

Resolution
of the
City of Easton, Pennsylvania

No. 152-2013

Date: August 28, 2013

Introduced by: Roger Ruggles

WHEREAS, the City of Easton understands that the irreplaceable historical, architectural archaeological, and cultural heritage of this Commonwealth should be preserved and protected for the benefit of all the people, including future generations; and

WHEREAS, Section 301 of the Municipalities Planning Code requires local governments to identify a plan for historic preservation and the adoption of relevant goals of the Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan is a step in fulfilling that requirement; and

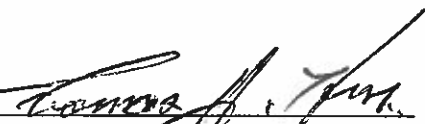
WHEREAS, the City of Easton has expressed interest in the endorsement of Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan and will assist in the implementation at the local level.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE City of Easton, Pennsylvania endorses the Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan and will take the following actions to implement relevant goals and objectives:

1. Identify ways that cultural and historic resources can (or do) contribute to local community character, quality of life, and economic growth potential.
2. Evaluate municipal planning policies and regulations to ensure that these policies address the community's historic preservation needs to the greatest extent possible. A thorough review of municipal code and zoning ordinances, planning procedures and other regulatory mechanisms is essential to advancing preservation and making the highest and best use of historic resources.
3. If the local government owns, occupies, or manages historic buildings, take action to keep these properties occupied and in good repair.

4. Alert municipal staff and local partner organizations to the requirements of the Pennsylvania History Code, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation, and consultation obligations required when state and federal funding are used for projects, and request training from the BHP staff when necessary.
5. Seek training for the municipality's Historic Preservation Commission or Historic Architectural Review Board to ensure that the review process is professional and fair.
6. Seek grants, state and federal funding and philanthropic donations to conduct historic preservation projects; as a Certified Local Government, the City of Easton is specifically eligible to receive federal funding through the National Parks Service.

This is to certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the City Council on the above date.

Attest: 
City Clerk

Signed: 
Mayor