



# WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY EST. 1940

## WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESERVATION AWARD APPLICATION

A project is not eligible for award recognition until it is complete.

Application Deadline: July 31

**Name of project or person being nominated:**

**Full address of project:**

(provide map if necessary)

**Property owner(s):**

**Owner's address:**

**Owner's phone number and/or email:**

**Project Contributors:**

(Names of anyone who helped make this project a success)

**What kinds of building/site does this project involve?**

- Residential
- Commercial
- Religious
- Industrial
- Agriculture
- Civic
- Other

(If Other, please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**Which of the following best describes the project?**

- Rehabilitation and sensitive remodeling in keeping with original design for contemporary use.
- Restoration, without modernization, in order to return a building to its original condition and use.
- Continuous use of a structure, which has outlived the purpose for which it was built.
- Individual(s) or organization(s) which has (have) encouraged historic preservation in Washington County.

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**Photos**

- Please include a minimum of 6 photos illustrating the scope of the project.
- Provide “before” and “after” photos.
- Photos should be submitted electronically. If hard copies are submitted please label so they can be returned.

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**Project Narrative**

Please describe why this nominee deserves a preservation award. Include description of work performed, project goals and challenges, and impact on the community. (Attach additional pages if necessary)

**Nomination submitted by:**  
(include phone and email)

## **SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:**

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

167 BROADWAY

FORT EDWARD, NY 12828

Applications may be submitted digitally or emailed to [wchs@wchs-ny.org](mailto:wchs@wchs-ny.org). For further information please contact the Washington County Historical Society Preservation Committee at 518-747-9801.

Digital format assists us in preparing the Preservation Committee awards presentation.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND REVIEW**

The Washington County Historical Society Preservation Committee makes awards each year for projects that rehabilitate, restore, or continuously maintain buildings of significance in Washington County, or that adapt such buildings for contemporary use. Awards are given, also, to individuals and groups for outstanding efforts to encourage historic preservation, including preservation of buildings, sites, records, etc.

- Projects must be located within Washington County, New York.
- Self-nominated projects are encouraged.
- Additional materials may be requested.
- All projects will be evaluated based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. (see below)

While the Committee encourages all historic preservation efforts, award recognition for exterior building structures is based solely on exterior work. Interior restoration – such as plaster or stencil work, interior flooring, grain painting, etc. – is not taken into consideration in determining the outcome of exterior award applications. Significant alteration of historic structures or replacement of historic elements with non-historic, inappropriate materials will often disqualify an applicant unless the alteration or replacement is very minor, could not have been avoided (e.g., rotting structure) or other good cause is shown.

Examples are:

- Altered window or door placement/configuration.
- Use of vinyl or metal siding, doors, or windows.
- Changes to historic window pane configuration or use of modern, inappropriate doors.
- Slate roof removal and replacement with metal or asphalt shingles.
- Porch removal and non-replacement or replacement with non-historic elements.
- Brickwork using inappropriate mortar or techniques.
- Shutter removal or replacement with modern elements.
- Outbuilding demolition.
- The construction of incompatible or inappropriate additions.

## Secretary of the Interior's Standards

1. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.
2. The historic character of the property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alterations of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
4. Most properties change over time. Those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.
5. Distinctive features, finished, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.
6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.
7. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sand-blasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.
8. Significance archaeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.
9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would to unimpaired.

Visit the National Park Service website to view the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and for additional information: <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/treatment-standards-rehabilitation.htm>.