commonwealth impact report
About The Cover:

The historic Lazaretto, in Tinicum Township, Delaware County, stands along the banks of the Delaware River 13 miles downstream from Philadelphia. Built in 1799 as a quarantine station, the Lazaretto’s staff protected the city from disease epidemics by inspecting ships headed for the city’s docks. The Lazaretto was closed in 1893, and the building and grounds went through a series of adaptive re-uses that preserved the main building and much of the grounds in near original condition. Due to changing circumstances, it was placed on Preservation Pennsylvania’s At Risk list in 2001. Following a threat by Tinicum Township, three historic preservation groups—Preservation Pennsylvania, the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia and the National Trust for Historic Preservation—stepped up to negotiate an agreement with the township that left the Lazaretto standing and permitted construction of a new firehouse on part of the grounds.

Today the now-safe Lazaretto holds the distinction of being the oldest quarantine facility in the Western Hemisphere and the seventh-oldest in the world.

About Preservation Pennsylvania

Preservation Pennsylvania is the Commonwealth’s only statewide, private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to the protection of historically and architecturally significant properties. The organization was created by the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1982 as the Preservation Fund of Pennsylvania, a statewide revolving fund to assist in the acquisition and rehabilitation of historic properties. Since its incorporation, the organization has grown in capacity and now annually sponsors the Statewide Conference on Heritage, the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards, educational programs, advocacy initiatives and offers on-site technical assistance to individuals, organizations and corporations across the Commonwealth.
As we approach our 30th year of being the Commonwealth’s only statewide, private historic preservation organization, it’s only appropriate that we review some of our accomplishments over that time period and do so in this, our first formal Commonwealth Impact Report. Elsewhere in this report you will find greater detail on some of our more recent activities.

On July 2, 1982, Preservation Pennsylvania was officially formed by an act of the State legislature. Since that time, we have worked diligently to fulfill our mission, and I am happy to report that over the course of nearly three decades, we have been very successful. For example:

- Through a partnership with the Millport Conservancy, we were able to save the iconic 19th century Star Barn, a National Register of Historic Places listed building;
- Working with a multi-year grant program funded by the Pew Foundation, we provided over $1.5 million for historic properties in need in Philadelphia through the Philadelphia Intervention Fund;
- Our Preservation Fund, a revolving fund for historic preservation, has made available grants and loans of over $170,000 in grants and $700,000 in loans for the acquisition, stabilization and preservation of sites and buildings;
- Our annual Pennsylvania At Risk publication, begun in 1992 has highlighted over 140 threatened historic and cultural resources. While not all of these have been saved, bringing the plight of these resources to the public has resulted in the rehabilitation and reuse of many of them;
- We led the effort to change the formula for State support for school construction which had long favored new construction over the rehabilitation and renovation of existing, and many times historic, school buildings. This success resulted in Preservation Pennsylvania receiving the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Public Policy Award in 2000; and
- With the assistance of a grant from the National Trust, we established a very successful three-year Partners in the Field program which has provided assistance to over 205 projects in 50 of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties. With your financial assistance, we will maintain this important program for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,

A. Roy Smith, Chairman
Dear Friends of Preservation,

It feels like only yesterday that I came to Preservation Pennsylvania, but it will be five (!) years in June. The organization has grown and changed a lot since that time. It was my hope that we could become less dependent on any one source of income and I'm happy to report that we've done that!

Thankfully, we've been offered plenty of opportunities to grow and expand our programs over the last few years and 2010 has been a year of diverse activities that all help us to fulfill our goals of protecting and preserving Pennsylvania's unique historic resources.

Our "Big Three" annual programs remain strong and a vital part of our mission - the Statewide Conference, the Historic Preservation Awards and our Pennsylvania At Risk listing. Three years ago, we combined our Heritage Partnerships conference with PennDOT's Byways to the Past conference to create The Statewide Conference on Heritage, an annual event that draws over 300 professionals in the field of historic preservation, transportation, heritage and the environment.

Another great partnership with PennDOT is ProjectPATH (Project for Pennsylvania Transportation and Heritage). In 2009, work began on this innovative approach to increase public participation in transportation projects that will potentially affect historic resources. The interactive website was officially launched in late 2010 and has been quite successful so far.

Additionally we introduced our Partners in the Field program in 2008 that provides free technical assistance to communities, groups and individuals all over Pennsylvania. By the end of 2010, we had reached out to 50 of our 67 counties and we hope to increase that number to 67 by June 2011 when the initial funding cycle ends.

Our staff has grown, our range of programs has expanded but we are still dedicated to our mission of helping people protect and preserve the places that matter to them.

Thank you for your support!

Mindy G. Crawford
Executive Director
Who We Are

Mission Statement

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 they want to preserve for the future.

Preservation Pennsylvania (PPA) is the Commonwealth’s only statewide, private non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the protection of historically and architecturally significant properties.
Board of Directors and Advisors

Preservation Pennsylvania’s activities are overseen by a Board of Directors and a Board of Advisors. The Board of Directors is comprised of up to 27 members, who are membership-elected directors, board elected directors, gubernatorial appointees or ex-officio representatives. The Board of Advisors is a body of former board members, preservation advocates and professional experts in the field who have been invited to offer their guidance to the organization.

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Our Work: Events, Programs & Accomplishments

Academy of Music, Philadelphia - 2010 Award
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Reading Pagoda, Berks County - 2010 Award
Harrisburg Historic District, Dauphin County
Germantown White House, Philadelphia - 2010 Award
Sidney Hillman Medical Center, Philadelphia
Roosevelt School, Erie
Presque Isle Lighthouse, Erie County
Events:

The 2010 Statewide Conference on Heritage

The 2010 Statewide Conference on Heritage was presented in partnership by Preservation Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, HeritagePA, the Pennsylvania Division of the Federal Highway Administration and for the first time, the American Planning Association Pennsylvania Chapter. Beginning in 2010, Preservation Pennsylvania partnered with the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) to develop conference sessions that qualified for AICP Certification Maintenance Credits. By recognizing the interconnected disciplines of preservation and planning, Preservation Pennsylvania formed this new partnership and introduced preservation to a new audience of planners.

With over 350 attendees from the cultural resources management community, the conference provided top-level educational sessions hosted by nationally-renowned speakers while successfully maintaining the affordable registration price of $75 dollars per attendee. The 2010 conference highlights include a sold-out session on eligibility determinations for the National Register of Historic Places, an APA accredited session on preventing teardowns through planning, and a widely acclaimed session on preserving and interpreting the African-American past.

By continuing the tradition of forging new partnerships with statewide nonprofits and by strengthening existing collaboration on programs with state agencies, the 2010 Statewide Conference successfully brought together professionals from the heritage, transportation, conservation and planning communities to network and exchange ideas.

“Having the ability to receive continuing education credits while expanding my knowledge base on preservation makes the decision to attend events like the Statewide Conference on Heritage an easy one…”

Eric J. Vorwald, AICP - Senior Planner, Centre Regional Planning Agency
Pennsylvania’s Historic Preservation Awards continue a tradition started in 1979 whereby excellence in preservation is honored. The annual awards recognize significant contributions in the field of historic preservation made by both individuals and organizations. The Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards are presented each September by Preservation Pennsylvania.

"Friends of Dormont Pool is honored to be selected as the recipient of the Grassroots Advocacy Award for 2010. On behalf of the community, I thank you."

John Maggio
Henry A. Jordan Award
Thomas Errol Potter, AIA
(Posthumous)
Harrisburg, Dauphin County

In April of 2010, the historic preservation movement in the country, and Preservation Pennsylvania specifically, lost a great friend and supporter with the passing of Henry Jordan. Preservation Pennsylvania could spend a lifetime recounting all the associations he had, and the awards and honors received, but suffice it to note that Henry Jordan’s contributions during his life yielded a legacy all of us would be happy to have.

Henry was a member of the Board of Preservation Pennsylvania from 1987 to 1993, serving as the Board Chairman from 1989 to 1992. He became an Advisor in 1993 and remained as such until April. He not only gave his time, advice and encouragement to Preservation Pennsylvania, but was a strong financial supporter as well.

In July of 2010, the Executive Committee of Preservation Pennsylvania decided that an annual award in Henry’s name would be a fitting way to honor his contributions to our organization. In keeping with Henry’s belief that it is at the local level where real historic preservation occurs, the Henry A. Jordan Award recognizes outstanding historic preservation efforts at the local/regional level.

Thomas Errol Potter, AIA was selected to receive the first Henry A. Jordan Award. Mr. Potter’s passing in December 2008 left a void in the field of preservation architecture. His caring and compassion for others and his commitment to his profession is a lasting legacy worthy of this honor.

F. Otto Haas Award
John D. Milner, FAIA
Chadds Ford, Chester County

The final and most prestigious award memorializes noted preservationist and philanthropist F. Otto Haas, who served as a founding board member of Preservation Pennsylvania, a two-term Chairman of the Board and as a valued advisor to the organization until his death in 1994.

With his profound knowledge of historic architecture, a passion for the subject and the willingness to give of his time and energy, John D. Milner was honored with the F. Otto Haas Award for 2010.
Partners in the Field: 2010 Activity Highlights

Without a doubt, Preservation Pennsylvania’s Partners in the Field representatives made a difference across Pennsylvania in 2010.

During this year alone, Dave Kimmerly and Erin Hammerstedt worked on 123 different preservation projects in 43 counties. Together, our Partners in the Field logged a total of 18,316 miles, spending approximately 350 hours traveling and another 314 hours in meetings or on site visits. Since beginning their work in September 2008, Dave and Erin have assisted Pennsylvania residents with 205 different projects in 50 of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties.

From Philadelphia to Erie and Wayne County to Greene County, our Partners in the Field representatives worked with heritage areas, colleges and universities, school districts, house museums, corporations, architects, contractors, planners, community leaders and concerned citizens. The type of technical assistance they provided varied widely, ranging from weatherization information for property owners, to National Register nominations, to support for communities interested in historic district designation, to advice related to building codes, to guidance for non-profit organizations working to rehabilitate their property, revitalize their downtown, or just keep the heat on in their historic building.

When they weren’t in the field, Dave and Erin were busy working on presentations to be given at conferences and other events and planning community roundtable meetings. As word continues to spread across Pennsylvania that our Partners in the Field are available to offer free, on-site technical assistance, Dave and Erin are looking forward to reaching more projects in more counties during 2011!

Please contact our Partners in the Field representatives for assistance with the historic places that matter to you!

2010 Roundtables
Towanda, Bradford County
Bethlehem, Northampton County
Uniontown, Fayette County
Waynesburg, Greene County
Washington, Washington County
Huntingdon, Huntingdon County

The Shared Field Services program is a partnership of Preservation Pennsylvania and the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Northeast Office.

Current funding for Preservation Pennsylvania’s Partners in the Field program will expire on June 30, 2011.

To support free, on-site technical assistance throughout Pennsylvania, donate by mail using the provided envelope or please visit www.preservationpa.org to give online.

Partners in the Field representative Erin Hammerstedt and members of the Cresson Area Historical Association held a victory party at the B. F. Jones cottage to celebrate the success of an injunction to stop demolition. This property is now owned by a family that has rehabilitated another historic cottage in the neighborhood and hopes to rehabilitate this historic home as well.

success story
Each year Preservation Pennsylvania compiles a list of the Commonwealth’s most endangered historic resources. In 2010, twenty-one properties were nominated to Pennsylvania At Risk, representing common issues that pose a danger to historic properties across the Commonwealth. This year, we saw several significant sites that were threatened by impacts associated with natural resource extraction and energy production. Collectively, they were threatened because local tools to protect them were not in place, threatened as a result of deterioration caused by neglect or lack of maintenance and repair, and threatened by demolition to make way for more dense development. Of the 21 properties nominated, the following 11 were included in Pennsylvania At Risk 2010:

- **East Stroudsburg Railroad Station**
  East Stroudsburg, Monroe County
- **U.S.S. Olympia**
  Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
- **Schuylkill School**
  Schuylkill Township, Chester County
- **Stewartstown Railroad**
  Stewartstown to New Freedom, York County
- **Holland Hall “Huidekoper Mansion”**
  Meadville, Crawford County
- **“Plantation Plenty” Isaac Manchester Farm**
  Avella, Independence Township, Washington County
- **122-124 and 126 West Miner Street**
  West Chester, Chester County
- **Laverock Hill “Sims” Estate**
  Cheltenham & Springfield Townships, Montgomery County
- **Dutch Corner Rural Historic District**
  Bedford Township, Bedford County
- **Eagles Mere Historic District**
  Eagles Mere, Sullivan County

In addition to the resources included on the 2010 Pennsylvania At Risk list, Preservation Pennsylvania remained an active participant in the on-going battles to save previously listed At Risk resources, including The Gettysburg National Military Park, Sidney Hillman Medical Center (Philadelphia), and the Pittsburgh Civic Arena - Mellon Arena.

Staying involved in the efforts associated with previously listed At Risk properties continues to be one of Preservation Pennsylvania’s top priorities. We always welcome updates and information about how we may be of assistance.

Nominations to the 2011 Pennsylvania At Risk list are being accepted until August 2011. Nomination forms may be found on the Pennsylvania At Risk page of our website, www.preservationpa.org.

For complete details regarding the historic resources on this year’s list, please contact us to request a complimentary copy of our publication, Pennsylvania At Risk 2010.
Taking note of the popularity of social media platforms like Facebook, Preservation Pennsylvania partnered with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to create the Project for Pennsylvania Transportation and Heritage (ProjectPATH). Launched in December 2010, ProjectPATH was developed to enhance Section 106 consultation by making participation in the process more accessible through new technology and web tools.

ProjectPATH features an online website and searchable database that provides stakeholders real-time access to documents that support milestones in the Section 106 process. The program includes an online database of Section 106 review documents for active PennDOT projects, an online technical assistance help desk, and a comprehensive educational program designed to improve public understanding and participation in Section 106 review for transportation projects. ProjectPATH can be accessed by visiting www.paprojectpath.org.

This innovative partnership between the State Department of Transportation and Preservation Pennsylvania, the only statewide private non-profit historic preservation organization in the Commonwealth, makes public participation in transportation planning more accessible while providing effective and timely public involvement in agency review of impacts to historic properties.
Legislative Advocacy

Preservation Pennsylvania advocated on legislative and policy issues including:

State

Senate Bill 900 (Argall) - Neighborhood Blight Reclamation and Revitalization Act - PASSED!
This bill will help municipalities prevent blight and remediate abandoned properties through a more efficient process and allow municipalities to file court actions against owners of properties with serious code violations including extradition of out of state owners.

House Bill 60 (Daley) - Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund - PASSED!
This fund will enable the state to use anticipated federal funds designated for Pennsylvania from the National Housing Trust Fund to build and rehabilitate homes for disabled citizens,低-income seniors, working families, and others struggling to afford an adequate home.

House Bill 42 (Freeman) - The Historic Preservation Incentive Program - Passed in the House only
This legislation would establish a state tax credit for income producing properties and a grant for homeowners who undertake rehabilitation of historic resources. It is anticipated that a version of this bill will be introduced in the 2011-2012 legislative session.

House Bill 444 (Harper) - High-Performance, State Buildings Standards Act - Passed in the House only
This bill would require many new and renovated state-owned buildings, as well as certain state-funded buildings such as schools, to meet green building standards. This bill was re-introduced in the 2011-2012 legislative session as HB 193.

Renew Growing Greener Coalition
http://www.renewgrowinggreener.org
Recognizing that the Growing Greener initiatives will soon run out of funds, a statewide coalition of twenty-three conservation, recreation and environmental organizations, including Preservation Pennsylvania, formed in 2008 to plan and execute a successor Growing Greener program initiative. The initiatives will include Restoring Our Water and Land, Conserving Our Working Farms and Forests, Saving Our Special Places, Greening Our Communities, and Creating Outdoor Recreation Opportunities. The Coalition will continue working through the 2011-2012 legislative year seeking passage of a new Growing Greener program.

Federal

H.R. 3534 (Rep. Nick Rahall, D-WV), Consolidated Land Energy and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009 - Passed in the House only
The bill proposed several changes in energy leasing and royalty programs, and called for fully funding the Land Water Conservation Fund. It was amended to include FULL FUNDING for the Historic Preservation Fund.

This bill would offer Enhancements to the existing commercial rehabilitation tax credit, including provisions to encourage energy efficiency.

This bill would establish a homeowner rehabilitation tax credit for historic properties.
Preservation fund of Pennsylvania

Since its creation in 1982, the Preservation Fund of Pennsylvania has been used by nonprofit organizations and municipalities to acquire and rehabilitate threatened historic properties.

Acquisition funding is available as part loan and part grant (2/3 loan to 1/3 grant); funding for other uses is available as a loan.

The money that is repaid to this revolving fund is then recycled into other properties. By continually revolving the same money, Preservation Pennsylvania stimulates private investment for projects that are revitalizing Pennsylvania communities and spurring other economic development efforts.

Loans Repaid in 2010

**Fort Roberdeau, Altoona, Blair County**  (http://www.fortroberdeau.org)
Repayment of the loan portion of a $50,000 grant/loan for the acquisition of 180 acres of open space land to preserve the Fort’s viewseshed and protect possible archaeological resources situated there.

**The City of Hazleton, Luzerne County** (http://www.thehaydentower.com)
Repayment of a $50,000 loan towards the rehabilitation of the Markle Building, 8 West Broad Street.

**The Strand Theatre Initiative, Zelienople, Butler County** (http://www.thestrandtheater.org) - Repayment of the loan portion of a $50,000 grant/loan for the purchase of The Strand Theatre property at 119 North Main Street in Zelienople.

Loans Made in 2010

**Historic York, Inc./Schultz House, Springettsbury Township, York County** (http://www.historicyork.org) - A loan of $50,000 to maintain/rehabilitate the Schultz House and Barn, 508 Locust Grove Road for use as an historic property for educational purposes.

**The Spoutwood Farm Center, Inc., Glen Rock, York County** (http://www.historicyork.org) - A loan of $11,400 to restore the early 19th century barn located on the property at 4255 Pierceville Road, Glen Rock, PA.

“In 2003, Preservation Pennsylvania provided vital funds toward the expansion and protection of Fort Roberdeau Historic Site. This enabled us to add 180 acres of adjacent land to the site, thereby protecting archaeological resources, preserving the viewscape, and adding to the interpretative and recreational opportunities for visitors. We have repaid the funds to Preservation Pennsylvania this year...Thank you for your part in making this a success story!”

Margaret J. Goodman, Executive Director - Fort Roberdeau Historic Site
2010 Statewide Conference on Heritage Sponsors

Preservation Pennsylvania gratefully acknowledges the generous financial support of the following individuals, couples and organizations:

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• Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
• Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
• Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
• Federal Highway Administration
• Heritage PA
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