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East Hampton Town Awarded a “Preserve New York” Grant for Documentation of Historic Burying Grounds, Gravesites

Grant will fund a cultural resource survey with goal of listing all historically significant EH cemeteries, gravesites on National Register of Historic Places; will provide info to prioritize Town’s ongoing restoration work

The Town of East Hampton is one of this year’s Preserve New York (PNY) grantees. The **grant of \$5,600** will fund a Cultural Resource Survey of cemeteries in the Town of East Hampton. The Preservation League of NYS and their program partners at the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation are thrilled to help fund this important work.

The historical and cultural significance of East Hampton’s surviving burying grounds, cemeteries, and gravesites is hard to overstate. These sites preserve monuments created to memorialize individual members of the community, and in this way left unique records of the deceased that are characteristic of their time. Collectively, the Town’s burying grounds, cemeteries, and gravesites are a group of historic landscapes that preserve not only headstones but also walls and fences, plantings, and pathways that survive largely intact from the 18th and 19th centuries.

With a \$5,600 Preserve New York grant from the Preservation League, the Town of East Hampton will hire the Burying Ground Preservation Group (BGPG) to conduct a Cultural Resource Survey to document historic burying grounds, cemeteries, and gravesites, including

Native American burial grounds, with the goal of listing all cemeteries of historical significance within the Town of East Hampton on the National Register of Historic Places. The Multiple Property Documentation Form for these historically and culturally significant sites will enable the Town of East Hampton to prioritize future restoration work.

"We are pleased and grateful to receive this Preserve New York grant to help us achieve full protection of our historic gravesites and burying grounds, which are such an important historic cultural resource," said **East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc**.

At its 2021 meeting, an independent grant panel selected **32 applicants in 25 counties to receive support totaling \$297,995**. Each grant supports important arts and cultural initiatives, as well as economic development related to our state's arts and cultural heritage. Many of these grants will lead to historic district designation or expansion, telling the stories of communities throughout the state and allowing property owners to take advantage of the New York State and Federal Historic Tax Credits. This is even more valuable now, with the NYS Commercial Historic Tax Credit recently expanded for small projects, granting property owners a 30% credit. With the announcement of the 2021 awards, support provided by Preserve New York since its launch in 1993 totals more than \$3.3 million to 489 projects statewide.

The Preserve New York program is a regrant partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League, made possible with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation has generously provided additional funds to support nonprofit projects in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Since 1993, Preserve New York has been providing funds to municipalities and nonprofit organizations that need technical, professional assistance to guide a variety of preservation projects. The historic structure reports, building condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and cultural resource surveys funded through this program lead to positive outcomes across New York's 62 counties.

2021 PNY Grant Recipients:

Albany County: Village of Voorheesville/Town of New Scotland - \$10,000; City of Cohoes - \$16,500 | **Broome County:** Tri-Cities Opera Company, Inc. - \$6,000 | **Chautauqua County:** City of Jamestown - \$10,000 | **Chemung County:** Elmira College - \$10,000 | **Chenango County:** Earlville Opera House Inc. - \$8,000 | **Dutchess County:** Van Wyck Council on the Arts and Culture, Inc., dba Howland Cultural Center - \$10,000; Wassaic Project - \$8,160 | **Erie County:** University Heights Collaborative, Inc. - \$9,120; Western New York Minority Media Professionals, Inc. - \$10,000 | **Franklin County:** Malone Revitalization Foundation, Inc. - \$9,150 | **Greene County:** Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society - \$10,000 | **Monroe County:** Highland Park Conservancy - \$15,000; Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society - \$8,000 | **Montgomery County:** Village of Fort Plain - \$9,150 | **Nassau County:** Science Museum of Long Island - \$10,000 | **New York County:** Ascendant Neighborhood Development Corporation - \$12,000 | **Ontario County:** Town of Canandaigua - \$15,000 | **Orange County:** Chester Historical Society - \$5,200 | **Orleans County:** Medina Railroad Museum - \$8,000 | **Otsego County:** Otsego 2000 - \$12,500 | **Putnam County:** Town of

Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition - \$9,600; Town of Carmel - \$6,200 | **Rensselaer County:** City of Troy - \$9,100 | **Saratoga County:** Village of Round Lake - \$8,000 | **Steuben County:** Steuben County Historical Society - \$10,000 | **Suffolk County:** Town of East Hampton - \$5,600; Rocky Point Historical Society - \$6,685 | **Tompkins County:** Friends of Stewart Park - \$6,640 | **Ulster County:** Jewish Federation of Ulster County - \$9,440; Woodstock Guild of Craftsmen, Inc. - \$5,750 | **Warren County:** Hyde Collection - \$9,500

“We are proud to continue our partnership with the Preservation League of New York State to support projects that foster community, and celebrate our State’s rich history” said **Mara Manus, NYSCA Executive Director**. “NYSCA remains dedicated to preserving New York State’s cultural footprint and we look forward to seeing these vital preservation projects realized. Congratulations to all!”

“Navigating the difficulties and hardships of the past year has been a challenge for nonprofits and municipalities across the state,” said **Erin Tobin, Vice President for Policy and Preservation and the Preservation League**. “The League is grateful to our program partners at NYSCA and the Gardiner Foundation for continuing to support Preserve New York, which will grant much-needed dollars to so many worthwhile preservation projects this year.”

“The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation is delighted to have partnered once again with the Preservation League of New York State to support preservation projects on Long Island. These awards prepare our stewards to professionally assess the needs of future renovation and restoration of their historic site, thus saving them as educational tools for future generations,” said **Kathryn M. Curran, Executive Director of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation**.

About the Preservation League of New York State

Since its 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 and to build a better New York, one community at a time. The Preservation League of New York State invests in people and projects that champion the essential role of preservation in community revitalization, sustainable economic growth and the protection of our historic buildings and landscapes. We lead advocacy, economic development, and education programs across the state.

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