

# CITY OF KINGSTON

## Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission

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### Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission (HLPC) Historic Preservation Award Program

On February 5, 2026, the HLPC officially established an Award Program to identify, recognize, support, and promote the good work of historic preservationists in the City of Kingston. The award program's foundation coincides with the Semiquincentennial (250<sup>th</sup>) of the Nation's Founding, the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the HLPC's creation, and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act's passage, and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Kingston joining NYS's Certified Local Government Program. Beginning in 2026, the HLPC may accept, nominate, and review award proposals for the issuance during May - Historic Preservation Month. A maximum of three (3) awards, per calendar year, shall be given in any of the following categories:

- **Project Excellence:** Completed projects that demonstrate thorough research of a building, site, and/or district that result in anyone or more of the following categories: Rehabilitation, Adaptive Reuse, Restoration, Compatible New Construction, Archaeology, and Long-Term Stewardship.
- **Professional Services & Craftsmanship:** Individuals or teams who's professional and/or physical work to a building, building feature, site, or district that have resulted successful preservation project.
- **Public Advocacy & Education:** Individuals, teams, or organizations whose public advocacy and/or education have increased awareness, appreciation, and support for the field of historic preservation.

**Eligible Award Recipients:** Buildings, Building Features, Sites, Property Owners, Architects, Designers, Craftspersons, Archaeologists, Historic Preservation Advocates and Educators

**Nomination Process & Timeline:** Public & HLPC initiated nominations must be received by the HLPC by March 10 of this year for consideration at the May HLPC Award Ceremony. Only projects, services, advocacy, and education completed within the previous 2 years shall be considered. Written statements with visuals attesting to the worthiness of the award must accompany the nomination. A subcommittee of the HLPC shall receive and review proposals in accordance with the following criteria:

- Historical accuracy and care with original materials
- Quality of craftsmanship
- Sensitivity to the building & district character
- Community benefit or educational value
- Project Planning & Execution

If you would like to submit a nomination for the Historic Preservation Award, please email all materials to [planning@kingston-ny.gov](mailto:planning@kingston-ny.gov).

**The Historic Preservation Award:** Winners will be recognized at an HLPC meeting during Historic Preservation Month (May), receive awards, and be identified in official publications.

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### Definitions:

- **Long-Term Stewardship:** Individuals, teams, or organizations who have, through careful research, time, and/or funds, committed to preserve, interpret, and share with current and future generations a meaningful building, building feature, site, or district.
- **Rehabilitation (i.e., Adaptive Reuse):** Rehabilitation as a Treatment is defined as the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values. For more information on the 10 Standards for Rehabilitation, see: <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/treatment-standards-rehabilitation.htm>
- **Compatible New Construction:** New construction that does not alter the historic character of a property and/or district by considering and incorporating existing designs, textures, materialities, settings, an understanding of historic uses, neighborhood, and any other relevant aspect of place deemed relevant.
- **Restoration:** Restoration as a Treatment is defined as the act or process of accurately depicting the form, features, and character of a property as it appeared at a particular period of time by means of the removal of features from other periods in its history and reconstruction of missing features from the restoration period. The limited and sensitive upgrading of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems and other code-required work to make properties functional is appropriate within a restoration project. For more information, see: <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/treatment-standardsrehabilitation.htm>
- **Preservation:** Preservation as a Treatment is defined as the act or process of applying measures necessary to sustain the existing form, integrity, and materials of an historic property. Work, including preliminary measures to protect and stabilize the property, generally focuses upon the ongoing maintenance and repair of historic materials and features rather than extensive replacement and new construction. New exterior additions are not within the scope of this treatment; however, the limited and sensitive upgrading of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems and other code-required work to make properties functional is appropriate within a preservation project. For more information, see: <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/treatment-standards-preservation.htm>
- **Archaeology:** Archaeology is the study of the past through material remains that people have left behind. Archaeological projects can be in the form of active digs, legacy collection research and interpretation, documentary studies of communities, places, people, and landscapes, and publications that increase awareness of past people and their lifeways.