KEY 93 PASSES
New State Funding for Preservation Approved by General Assembly

In the early morning hours of June 24, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives passed an amended version of the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, Key ‘93. As reported in a special supplement to our last newsletter, Key ‘93 will provide a long-term stable source of funding for historic preservation, recreation, parks, conservation, and public library purposes in the Commonwealth. The legislation was introduced as Senate bill 393 by Senators F. Joseph Loeper, J. William Lincoln and twenty-seven cosponsors. The bill was amended into House Bill 52 and was unanimously passed by the Senate and passed the House by a vote of 196-3. In his role as acting governor, Lt. Governor Mark Singel signed the bill on July 2.

As amended, the amount of the initial bond issue, which must be approved by voter referendum in November, is reduced from $100 million to $50 million. This reduces the amount designated to each agency by 50%. Agencies slated to receive funds from the bond issue will now realize the following:

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Bond funds, if approved, will be spent over a period of three years, after which funding will be provided from a designated portion of the real estate transfer tax. The amount of the transfer tax remains at the original level of 1.5%, which is expected to yield between $22 million and $28 million annually to be divided according to set percentages, with 13% designated to the PHMC. The realty transfer tax funds will be available for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1995, and will be available even if the bond referendum is not approved.

For preservation, Key ‘93 means funding will be available for “bricks and mortar” grants for National Register-listed or eligible properties for the first time since the early 1980s. It will also mean that the significant historic properties under the care of the PHMC will have funds for needed restoration and maintenance, and that the opportunity exists to recapitalize the statewide revolving fund.

Thank you for your support in getting this important legislation through the General Assembly. But our job is not finished...

WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN! Passing the bond referendum is our priority for the November election. We ask you to support the referendum, encourage your friends and neighbors to support it, and to VOTE for it in November.

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FAIRMOUNT PARK LANDMARK DAMAGED BY FIRE
Destruction to Pennsylvania landmarks can come quickly, without warning, and not always in the wake of a bulldozer. In the midst of a violent thunderstorm on the night of Monday, June 21, lightning struck Loudoun, one of the fine late-18th century Fairmount Park mansions. The fire that followed destroyed or severely damaged much of the interior of the building and its priceless collection of furniture, paintings, and other decorative objects. On the exterior, the roof and windows exhibit the most obvious damage; although the fire also seriously undermined the structural integrity of an 1888 addition to the building. Decisions on reconstruction versus renovation of this portion of the house, which was not open to the public as part of the building’s interpretation, will be made in consultation with architects and engineers being hired to make recommendations on the future of the building.

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As the Fairmount Park Commission, the Fairmount Park Historic Preservation Trust and the Friends of Loudoun survey the damage, the extent of loss and the scope of restoration ahead are becoming clear. Estimates to restore the building have been placed initially at $2.5 million. When the cost of the collections are added, the estimate is close to $5 million.

Help has already come from many sectors. Initial clean-up and assessment efforts were aided by dedicated historians, conservators, and other museum professionals from the Philadelphia area. Removal and assessment of the collections were led and coordinated by the staff of Cliveden, the National Trust for Historic Preservation house museum in Germantown.

“We were very fortunate in recently having completed a disaster plan for Cliveden,” said Elizabeth Laurent, Cliveden’s curator of collections. “Procedures, with some modification, could be implemented at Loudoun. We were also fortunate that Sandra Lloyd, our curator of education, had cataloged the Loudoun collections in 1989, so that we had excellent information on what was in the building.”

Staff from Cliveden and other Philadelphia-area museums removed, dried, inventoried, and packed the water and fire damaged Loudoun objects, which were then taken to secure storage until the future of the property and the collections are determined.

Planning and decision-making for the long-term restoration/renovation program for both the building and the collections have only just begun. Preservation Pennsylvania is assisting by providing a Philadelphia Intervention Fund grant of $20,000. The Fairmount Park Commission and the City of Philadelphia are discussing funding, but the earliest any help could come from the city will be in the fiscal 1994-95 budget, according to Larry Snyder of the Fairmount Park Historic Preservation Trust, which is providing assistance to the Commission in the stabilization and restoration efforts for the house.

Plans for Loudoun’s restoration will require extensive efforts on the part of staff and volunteers. Those wishing to assist in or contribute to these efforts should contact:

Fairmount Park Historic Preservation Trust, Inc.
1616 Walnut St., Suite 2310
Philadelphia, PA 19103
215-732-1068

PSFS AT RISK

Next to City Hall, it is unquestionably the most prominent and recognizable historic visual element on the Philadelphia skyline. The Philadelphia Savings Fund Society Building at 12th and Market Streets in Center City Philadelphia is also the latest in a growing list of major endangered Pennsylvania historic properties.

A National Historic Landmark, PSFS was designed by the firm of Howe and Lescaze. It was completed in 1931 and is recognized as the first major International Style skyscraper in the United States. Its future became uncertain in late 1992 when the financial institution occupying the building closed. Plans to sell the building and remove its custom-designed furnishings have outraged the preservation community and raised new questions about protection of interior elements that are intrinsic to a building’s historic value and integrity.

Preservation Pennsylvania’s executive director Grace Gary and Philadelphia Museum of Art director Robert Scott met with representatives of the FDIC on June 8 to explore acquisition of the architect-designed furnishings already removed from the building. A Philadelphia Intervention Fund grant from Preservation Pennsylvania has made it possible for the Museum to take the items.

“Our goal is that shared by many Philadelphians,” said Gary. “We would like to see the furniture returned to the building where it belongs, but this can only happen with an owner who is sympathetic to the importance of the building and its objects. In the meantime, while the preservation community works to save the building, we are extremely grateful to the Philadelphia Museum of Art for their willingness to act as steward for the furniture.”

PRESERVATION PENNSYLVANIA WELCOMES NEW DIRECTORS AND ADVISORS

New additions to the board of Preservation Pennsylvania were made at the annual meeting in Allentown. Elected to serve for three-year terms are Peter Bohlin, Wilkes-Barre; David Brightbill, Lebanon; Ivan Ikin, Pittsburgh; Lorina Marshall, Philadelphia; Peter Moriarity, Pittsburgh; Ellis Schmidlapp, Pittsburgh; and A. Reed Schroeder, Sewickley.

Re-elected to serve an additional three-year term are Mary Werner DeNadai, Chadds Ford; Nora Mead Brownell, Philadelphia; John A. Bonya, Indiana; Richard Lundy, Jr., Williamsport; and Michael H. Rank, Lancaster.

New appointments to the board of advisors are former Pennsylvania Preservation directors Anne S. Center, Sewickley; Alvin B. Lewis, Jr., Lancaster; and Hyman Myers, Philadelphia.

Preservation Pennsylvania wishes to thank retiring directors Eugene DiOrio, Richard Guin, Thomas Hagen, Henry A. Jordan, Christine Lang, Nancy McFall, and Tom Mistick, Jr. for their years of service to the organization.
GRANTS AND LOANS SPUR REHAB ACTIVITY IN SOUTHWESTERN PA

The historic building grant and loan program sponsored by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission (SWPHPC), also known as America’s Industrial Heritage Project, and administered by Preservation Pennsylvania funds restoration, rehabilitation, and stabilization projects throughout the nine counties covered by SWPHPC. To date, more than $1.5 million has been committed for work on forty-two projects.

The goal of the program is to promote economic development in a region working aggressively to revitalize interest in its rich heritage from America’s industrial past. Of the projects funded thus far, grants have been for as little as $6,148 for repairs to the storefront of a commercial building in downtown Bedford to a combination grant/loan package of $100,000 to the Johnstown Heritage Development Fund for rehabilitation of commercial storefronts and under-utilized structures within designated historic districts throughout the city of Johnstown.

Grants and loans of up to $50,000 are available to nonprofit organizations, companies, and individual owners to rehabilitate, preserve or restore historic properties in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fayette, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Somerset, and Westmoreland Counties. Loans may also be used for acquisition. Funds may be used only for properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, for properties related to the industrial heritage of the region, and for work allowed under the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation.

Applications for the next round of grants will be accepted from September 1 to October 29, 1993. Loan requests are accepted monthly. Contact: Christopher Flagg, Grants and Loans Coordinator, Preservation Pennsylvania, 319 Washington St., Suite 370, Johnstown, PA 15901; 814-539-2016.

NEW VISION FOR ALLEGHENY RIDGE AIDS TO PROTECT HERITAGE AREAS

An important new initiative for the future of the Allegheny Ridge State Heritage Park, a 50-mile transportation and industrial corridor stretching from Altoona to Johnstown, is the result of a partnership that includes Preservation Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Allegheny Ridge was designated in 1992 as the second park in Pennsylvania’s new Heritage Park Program. Unlike traditional public parks, a heritage park encompasses a broad geographic area, much of which remains in private ownership, but which is defined on the basis of physical, historical, and cultural characteristics. Within the designated area, economic development, intergovernmental cooperation, cultural conservation, recreation, and education are encouraged, as is a sense of a unified regional identity.

To develop this regional identity and build a framework for determining the future of the area, a pilot project is now underway at Allegheny Ridge. The Harrisburg-based firm of Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG) has been selected to create and implement a methodology to achieve consensus among the numerous local governments and other players. Anna Breinich, Michelle Mixell, and Walter Lee of HRG, working with Tom Jones and Denson Groenendaal of Groenendall and Jones, are the primary consultants to undertake this visioning process.

In the upcoming months, extensive meetings and workshops will be held with selected communities in the region.

Grace Gary, representing Preservation Pennsylvania as project administrator, stresses the importance of the project. “In our rapidly changing world, it is exceptionally important for communities to have a clear vision of what they want to be like in the next decade and beyond,” she said. “This process will allow private citizens and government officials to come together to articulate their goals for protecting those parts of their communities that they value and enhancing their overall quality of life.”

Following the data gathering and intensive grassroots consensus building, the consultants will work closely with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council to synthesize what has been learned and to develop a landscape policy plan for the region.

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.
GENERAL

- **Preservation Services Fund.** Administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Matching grants of up to $5,000 are available to nonprofit organizations and public agencies to undertake the planning or design phase of a project, to sponsor a preservation conference, or undertake a preservation education program. Annual deadlines are February 1, June 1, and October 1. Contact: Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, 6401 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia 19144; 215-438-2886.

- **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Humanities Projects in Museums and Historical Organizations.** Grants for museum projects designed to increase public understanding of the humanities. Eligible projects include exhibitions, interpretation of historic sites, publications, audiovisual presentations, interactive computer/videodisc displays, lectures, symposia, and other educational programs and materials. Self-study projects that allow an institution to assess its resources and formulate long-range plans for interpretive humanities programs, as well as professional development projects to strengthen the ability of staff to present the humanities to the public, are also eligible. Application deadline: December 3, 1993. Contact: Museum Program Guidelines, NEH, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington DC 20506; 202-606-8284.

SITE SPECIFIC

- **Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission Grant & Loan Program.** See article on page 3.

- **Philadelphia Intervention Fund.** Grants, generally ranging from $1,000 to $20,000, for emergency or crisis situations. Applicants must be not-for-profit, incorporated organizations or public agencies. Administered by Preservation Pennsylvania and funded by a grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts, money is restricted to use in Philadelphia County. Contact: Preservation Pennsylvania, 717-569-2243.

- **Historic Religious Properties Program.** Funded through a grant to the Philadelphia Historic Preservation Corporation from The Pew Charitable Trusts, technical assistance and rehabilitation matching grants of up to $8,000 are available to congregations in Philadelphia and Chester, or Camden, New Jersey for religious properties built before 1940. Contact: PHPC, 1616 Walnut St., Suite 2310, Philadelphia 19103; 215-545-1146.

- **Preservation Needs Assessment Program.** Expertise and financial support for small to mid-sized local museums, historic houses, libraries, archives, and other institutions with historic collections; institutions must be located in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia County. Administered by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts through funding from The William Penn Foundation. Application deadline: October 15, 1993. Contact: Jill Rawsley, Preservation Services Office, Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts, 264 S. 23rd St., Philadelphia 19103; 215-545-0613.

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**IN THE NEWS**

- Former Preservation Pennsylvania board member Thomas B. Hagen has been selected to receive the 1993 Pennsylvania Society of Architects Honor Award for Contribution to the Profession by a Non-Architect. Presentation of the award to Mr. Hagen, who is chairman and chief executive officer of the Erie Insurance Group, will be made at PSA's annual meeting in Pittsburgh in September.

- The new Industrial Museum of York County opened to the public in May. Located in the restored Motter Company buildings at 217 West Princess Street, the museum previously shared space with its sister Agricultural Museum of York County, which continues operation at 480 East Market Street. The two museums are open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact: 717-852-7007.

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**BOOKSHELF**

New titles in the *Information* series from the National Trust for Historic Preservation include:

- *Organizing for Change,* (No. 67), authored by Preservation Pennsylvania executive director Grace Gary. The sixteen page booklet identifies what Gary calls the four "Cs" of change: communication, concensus, continuity, and compromise. To illustrate how change can be accomplished, she uses case studies that involved major preservation challenges in five U.S. cities.

Other new titles:

- *Reviewing New Construction Projects in Historic Areas* (#62)
- *Strategic Planning for Nonprofit Organizations* (#66)  
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The following Pennsylvania properties were added to the National Register of Historic places between November 1, 1992 and June 1, 1993:

**Allegheny County**
- John Woods House (ca. 1792), Pittsburgh
- Lobb's Cemetery, Jefferson Borough
- Tuberculosis Hospital of Pittsburgh (1912-1949), Pittsburgh

**Bedford County**
- Defibaugh Tavern (1785), Snake Spring Valley Township

**Blair County**
- Tyrone Borough Historic District

**Bucks County**
- John and Phineas Hough House (ca. 1801), Lower Makefield Township

**Chester County**
- Elverson Historic District, Elverson Borough
- Paradise Valley Historic District, East Bradford Township
- Stephen Meredith House (1844), South Coventry Township

**Fayette County**
- Andrew Rabb House (1773), German Township

**Franklin County**
- Greencastle Historic District, Greencastle Borough

**Greene County**
- Rice's Landing Historic District
- William Crawford House (1815), Cumberland Township

**Indiana County**
- Buffalo, Rochester, and Pittsburgh Railway Passenger Station (1904), Indiana Borough
- Indiana Historic District, Indiana Borough

**Lancaster County**
- Poole Forge (1779-1859), Narvon, Caernarvon Township

**Lehigh County**
- Lehigh Valley Silk Mills (1886-1895), Fountain Hill Borough

**Philadelphia County**
- Young, Smyth, Field Company Building (1902), Philadelphia

**Washington County**
- Huffman Distillery and Chopping Mill (ca. 1810), Somerset Township
- Mingo Presbyterian Churchyard (1831), Union Township

**Wayne County**
- Milanville Historic District

**York County**
- Martin Schultz House (ca. 1736), Hallam
- United States Post Office (1913), Hanover

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The Bureau for Historic Preservation (BHP), a division of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, administers the National Register for Historic Places in Pennsylvania. The National Register is the official list of the Nation's cultural resources worthy of preservation. For more information on criteria and procedures for listing a property in the National Register contact:

Bureau for Historic Preservation
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
P.O. Box 1026
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026
717-783-8946

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**New Pennsylvania Publications**


**The Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County** has published a Restoration Resource Directory of contractors, suppliers, and others who specialize in working with old and historic buildings in southcentral Pennsylvania. For more information contact: HPTLC, 123 N. Prince St., Lancaster 17603; 717-291-5861.
Seventeen projects and individuals were recognized for their achievements at the annual awards ceremony held at the Heritage Partnerships conference in Allentown in April.

- Preservation Pennsylvania’s 1993 Otto Haas Award for Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation was presented to Kurt D. Zwilk, chairman of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Zwilk’s commitment to preservation, both statewide and in his native Allentown, has spanned more than twenty years and has included involvement with Burnside Plantation, serving on the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board, and now as chairman of the PHMC.

Initiative awards, also presented by Preservation Pennsylvania, were made to the following:

- Local Government Award: Lower Makefield Township, one of the municipalities in the Delaware and Lehigh Canal Corridor, received the award for its support of and involvement in a broad range of preservation issues and projects.

- Media Coverage Award: Thomas Hylton, journalist for the Pottstown Mercury, was recognized for his writings as an advocate for farmland and open space preservation, the wise use of historic resources, and growth management.

- Institutional Stewardship: The Dauphin County Commissioners received one of the two outstanding achievement awards for the preservation of the Dauphin County Courthouse in Harrisburg. The second award was made to Thiel College in Greenville, Mercer County, for the rehabilitation of Greenville Hall, the first building constructed at the college. In addition, an award of merit in this category was made to Bryn Mawr College for their care in working with the college’s architecturally significant buildings, as exemplified in the recent restoration of the Great Hall in the 1902 M. Carey Thomas Library, a National Historic Landmark.

- Preservation Publication: Lost Erie, by John Claridge, published by the Erie County Historical Society, was recognized as an important local historical reference and for profoundly illustrating the damaging impact to communities caused by the incremental loss of historic resources.

Corporate Leadership: The First National Bank of Greencastle received the award for their role as a sponsor and advocate of historic preservation in the community. The bank’s efforts have included the sensitive rehabilitation of two historic buildings in downtown Greencastle and sponsorship of the preparation of the Greencastle Historic district nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission presented the following awards for excellence to preservation construction projects:

Institutional Buildings

Multiple Residential Buildings:

Single Residential Buildings

Commercial Buildings
MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

☐ Individual $15
☐ Family $25
☐ Associate $50
☐ Patron/Professional $100
☐ Benefactor $500
☐ Pennsylvania Heritage Club* $1000 and above
☐ Nonprofit Organization $35

*Includes special membership benefits. For information contact Preservation Pennsylvania.

What Are Pennsylvania’s Most Endangered Historic Properties?

Let us know.

Pennsylvania is losing historic properties to the bulldozer, to neglect, and to vandalism faster than ever. Preservation Pennsylvania publishes a regular listing of the Commonwealth’s most endangered historic properties to bring public attention to their plight and to bring pressure for their preservation.

Criteria for inclusion in the listing are: The property is listed in or deemed eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; the property is considered a “contributing” structure in a National Register Historic District; or the property is designated “historic” by local government and is faced with imminent, recognized endangerment either from overt action, neglect, incompatible use, or loss of context.

We need your help in identifying Pennsylvania’s endangered historic properties for this listing. Please use the form below to give us as much information as possible on the property or properties in your area.

Endangered Property Information

Name of Property: ____________________________ County ____________________________
Address/Location ____________________________

Is there an architectural survey or other written information about the property? ____________________________

Is the property on the National Register or in a National Register Historic District? ____________________________

Approximate Construction Date ____________________________

Owner(s) ____________________________

Owner’s Address ____________________________ Telephone ( ) ____________________________

How is the property endangered? ____________________________

May we use your name when contacting owner(s)? ____________________________

Your name: ____________________________ Telephone ( ) ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

Please return to Preservation Pennsylvania, 2470 Kissell Hill Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.
## CALENDAR 1993

### August

- **Planning Fund-Raising Activities. Workshop for community-based organizations held by the PA Department of Community Affairs, Municipal Training Division, 529 Forum Building, Harrisburg 17120; 717-787-5177. $30 per person.**
- **Dates and locations:** Aug. 4, Meadville; Aug. 5, Greensburg; Aug. 11, Williamsport; Aug. 18, Allentown.

### August 1

- **Establishment Day, Hopewell Furnace. Demonstrations of 1830s crafts and annual furnace charcoal burning demonstration. Contact: 215-582-8773.**

### August 7

- **Wyoming Historical and Geological Society annual fundraising auction. Contact the Society at 717-823-6244.**

### August 21

- **Clarion County Historical Society’s 4th Annual Pig Roast: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tickets: $12 ($10 if purchased before Aug. 6), available from the Society, 18 Grant St., Clarion 16214.**

### September 11-12

- **Chadds Ford Days, an open-air colonial fair with demonstrations, entertainment, crafts, food. Admission fee. Contact: Chadds Ford Historical Society, Box 27, Chadds Ford 19317; 215-388-7376.**

### September 26

- **Architectural history tour of northern Lancaster County. Tickets available August 1.**

### October

- **Rural Pennsylvania workshop. Kittanning, Armstrong County. See October 7-8 description for details.**
- **October 28-29 Rural Pennsylvania workshop. Saint Marys, Elk County. See October 7-8 description for details.**

### November 20-21

- **Annual Crafts & Trains Show. Craft vendors, entertainment. Lebanon County Historical Society, 924 Cumberland St., Lebanon 17042; 717-272-1473.**

### December

- **See the next issue of Preserving Pennsylvania for a listing of holiday events.**

### 1994

- **April 28-30 Heritage Partnerships II, Johnstown. Contact: Preservation Pennsylvania, 717-569-2243.**
- **June 17-19 Reclaiming Women’s History through Historic Preservation. National conference on the role and interpretation of historic sites associated with women. Bryn Mawr College. To participate in planning or for information, contact: 215-546-0531.**
- **July 16-September 11 Exhibition on Eastern State Penitentiary. Philadelphia Museum of Art.**