

News from Preservation Pennsylvania
July 18, 2011

2011 Pennsylvania
Historic Preservation
Awards Luncheon

SAVE THE DATE!

The Gettysburg Hotel
Friday, September
30th
11:30 a.m.

Individual tickets and
tables of 8 may be
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August 1st.

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Photography
Presentation

Isaac Manchester Farm Named
Among America's 11 Most
Endangered Historic Places



Generations of the Manchester Family gather to mark the Isaac Manchester Farm's inclusion on the America's 11 Most Endangered Places list. The site has been a Manchester family home since 1797.

On June 15th, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Preservation Pennsylvania jointly announced that the Isaac Manchester Farm in Avella, Washington County, was included on the National Trust's **America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places** list. This annual listing highlights important examples of America's architectural, cultural and natural heritage that are at risk of destruction or irreparable damage. The Isaac Manchester Farm, alternately known as "Plantation Plenty" was also featured on Preservation Pennsylvania's **2010 Pennsylvania At Risk** list.

This 400-acre farm has been in the Manchester family for eight generations, and currently operates as an organic farm producing milk, beef, pork, eggs, fruits and vegetables. Its future as a working farm, however, is in jeopardy due to the threat of longwall mining beneath the property. This specific mining method can cause the ground surface to drop between four to six feet, potentially damaging the extraordinary

State Museum of Pennsylvania

Thursday, August 4th

6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Presented by the Harrisburg Camera Club, the State Museum of Pennsylvania and the Susquehanna Art Museum, this event will feature a discussion of photographic technique, the use of photography as a vehicle for preservation and the nature of photography of abandoned buildings. Signed books and prints will also be on sale.

Admission is \$10 per person, or \$5 for students and members of the Harrisburg Camera Club, Susquehanna Art Museum, and State Museum.

State Preservation Plan: Forum and Roundtable

Altoona

July 28, 2011

1-4 PM

Heritage Discovery Center
1421-1427 12th Avenue
Altoona, PA

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's Bureau for Historic Preservation in partnership with the Allegheny Ridge Corporation invites all interested parties to attend one of the final regional

Georgian farm house and eight historic outbuildings on the property and interrupting the natural water supply.

With regards to the site's national exposure in June, Mindy Crawford, Preservation Pennsylvania's Executive Director, notes that: "By calling attention to the Isaac Manchester Farm with this listing, we hope to work with all parties towards a positive outcome that protects this wonderful resource. Additionally, we hope to also have new opportunities to discuss the larger issue of longwall mining with the companies who are responsible for these undertakings as well as the state and federal agencies that regulate them."

Preservation Pennsylvania has been working with the Manchester family since the *Pennsylvania At Risk* list was announced last fall.

For more details about this historic family farm, please [click here](#) to access its *2010 Pennsylvania At Risk* profile.

You may also follow [this link](#) to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Isaac Manchester Farm press release.

The State Budget & Historic Preservation

The enacted Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Pennsylvania Commonwealth Budget accomplished Governor Tom Corbett's primary objective to meet a target spending number of \$27.3 billion, regardless of the impact. The final budget, \$27.249 billion, is the lowest amount since 2008-2009. Not surprisingly, historic preservation, heritage and the environment were not priorities for funding in this year's budget.

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

The **Museum Assistance** line item was again zeroed out after being significantly cut two years ago and eliminated last year. This line item provides funding support for Pennsylvania's museums and historical organizations, including General Operating Support for Museums and County Historical Societies, Statewide Organizations, Project Grants, Statewide Conferences, Historical Markers and Technical Assistance.

The budget did maintain the **Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund** that provides funding for the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program. The program provides funding support for projects that identify, preserve, promote

public forums. The purpose of the forum is to gain public involvement and input into the planning process for the preparation of a new Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for 2012-2017.

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and protect historic and archaeological resources.

PHMC's overall operating budget was reduced by 5.1%.

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Funding for DCNR was cut by a third (\$27.2 million) in 2011-12, reducing it to \$55.3 million. The state parks and state forests received cuts of 41% and 51%, respectively. These cuts are partially offset by a \$15 million increase in funding from the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, which collects revenue from drilling on state-owned land. With the park system becoming more dependent on gas well revenue, it seems likely that there will be increased pressure to drill more gas wells on state land.

The state **Heritage Areas** received no funding. Over the past several years, this line item has been eliminated, refunded at a greatly reduced rate, and now eliminated again this year.

Growing Greener, the grant program responsible for protecting thousands of acres of green space across the state in the last decade, has largely exhausted its funding at the start of the 2011-12 fiscal year. While the Renew Growing Greener Coalition (Preservation Pennsylvania is a member) has worked to make the case for the continuation of the Growing Greener program, that was not accomplished as part of this budget. Begun under the Tom Ridge administration in 1999, \$650 million in state funds were set aside for five years' investments in working farm preservation, open space conservation, restoration and protection of streams and rivers, improving and expanding state and local parks and developing new trails and greenways.

Although no severance tax or impact fee for Marcellus Shale drillers was enacted as part of the budget, this issue is not going away. At the end of the budget negotiations, several legislators attempted to enact some type of tax or fee but at very low amounts with virtually no funds going to protect the environment. It is hoped that some significant work on this issue will continue in the fall.

Department of Community and Economic Development

The Main Street and Elm Street Programs have been funded in the past under the New Communities line item. The New Communities line item was eliminated and the three programs under that designation were combined with three housing programs under a new program called "Keystone Communities." Funding for these programs was slashed in the process, going from a combined \$27.8 million in 2010-11, to \$12 million in the final budget - a cut of 57%. It is not known at this time how the six programs under the Keystone designation will divide the available funding.

What's Next?

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FEDERAL

Grants for Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums to engage middle and high school youth in collaborative learning with digital & traditional media.

Deadline: 8/15/2011

America's Historical and Cultural Organizations Grant supports projects that present the humanities to the public.

Deadline: 8/17/2011

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Our Mission

Preservation Pennsylvania, through creative partnerships, targeted educational and advocacy programs, advisory assistance, and special projects, assists Pennsylvania communities to protect and utilize the historic resources

We need to be ready to advocate for the programs we care about beginning in the fall and throughout the winter and spring so that as funding levels rise, the Governor and the legislature know what programs are important to us. We will be in touch to let you know how you can be involved in this very important work.

State Tax Credit Legislation Introduced in the Senate

The Historic Rehabilitation Investment Incentive Act (SB 1150) was introduced by Senator Lloyd Smucker (R-13) in June. This is the latest version of proposed state historic tax credit legislation. Senator Smucker and his staff have worked very closely with Preservation Pennsylvania, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and several other groups to craft language that very closely mirrors the federal historic tax credit, already in place and used extensively in Pennsylvania. It will provide for a 25% tax credit for rehabilitation work on commercial buildings. You can read the full text of the bill [here](#). The bill is currently in the Senate Finance Committee.

Stay tuned for updates on this proposed legislation! You will be hearing from us when the time is right for you to reach out to your legislators.

Who Are We?

Preservation Pennsylvania is the Commonwealth's only statewide, private non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the protection of historically and architecturally significant properties.

We are distinguished nationally as a statewide partner organization with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and across the Commonwealth as a resource for preservation-related advocacy initiatives, educational events, technical support, administering the Preservation Fund for Pennsylvania, highlighting at-risk historic resources, and acknowledging the outstanding efforts of preservationists in our state.

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