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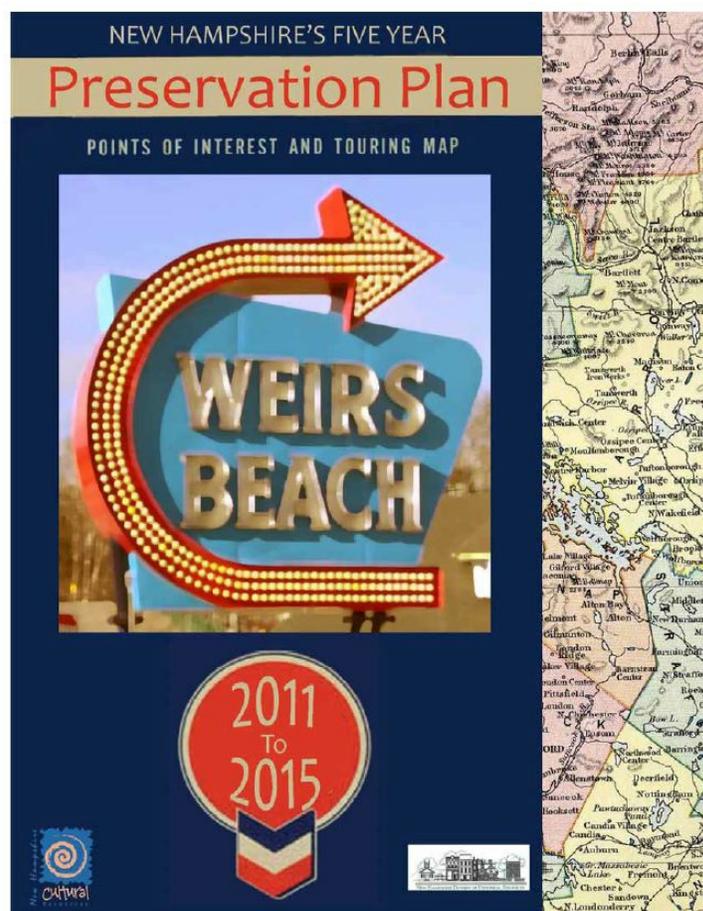
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The DHR is a state resource agency, supported by the State of New Hampshire, by the federal Historic Preservation Fund (through a matching grant administered by the National Park Service of the US Department of the Interior), and by donated funds and services. In addition to its state functions, the DHR is also responsible for administering the federal preservation program in New Hampshire.



New Hampshire's statewide preservation plan is a dynamic resource published every five years by the Division of Historical Resources (DHR) on behalf of the state. The plan celebrates preservation success stories, highlights lessons learned and lays out a vision for preserving our special historic places over the next five years.

This spring, the citizens of New Hampshire have several ways to participate in the creation of the next five-year plan. Throughout April and May, an [online questionnaire](#) will help the DHR gather public input about the benefits, threats and opportunities for preservation statewide. Presentations by DHR staff at several statewide conferences and public listening sessions in Randolph, Peterborough, and Portsmouth will provide a more personal level of engagement that will supplement the questionnaire.

The feedback the DHR receives from the online questionnaire, conference sessions and public listening sessions is integral for setting goals,

objectives and strategies for all of New Hampshire through 2020.

New for the 2016-2020 plan is an interactive photo-sharing map tool for residents to submit photos of their favorite New Hampshire historic resources; this will be turned into a clickable map. The best photographs will help illustrate the next edition of the plan this fall. Look for more information on how to submit your photographs in the coming weeks.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas. For details about any of the conferences, listening sessions and how you can participate, please visit the plan's web page at www.nh.gov/nhdhr/programs/plan.htm or contact us at 603-271-3483.

Pre-disaster planning grants available for New Hampshire's historical resources

The DHR is pleased to offer a new source of grant funding to help property owners and communities plan for future disasters. Pre-disaster planning for historic and cultural resources is critical to ensuring better protection of these irreplaceable resources the next time a major disaster strikes.

Proposals that will better prepare historical properties for future

disasters, such as new or updated historical inventories, community and site-specific disaster planning, National Register nominations, and educational programming and training will be considered. In addition to pre-disaster planning efforts, any historic properties damaged by Superstorm Sandy that did not apply in the fall 2014 grant round are also eligible to apply for assistance. Details and applications materials for rehabilitation projects can be found [here](#) or at <http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/programs/gis.htm>. The 2015 grant round will open June 15, 2015 with applications due on August 10, 2015.

Approximately \$200,000 in total funding is available in this round.



Stone arch bridge threatened by flood

After Superstorm Sandy, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued major disaster declarations in 12 states, including New Hampshire. Six of New Hampshire's ten counties - Belknap, Carroll, Coös, Grafton, Rockingham and Sullivan - were determined eligible for Public Assistance through FEMA. Only communities, organizations and property owners with historical properties in these six counties are eligible to apply for this grant program.

Priorities for the 2015 grant round include:

- Identification and inventory of particularly vulnerable or significant historic and archaeological properties
- Townwide, district or neighborhood inventories, or inventories that benefit the greatest number of resources
- Updates to previous historic inventories in disaster-prone areas
- Listing eligible properties or districts in disaster-prone areas to the National Register of Historic Places
- Disaster mitigation plans for properties or districts eligible or listed to the National Register of Historic Places. See FEMA publication 386-6 for a suggested format
- Projects that are innovative and can serve as a model for other communities or property owners as they integrate historic and cultural resources with disaster mitigation planning.



Water Street in Keene during a 2009 flood event

For more information about the grant round, please contact Amy Dixon at 603-271-3558 or amy.dixon@dcr.nh.gov .

Commissioner's Roundtable on Cultural Heritage and Tourism

When: Friday April 3, 2015
10 am to noon

Where: [Seacoast Science Center](#)



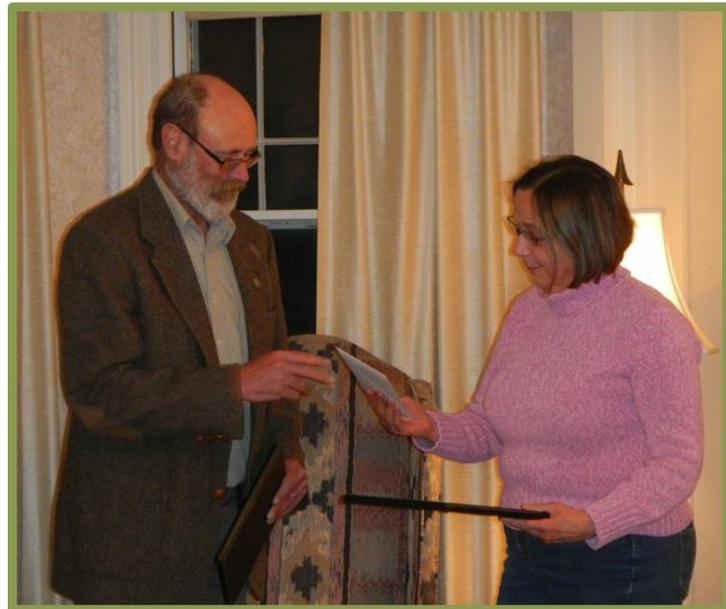
A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats:

How Partnerships and Collaboration Can Bring More Visitors to Our Doors

By working together, cultural and heritage organizations can draw on each others' strengths and benefit in ways both expected and unexpected. Join NH Department of Cultural Resources Commissioner Van McLeod for a roundtable discussion about how partnerships strengthen cultural and heritage tourism in New Hampshire. There is no charge to attend. Learn more [here](#) or RSVP to Shelly Angers, 603-271-3136, shelly.angers@dcr.nh.gov.

SCRAP News

The annual [State Conservation and Rescue Archaeology Program](#) (SCRAP) potluck dinner was held in January at the Concord's Women's Club. Participants shared their favorite dishes and photos of their experiences in the archaeology lab and in the field. Dr. Richard Boisvert, SCRAP coordinator and NH state archaeologist, presented awards to SCRAP



Karen Malburne receives award from Dr. Richard Boisvert

members who had achieved proficiency in excavation, survey and laboratory practices. Additional awards were given to members who had shown extraordinary dedication to the SCRAP program over the past year. Pat Bacon received the Certificate of Special Recognition for her years of ongoing support for SCRAP, Karen Malburne received the Avocational Archaeologist of the Year Award and Katherine Turnbull received the award for Rookie of the Year.

This year, the [2015 SCRAP summer field school](#) will focus on exploring the extent and nature of an approximately 4,000 year-old Native American habitation site in Holderness. The field school is structured in three sessions, each two

weeks long: June 22-July 3, July 6-July 17 and July 20-July 31. Individuals may participate as volunteers or apply to receive academic credits through Plymouth State University. There is no fee for participation as a volunteer, however, a \$40 donation is suggested to defray the cost of supplies and instructional materials.



SCRAP volunteers at a dig site

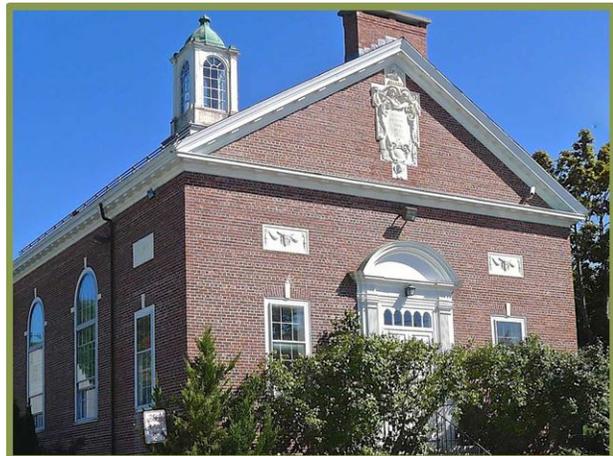
SCRAP is a public participation program for archaeological research, management and education administered by the Division of Historical Resources. If you would like [register for field school](#) or become involved, please visit the SCRAP [website](#) or email Dr. Boisvert at

richard.boisvert@dcr.nh.gov. Plymouth State registration information may be obtained by emailing gailc@plymouth.edu (undergrad) or psu-grad-studentsrecords@plymouth.edu (graduate).

Recent NH State Register of Historic Places listings showcase classical architecture in the state

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources is pleased to announce that the State Historical Resources Council has added five more properties to the [New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places](#).

The most recent additions are all public buildings and excellent examples of classical styles of architecture:



Whipple Memorial Town Hall

- [Center Harbor Townhouse](#) (1844)
- [Fuller Hall](#) in Hillsborough (1883)
- [Tucker Free Library](#) in Henniker (1903)
- [Whipple Memorial Town Hall](#) in New London (1917)
- [Goodwin Library](#) in Farmington (1929)

After the Revolutionary War, architecture in the U.S. found inspiration in the

cultures of ancient Greece and Rome as the country modeled a new democratic nation. Choosing classical architectural styles for public buildings was a physical way to represent democracy, from the nation's largest cities to its smallest villages.

Details and design vary, but the styles can be identified by the use of elements inspired by Greek and Roman temples, including symmetrical designs, front-facing gables with heavy cornices, pilasters and porches with columns. Buildings range from wood-framed and wood-sided to more ornate brick constructions with stone or wood details. Architectural styles such as Greek Revival and Classical Revival have overwhelmingly been the styles of choice for public buildings in New Hampshire.

The State Register has helped to promote the significance of many historic properties across New Hampshire. Benefits of being listed on the State Register include:

- Special consideration and relief from some building codes and regulations;
- Designation of a property as historical, which is a pre-qualification for many grant programs, including Conservation License Plate grants and New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) grants, and
- Acknowledgment of a property's historical significance in the community.

Anyone wishing to nominate a property to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places must research the history of the nominated property and document it fully on an individual inventory form from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. Having a property listed in the Register does not impose restrictions on property owners. If you are interested in learning more about the State Register program, please visit the NHDHR website, www.nh.gov/nhdhr, or contact [Mary Kate Ryan](#) at 603-271-6435.

Summer cottage colony on Squam Lake added to the National Register of Historic Places

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources is proud to announce that the **Shepard Hill Historic District** in **Holderness** has been honored by the United States Secretary of the Interior with placement on the [National Register of Historic Places](#), both for its well-preserved architecture and its social importance as the first summer colony on Squam Lake.

Part of the evolution of Squam as a destination for summer homes after the Civil War, Shepard Hill is the location of the first cottage built on the lake, where boating, swimming, fishing and tennis were integral parts of summer recreation. Early residents were primarily academics and ministers with ties to Yale University and were often connected socially and professionally.

More than a century after Shepard Hill was established, it still retains all but one of its historic cottages and camps, as well as its chapel, ice houses, a group of bath and boathouses on the shoreline, the undisturbed site of the Asquam House hotel that stood at the top of the hill from 1881 to 1948, and several other original features.

Built primarily from 1870-1900 and sited on the hillside and oriented for optimal lake and mountain views, the buildings' architectural styles range from eclectic Victorians to Craftsman-style cottages. They have fairly simple exteriors and are distinguished by decorative features. Doors are generally paired to create wide openings for maximum light and ventilation, taking full advantage of summer living on Squam.

As part of a recent effort by local advocates and property owners, the Shepard Hill Historic District is the tenth listing to the National Register from Squam Lake and the Squam Watershed.

Administered by the National Park Service, which is part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of historical resources worthy of preservation and is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate and protect our historic and archaeological resources.

For more information on the National Register program in New Hampshire, please visit http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/programs/national_register.html or contact [Peter Michaud](#) at the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources at 603-271-3483.

NH State Historical Resources Council meets at State Library

On a snowy Monday in January,
the New Hampshire
State Historical Resources
Council (SHRC) held

its quarterly meeting at the New Hampshire State Library on Park Street in Concord. The SHRC acts in an advisory capacity to the Division of Historical Resources to review, recommend and approve specific program activities, including nominations to the New Hampshire State and National Registers of Historic Places.



New Hampshire State Librarian Michael York and Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Resources Van McLeod welcomed SHRC members and DHR staff to the library. York highlighted the library's architectural history and explained its place of significance in New Hampshire. McLeod commended SHRC members for their volunteer service on behalf of New Hampshire's cultural resources and invited them to explore the library at the conclusion of the meeting. Each updated Council members on recent efforts to erect a statue on library grounds in memory of former New Hampshire Governor and US Ambassador to the United Kingdom, John Gilbert Wlnant.

At the conclusion of the meeting, SHRC members took time to explore the library and its many original architectural details. They were impressed by both the library and by the vertical 22-foot by 8-foot map of New Hampshire that dominates the meeting space on the second floor; this relief map, designed by state geologist C. H. Hitchcock in 1876, shows many of the features of the state as they appeared at that time.

For more information about the State Historical Resources Council, visit the DHR website www.nh.gov/nhdhr or click [here](#). For more information about the New Hampshire State Library, visit www.nh.gov/nhsl.

Learn more about preservation programs

To learn more about historic preservation programs and activities on the horizon, visit the [News and Events](#) web page of the NH Division of Historical Resources, the [NH Preservation Alliance Events web site](#), the [Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire E-ssociate](#) and the "history" section of nh365.org. Also visit PreservationDirectory.com, a national portal with links to a wide and expanding range of preservation events, sources and resources.

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