

RESOLUTION 2013-01
ENDORSEMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA'S STATEWIDE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN 2012-2017

WHEREAS, the Huntingdon County Planning Commission 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;

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;

WHEREAS, the Huntingdon County Planning Commission 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 Huntingdon County Planning Commission, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania endorses Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan and will take the following actions to implement relevant goals and objectives:

Local Action:

- A. Update the *Huntingdon County Heritage Plan*, which contains an inventory of historic resources and local heritage. This information will be shared with the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission's Bureau for Historic Preservation (BHP).
- B. Assist with identification of ways that cultural and historic resources can (or do) contribute to local community character, quality of life, and economic growth potential.
- C. Assist Municipalities with evaluating local planning policies and regulations to ensure that these policies address Huntingdon County's historic preservation needs to the greatest extent possible, as requested. The evaluation can include, but, should not be limited to, zoning ordinances, planning procedures and other regulatory mechanisms, which are essential to advancing preservation and making the highest and best use of historic resources.
- D. Identify significant historic resources that need to be protected through a local historic preservation ordinance (seeking technical advice from the BHP community preservation coordinator). For resources that are threatened by demolition or neglect, the County Planning Commission will apply to be included on the annual *Pennsylvania at Risk* list.

- E. Provide technical assistance upon request to local governments who own, occupy, or manage historic buildings.
- F. Offer technical assistance for preparation of a historic preservation plan for communities upon request, if consensus is needed regarding historic preservation actions and priorities.

Training:

- A. Alert municipal staff and local partner organizations to the requirements of the Pennsylvania History Code, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and consultation obligations required when State and Federal funding are used for projects and request training from the BHP staff when necessary.
- B. Assist interested persons in training for the municipality's Historic Preservation Commission or Historic Architectural Review Board to ensure that the review process is professional and fair.

Signs and Markers:

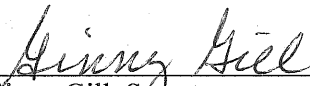
- A. Assist those interested and eligible with submission of a historical marker application to BHP for persons, places, or events that have Statewide or national significance.
- B. Partner with local preservation advocates where possible to interpret history in public spaces (public gathering areas, parks, and trails) that would benefit from the addition of a sign, marker, or media tag to educate people about community history.

Outreach and Funding:

- A. Alert property owners of income-producing buildings (stores, offices, rental housing, etc.) that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places or are located in Historic Districts to the federal Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit (RITC) program for historic building rehabilitations. Contact the BHP tax credit manager for assistance in preparing RITC applications where needed.
- B. Seek active, preservation-related, grassroots advocacy groups, and reach out to them to support in working toward preservation goals and priorities.
- C. Assist with outreach programs to local school districts and preservation advocacy organizations to identify ways to provide traditional and non-traditional (outside the classroom) learning opportunities.
- D. Assist Certified Local Governments, municipalities with grants to receive federal funding through the National Park Service as needed, as well as soliciting for philanthropic donations to conduct historic preservation projects.

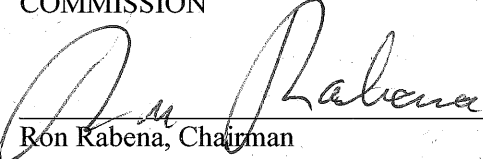
We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Huntingdon County Planning Commission at their meeting held October 17, 2013.

ATTEST:



Ginny Gill, Secretary

HUNTINGDON COUNTY PLANNING
COMMISSION



Ron Kabena, Chairman