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Town of Schuyler Falls awarded a Preserve New York Grant

This grant will fund a Cultural Resource Survey of the town

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MORRISONVILLE, NY, 08/28/19 — The Town of Schuyler Falls is one of this year's Preserve New York (PNY) grantees. Their **grant of \$10,000** will enable the town to work with Adirondack Architectural Heritage of Keeseville to complete a reconnaissance level survey of historic and cultural resources. Compiling this documentation and research into an accessible format will help guide the town in the future so that existing historic resources will not be lost, and lay the groundwork for a potential future historic district.

The Preservation League of NYS and their program partners at the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) are thrilled to help fund this important work.

"We are honored and pleased to receive a Preserve New York grant," said **Rick Potiker, Schuyler Falls Town Supervisor**. "This cultural resource survey, in conjunction with our recently-completed town-wide comprehensive plan, will provide a guide for on-going stewardship of the historic assets in our town," echoed **Barb Benkwitt, Schuyler Falls Town Historian**.

The Town of Schuyler Falls is comprised of three hamlets: Schuyler Falls, Morrisonville, and Woods Mills. Each of these three hamlets represents an intact example of early 19th and 20th century residential and commercial architecture in the North Country region. Many of these buildings clearly illustrate Schuyler Falls as an industrial and farming community that developed steadily over time, but the existing buildings have not previously been surveyed or studied. The Town recognizes that a complete understanding of extant historic resources in town is necessary for municipal planning efforts as well as for educating property owners about proper building maintenance and preservation. Additional cultural resources, such as historic cemeteries, may also be at risk due to lack of stewardship.

The 2019 PNY grant cycle was the most competitive in the program's 26-year history. An independent jury met in June to review over 70 applications. After two days of deliberations, \$262,498 was awarded to 31 projects across 25 counties.

Preserve New York is a regrant partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League of NYS. PNY enables the Preservation League to support projects in all of New York's 62 counties.

Since 1993, the Preserve New York grant program has been providing funds to municipalities and nonprofit organizations that need technical, professional assistance to guide a variety of preservation projects. The historic structure reports, building condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and

cultural resource surveys that are funded through this program can have profound impacts on the sites they are studying.

With the announcement of the 2019 awards, support provided by PNY since its launch totals more than \$2.8 million to 438 projects statewide.

2019 PNY Grant Recipients:

Bronx County: Historic Districts Council - \$14,000; **Cayuga County:** Seward House Museum - \$10,000; **Chautauqua County:** Jamestown Renaissance Corporation - \$4,208; **Clinton County:** Town of Schuyler Falls - \$10,000; **Columbia County:** Philmont Beautification, Inc. - \$10,000 & Columbia County Historical Society - \$10,000; **Delaware County:** West Kortright Centre - \$4,764; **Dutchess County:** Village of Rhinebeck - \$7,875 & Red Hook Public Library - \$2,600; **Erie County:** Preservation Buffalo Niagara - \$20,000; **Essex County:** The Depot Theatre, Inc. - \$4,712; **Greene County:** Zadock Pratt Museum, Inc. - \$6,400 & Greene County Council on the Arts - \$13,191; **Lewis County:** Lewis County Historical Society - \$10,000; **Madison County:** Smithfield Community Association - \$13,017; **Montgomery County:** Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank - \$5,200 & Historic Amsterdam League - \$14,560; **Nassau County:** North Shore Land Alliance - \$12,000; **New York County:** Ascendant Neighborhood Development Corporation - \$10,000; **Rensselaer County:** Village of Castleton-on-Hudson - \$3,000; **Rockland County:** John Green Preservation Coalition - \$8,000; **Saratoga County:** Town of Corinth - \$10,000; **Schoharie County:** Jefferson Historical Society - \$6,883 & County of Schoharie - \$3,968; **Suffolk County:** Preservation Long Island - \$7,900 & Yaphank Historical Society - \$9,200; **Tioga County:** Village of Owego - \$8,000; **Warren County:** Richards Library - \$4,000; **Wayne County:** Baptist Rural Cemetery Association of Sodus Center - \$1,700; **Westchester County:** Village of Larchmont - \$10,000; **Yates County:** Village of Penn Yan - \$7,320

“NYSCA is proud to support the vitality and character of our communities through our Preserve New York partnership, which provides key resources to historic sites, buildings, and cultural centers statewide and underscores the importance of architecture and landscape design in community revitalization and economic development,” said **NYSCA Executive Director Mara Manus**.

“Thanks to the League’s record of making effective preservation grants through Preserve New York and TAG, our program partner, the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), has increased regrant funding significantly over the past several years,” said **Erin Tobin, Vice President for Policy and Preservation and the Preservation League**. “At the same time, in response to growing demand, the League has successfully lined up additional support to leverage NYSCA funding and League resources. NYSCA and the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation make these grants possible through their program partnership and financial support.”

The Preserve New York grant program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation has provided additional support for projects in Nassau, Suffolk and Bronx Counties.

About the Preservation League of New York State

Since its founding in 1974, the Preservation League has built a reputation for action and effectiveness. Our goal has been to preserve our historic buildings, districts and landscapes and to build a better New York, one community at a time. The Preservation League of New York State invests in people and

projects that champion the essential role of preservation in community revitalization, sustainable economic growth and the protection of our historic buildings and landscapes. We lead advocacy, economic development and education programs across the state.

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