a community mainstay until it ceased operations in 2013. Despite its long vacancy, Devin Mahoney, a South Utica native, saw potential in this treasured landmark. He formed Uptown Theatre for Creative Arts (UTCA) with his wife Briana in 2017 to bring the site back to life.

UTCA took control of the building in 2018 and has made significant strides to make the space into a vibrant community asset. They have already completed some renovations to the space and have begun hosting classes and performances. Their Gratz Fund grant supported the cost of a feasibility study for the Uptown building. This study will lay the groundwork for future rehabilitation efforts.

“We when we were awarded the Gratz Fund, it was especially meaningful to us to know the Preservation League recognized the potential in our project, even in its early stages. The grant made it possible for us to fund a feasibility study, which has since been such a valuable resource in charting our course forward and setting us up for success. The Preservation League continues to offer us guidance and assistance, and we are incredibly grateful for their ongoing support.”

Briana Mahoney

The Donald Stephen Gratz Preservation Services Fund was established in 2010 and is funded through a permanently endowed charitable contribution from Thomas J. Schwarz.

The Town of Somers was awarded a 2018 TAG award to fund a building condition report of the Elephant Hotel building, now used as the Somers Town Hall.
Pillars of New York

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In 2019, our annual Pillar Gala honored two great preservation partnerships: Janet Ross and Gregory Long for their deep commitment to the NY Botanical Garden, and Peter Pennoyer and Anne Walker for their books on historic architecture.

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Check out preservenys.org to see how we might be able to serve you in your own preservation journey.

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