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## Howland Stone Store Museum awarded a Preserve New York Grant

*This grant will fund a Historic Landscape Report of the Isabel Howland House*

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**AURORA, NY, 10/05/20** — The Howland Stone Store Museum is one of this year's Preserve New York (PNY) grantees. **A \$10,000 Preserve New York grant will enable the Howland Stone Store Museum to develop a Historic Landscape Report through consultant Jean Gleisner.** 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.

The original 1837 house, known as Opendore, was extensively remodeled in 1888 and 1910. The 1910 vernacular colonial revival renovation was the work of noted Syracuse architect Albert Brockway. Opendore was the home of William and Hannah Howland, and their daughter Isabel, all leaders in the fight for women's suffrage. The historic landscape design may have been the work of a pioneer female landscape architect such as Ellen Biddle Shipman or Beatrix Farrand, both of whom may have had connections to the Howland family. This report will document the historic landscape so that modern parking and drainage needs can be addressed.

"The volunteers of Howland Stone Store Museum have made wonderful progress rehabilitating the historically significant home of the Howland family over the past four years," said **Howland Stone Store Museum Historian/Secretary Larry Bell**. "The Opendore building will be ready in 2021 to receive visitors, but the grounds remain overgrown and undeveloped, though also historically significant. We are grateful for funding from the Preservation League's Preserve New York grant to help complete this necessary and important first step."

At its 2020 meeting, the Preserve New York grant panel selected **19 applicants in 15 counties to receive support totaling \$193,390**. Many of these grants will lead to historic district designation or expansion, allowing property owners to take advantage of the New York State and Federal Historic Tax Credits. With the announcement of the 2020 awards, support provided by Preserve New York since its launch in 1993 totals more than \$3 million to 457 projects statewide.

The Preserve New York grant program is a partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League, made possible with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. 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.

### **2020 PNY Grant Recipients:**

**Albany County:** Albany County Historical Association - \$10,000; Historic Albany Foundation - \$15,000 | **Broome County:** City of Binghamton Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development - \$8,000 | **Cayuga County:** Howland Stone Store Museum - \$10,000 | **Delaware County:** Town of Tompkins - \$4,000; Franklin Stock Company at Chapel Hall d/b/a Franklin Stage Co. - \$ 5,200 | **Dutchess County:** Scenic Hudson, Inc. - \$15,000 | **Kings County:** Prospect Lefferts Gardens Heritage Council, Inc. – \$8,800 | **Livingston County:** Village of Nunda - \$10,000; Village of Avon - \$13,440.00 | **Monroe County:** South East Area Coalition - \$10,000; Greece Historical Society - \$15,000 | **Ontario County:** Village of Naples - \$18,150 | **Queens County:** Greater Ridgewood Restoration Corporation - \$10,000 | **Rensselaer County:** Troy Public Library - \$15,000 | **Richmond County:** Staten Island Historical Society d/b/a Historic Richmond Town - \$3,200 | **Sullivan County:** Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation - \$5,000 | **Ulster County:** Town of Marlborough - \$10,000 | **Washington County:** Village of Greenwich - \$7,600

“Architecture and design are vital art forms that greatly impact the character and health of communities across the state,” said **Mara Manus, Executive Director of the New York State Council on the Arts**. “NYSCA is proud to partner with Preservation League of New York State to provide organizations and municipalities across the state with financial support to advance their innovative preservation initiatives.”

“Our longtime partnership with NYSCA has enabled us to support preservation initiatives in all of New York’s 62 counties,” said **Erin Tobin, Vice President for Policy and Preservation and the Preservation League**. “This year’s group of Preserve New York grant recipients continues the successful track record of this program of enabling preservation to thrive in every corner of the state.”

### **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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