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Oneida Community Mansion House awarded a Preserve New York Grant

This grant will fund A Cultural Landscape Report for the grounds of OCMH

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ONEIDA, NY, 08/01/23 — The Oneida Community Mansion House (OCMH) is one of this year's [Preserve New York](#) (PNY) grantees. Their **grant of \$18,940 will fund a Cultural Landscape Report**. 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 so grateful to the Preservation League of New York State for this funding," said **Christine Hall O'Neil, Executive Director, Oneida Community Mansion House**. "As part of our long-term commitment to preserving this National Historic Landmark, we are excited to undertake a Cultural Landscape report to better understand our preservation needs, expand our interpretation, and increase accessibility to the Mansion House for years to come."

Thanks to this Preserve New York grant, OCMH will work with a Martha Lyon Landscape Architecture to create a Cultural Landscape Report that will enable the Mansion House to further its historic preservation efforts, expand and diversify its interpretation, and make key improvements to accessibility. This report will dig deeply into the history of the landscape that the utopian Oneida Community inhabited to better understand its significance and the many changes that it underwent over centuries.

At its 2023 meeting, an independent grant panel selected **19 applicants in 17 counties to receive support totaling \$279,936**. Each grant supports important arts and cultural initiatives, as well as economic development related to our state's arts and cultural heritage. Many of these grants will lead to historic district designation or expansion, telling the stories of communities throughout the state and allowing property owners to take advantage of the New York State and Federal Historic Tax Credits. With the announcement of the 2023 awards, support provided by Preserve New York since its launch in 1993 totals more than \$3.7 million to 529 projects statewide.

The Preserve New York program is a regrant partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League, made possible with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation has generously provided additional funds to support nonprofit projects in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Since 1993, Preserve New York has been providing funds to municipalities and nonprofit organizations that need technical, professional assistance to guide a variety of preservation projects. The building condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and cultural resource surveys funded through this program lead to positive outcomes across New York's 62 counties.

2023 PNY Grant Recipients:

Albany County: Shaker Heritage Society, \$20,000 | **Cattaraugus County:** Leon Historical Society, \$6,720 | **Chautauqua County:** Patterson Library, \$16,000 | **Essex County:** Fort Ticonderoga Association, \$18,800 | **Franklin County:** Harrietstown, \$13,600 | **Green County:** Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society, \$20,008 | **Livingston County:** Village on Nunda, \$12,980 | **Madison County:** Oneida Community Mansion House, \$18,940 | **Monroe County:** Connected Communities / Beechwood Neighborhood Coalition, \$20,000 | **Nassau County:** Long Beach Historical & Preservation Society, \$7,876 | **New York County:** Historic Districts Council, \$16,000 | **Orange County:** The Fullerton, \$12,000 | **Otsego County:** Otsego Land Trust, \$14,780 | **Suffolk County:** The Center for Environmental Education and Discovery, \$10,632; Wainscott Heritage Project, \$14,400 | **Ulster County:** The Center for Photography at Woodstock, \$14,000; Village of New Paltz, \$14,000 | **Warren County:** Silver Bay YMCA, \$11,200 | **Westchester County:** Historic Hudson Valley, \$18,000

"The breadth of these projects across our state will safeguard the rich and diverse history of New York for generations to come," said **Mara Manus, Executive Director of NYSCA**. "We applaud the Preservation League of New York State for this critical preservation program. From all of us at NYSCA, a hearty congratulations to the grantees and our gratitude for the essential work you do."

"This year's Preserve New York grant cycle was one of the most competitive in the program's history," said **Jay DiLorenzo, President of the Preservation League of NYS**. "The 19 projects funded truly rose to the top and represent a great cross-section of historic resources found across the state. From a Shaker Washhouse upstate to the Little Caribbean neighborhood in Brooklyn, each project helps tell the story of New York's rich history."

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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About Oneida Community Mansion House

The Oneida Community Mansion House is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization with an educational charter from the New York State Board of Regents. It was designated as a National Historic Landmark (NHL) in 1965 as part of the National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings. This is the highest designation of historical significance that can be awarded by the United States government and is reserved for places that are exceptional because of their ability to illustrate U.S. heritage. Today, there are fewer than 2,600 NHLs in the United States. The mission of the OCMH is to use our historic site and collection to share the story of the Oneida Community – one of the most radical and successful of the 19th century social experiments – to explore pressing social issues that still confront audiences today. <https://www.oneidacommunity.org/>

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