









FEDERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACTIVITY IN PA'S 1ST DISTRICT

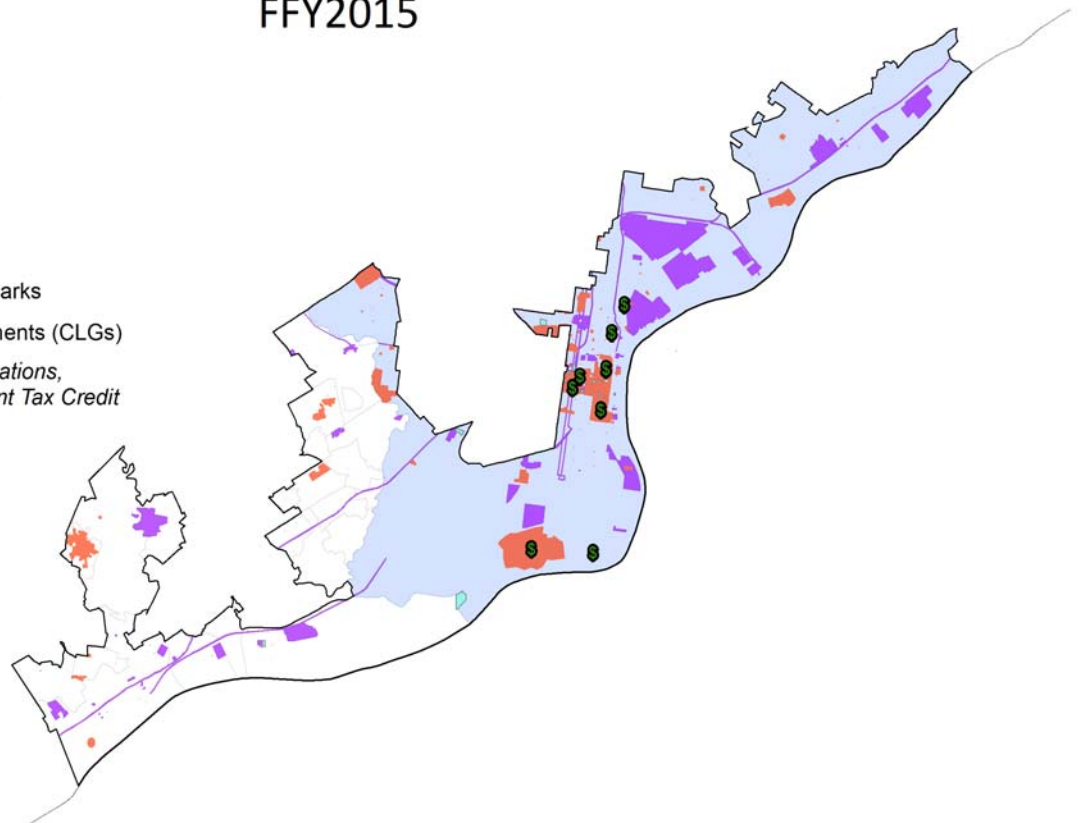
REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT BRADY

Your constituents in Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District benefit from the federal support of historic preservation through the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended and Congressional appropriations to the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF). The federal historic preservation program in Pennsylvania is managed by the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO), which is part of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC).

District #1 Historic Preservation Activity for National Register, CLG, and RITC Programs FFY2015

Legend

-  Congressional Districts
-  Counties
-  Municipalities
-  Eligible
-  Listed
-  National Historic Landmarks
-  Certified Local Governments (CLGs)
-  *Completed Part 3 Applications, Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit (RITC) projects*



District 1 is home to:

- **34 National Historic Landmarks**
- **510 properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places**, including 63 historic districts
- **322 properties eligible for listing in the National Register**, including 52 historic districts
- **127 registered archaeological sites**
- **15 Completed Historic Tax Credit projects**
- **1 Certified Local Government, the City of Philadelphia**

It is difficult to show the hundreds of historic properties and projects in your district at the map scale shown above. Please visit the PA SHPO's cultural resources GIS website at www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation for more information. These counts reflect data in CRGIS as of September 30, 2015. Please note that these figures are generated by municipality and may include historic properties, projects, or programs that may be located in or overlap with one or more districts.

FEDERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAMS MANAGED BY THE PA SHPO CAN BENEFIT PA'S 1ST DISTRICT

What benefits are there for participating in the National Register of Historic Places Program?

The National Register, the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation, is designed to help federal agencies, state and municipal governments, and local communities identify significant historic and archeological properties that are worthy of preservation and that should be considered in planning and development decisions.

- Listing in the National Register does not restrict the rights of property owners, invoke local property regulations or local design review, mandate that a property be maintained or restored, or impose other requirements.
- Income-producing properties listed in the National Register are eligible for tax credit and grant programs.
- Impacts to National Register-listed and –eligible properties must be considered by agencies when undertaking federally-funded projects.
- **510 National Register properties, including hundreds of buildings in the 63 historic districts, in District 1 may be eligible for historic tax credit and grant programs right now.**
- **322 properties, including hundreds of buildings in the 52 historic districts, in District 1 may eligible for preservation grants, and could be eligible for the historic tax credits if they are officially listed in the National Register.**

By supporting National Register listings, you will encourage your constituents to identify the historic places that are important to them, promote potential financial incentives, and provide a voice in the preservation of important historic places when federal-sponsored projects impact their communities.

How can the Historic Tax Program help?

The PA SHPO administers the Historic Tax Credit (HTC) program, in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Since 1976, the HTC program has leveraged over \$6 billion in private investment to preserve over 2,400 historic properties in Pennsylvania.

- **15 completed HTC projects in District #1 in FFY2015 brought \$131.1 million in economic investment.**

By encouraging owners of income-producing properties to take advantage of the 20% tax credit, you are supporting one of the nation's most successful and cost-effective community revitalization programs.

What does the Certified Local Government Program offer?

Participating local governments are eligible to receive technical and financial assistance to strengthen their local historic preservation efforts and expand their preservation activities.

- **As a CLG, the City of Philadelphia, is eligible for this financial assistance through an annual matching grant program administered by the PA SHPO.** Encouraging them to apply for this assistance can provide much needed funding to support various historic preservation activities in difficult budget years.

Please encourage other municipalities in your district to consider the CLG program to identify, promote, and preserve their historic communities and take advantage of the technical assistance and funding available through this program.

Why is it important for municipalities to participate in the Section 106 review process?

The PA SHPO assists federal agencies in complying with their responsibilities as stipulated in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and works closely with these agencies to determine if their projects will impact significant historic resources and, if so, how to address and resolve those effects.

- **PA SHPO staff participated in approximately 456 federal project reviews in District 1 in FFY2105.**
- Municipalities with National Register-listed or –eligible historic properties are given the opportunity to participate in the Section 106 process. If project impacts cannot be resolved, municipalities that participate in the Section 106 process may benefit from mitigation activities in their communities.

Encouraging municipalities and constituents to actively participate gives them a voice about the changes that could impact important and meaningful historic places in their community.