

PA SHPO'S MISSION

The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office uses its resources to educate Pennsylvanians about the commonwealth's vast collection of historic and archaeological resources, encourage them to value these resources as part of our collective past and future, and enable them to preserve the places that tell our local, state, and national stories for future generations.

PA SHPO fulfills its mission through the following programs and services:

- Documenting historic properties and archaeological sites to help municipalities and agencies with decision-making
- Maintaining Pennsylvania's inventory of historic properties
- Supporting local governments in developing historic preservation programs, including the Certified Local Government (CLG) program
- Providing information, education, training and technical assistance to all Pennsylvanians about historic preservation and its many benefits
- Working with property owners to take advantage of the federal Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit (Historic Tax Credit) program
- Identifying and nominating properties to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- Advising federal and state agencies and local communities in matters of historic preservation
- Providing consultation and review of state and federal undertakings that may impact historic properties
- Preparing and implementing a statewide historic preservation plan to guide local and state preservation activities throughout the commonwealth
- Advising the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development on project eligibility for the State Historic Tax Credit program
- Managing the Pennsylvania Historical Marker program
- Administering the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant program
- Monitoring the commonwealth's historic preservation covenants

VISION FOR PRESERVATION IN PENNSYLVANIA

Planning is about **CHANGE** and **INNOVATION**. The statewide historic preservation planning process gathered the best ideas for improving the future of historic places in Pennsylvania. The resulting plan is a means to achieving that goal. The plan must mobilize people and resources for it to be successful.

VISION:

Preservation connects people to place.
Place grounds us to the past, the present, and the future.

Pennsylvanians envision a future that includes the places—old and new—that make us who we are and embrace historic preservation as a means of expressing our individual and community identity and pride.

Communities recognize the importance of their history and environment and, through collaboration with new perspectives and creative partnerships, pursue opportunities to maintain and enhance the older and historic places that are important to them.

Public and private agencies and organizations use this plan to align their programs and funding to work toward the preservation and recognition of the places that tell Pennsylvania's multi-faceted story and empower Pennsylvanians to use preservation and planning to shape the places that make Pennsylvania unique.