



# WHY NOT TAKE THE NEXT STEP!

Across the state of New Jersey and the Nation, hundreds of diverse communities have taken action to preserve their unique historic community character. Based on a 1999 Historic Preservation Office survey of the 566 municipalities in New Jersey, 165 communities had historic preservation commissions established by local ordinance. The HPO encourages these communities and others to apply for Certified Local government (CLG) program certification. The New Jersey CLG program provides valuable technical assistance and small grants to local governments seeking to preserve the physical links to our past, providing meaning to the present and continuity with the future.

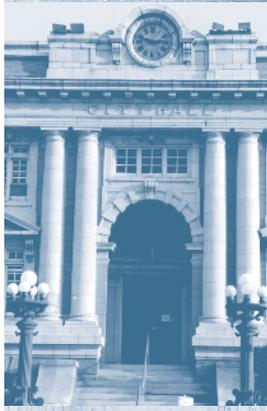
To be eligible for CLG certification the community must enact an historic preservation ordinance to identify and protect historic resources within the municipality. The ordinance must provide for designation of historic sites or districts within a community and for a review of all exterior alterations to help ensure that the historic integrity of the area is preserved. Reviews are performed by a Historic Preservation Commission appointed by the governing body and comprised of community volunteers who possess a demonstrated interest, competence or knowledge in historic preservation. The authority to establish the ordinance and commission is set forth in the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law.

The next step in the process involves the completion of an application by the community to become a CLG. The Historic Preservation Office will send any

prospective community an application package, and additional information tailored to meet their needs. The completed application is reviewed by the Historic Preservation Office for compliance with the CLG Guidelines. The HPO will prepare a Certification Agreement, for all applications that meet the CLG Guidelines, outlining the responsibilities of the municipality and the state. If the HPO is unable to certify the ordinance, the local government will receive a detailed explanation outlining the areas of concern and recommending actions to assist the community in becoming a CLG.

As soon as the Certification Agreement is executed and returned by the local government, it will be sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for final signature. Once signed by the SHPO, the Certification Agreement is forwarded to the National Park Service (NPS) for concurrence.

The NPS has 30 days to act on all applications. Upon receipt of a notice of acceptance from the NPS, the Historic Preservation Office notifies the applicant that they have been accepted into the program. As a CLG, the community is eligible to apply for matching and non-matching grants. CLG communities are currently eligible to apply annually for between \$60,000 and \$80,000 in Historic Preservation grants. The level of funding is contingent upon the annual appropriation from the National Park Service and grants are awarded for historic preservation Master Plan elements, historic resource surveys, National Reg-



ister nominations, historic preservation planning, historic preservation education projects, historic structures reports, preservation plans, and CLG training. Grant applications are available from the HOP annually.

**SOME OF THE RECENT  
CLG PROGRAM GRANT PROJECTS  
INCLUDED:**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOR MASTER  
PLAN ELEMENTS**

Evesham, Haddonfield, Maplewood, Newton,  
Paterson, West Milford.

**HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORTS**

Camden Carnegie Library, Pomona Hall,  
Zane School, Grover House, Paterson Library,  
Oakley Farmstead.

**DESIGN GUIDELINES**

Beach Haven, Cape May City, Closter, Collingswood,  
Evesham, Haddonfield, Haddon Heights, Hopewell, Newton,  
Ocean City, Plainfield, Tewksbury, West Milford.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION EDUCATIONAL BROCHURES,  
SLIDE SHOWS, VIDEOS AND GUIDES**

Burlington, Evesham, Ewing, Haddonfield,  
Lawrenceville, Montclair, Montville, Newton,  
Paterson, Pompton Lakes, Princeton, West Milford.

**COMMISSION WEBSITES**

Evesham, Newton, Princeton.

**HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEYS**

Beach Haven, Berlin, Burlington, Cape May, Closter,  
Evesham, Haddonfield, Hopewell, Mahwah,  
Maplewood, Middletown, Mount Holly, Paterson,  
Princeton, Tewksbury.

**CLG TRAINING, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES**

Burlington, Closter, Collingswood, Ewing, Evesham,  
Haddonfield, Middletown, Montville, Mount Holly,  
Newton, Paterson, Tewksbury, West Milford.

**NEW JERSEY & NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS AND  
LOCAL DESIGNATIONS:**

Camden, Haddonfield, Berlin, Middletown, Newton,  
Paterson, Princeton.

The HPO wishes to take this opportunity to thank those communities participating in the CLG program and acknowledge their efforts to preserve historic resources: Beach Haven Borough, Berlin Borough, Burlington City, Camden City, Cape May City, Closter Borough, Collingswood Borough, Evesham Township, Ewing Township, Fanwood Borough, Freehold Township, Glen Ridge Borough, Gloucester City, Haddonfield Borough, Haddon Heights Borough, Hamburg Borough, Hamilton Township, Harrison Township, Hopewell Township, Lawrence Township, Mahwah Township, Maplewood Township, Middletown Township, Montclair Township, Montville Township, Mount Holly Township, Newton Town, North Plainfield Borough, Ocean City, Paterson City, Plainfield City, Pompton Lakes Borough, Princeton Borough, Princeton Township, River Edge Borough, Somers Point City, South Brunswick Township, Swedesboro Borough, Teaneck Township, Tewksbury Township, Verona Township, Washington Township, West Milford Township and West Orange Township.

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