



## Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund

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The Morris County Board of Freeholders has approved spending \$1.6 million from the county's Historic Preservation Trust Fund to help preserve 24 historic sites in 18 towns.

The freeholders approved the grants based upon the recommendation of the county's Historic Preservation Trust Fund Review Board, which reviewed a total of 35 applications.

Of the grants approved, 15 were for construction or restoration projects and nine grants were non-construction projects, which may include acquisition and the development of plans for preservation.

Morris County voters approved the creation of the Historic Preservation Trust Fund in November 2002, allowing the freeholders to amend the county's Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund to include the acquisition and preservation of historic sites and facilities. The funds come from trust fund monies that have been traditionally set aside for administrative costs and were not diverted from open space or farmland preservation.

The largest construction grant, \$200,000, was awarded to Harding Township for the Glen Alpin country estate. These funds will be used to help pay for a new HVAC system and fire protection sprinklers for the Gothic Revival-style house.

The Community of St. John Baptist, significant for its French Norman Chateau Revival style Convent in Mendham Township, received a \$175,000 grant for upgrading the Convent's heating system.

A \$135,000 grant was awarded to the Washington Association of New Jersey to assist with the restoration of the vaulted ceiling and windows of the museum auditorium at the Morristown National Historical Park, the first national historical park in the nation.

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The freeholders also approved historic preservation grants for construction and non-construction totaling \$130,200 for the First Presbyterian Church of Hanover in East Hanover; \$120,760 for the c. 1760 Schuyler-Hamilton House in Morristown; \$117,702 for the Ralston Cider Mill in Mendham Township; \$109,824 for the Hendrik Doremus House in Montville; \$107,000 for The Ayres Farm House in Denville; \$102,300 for the First Memorial Presbyterian Church in Dover; \$72,902 for The United Methodist Church in Madison; \$66,300 for the Former Baptist Church in Mount Olive; \$48,896 for the Morris Canal Lock 2 East in Wharton; \$35,232 for the Van Ness House in Riverdale; \$32,000 for the Oscar A. Kincaid Home of History in Boonton Township; \$25,000 for the Bridget Smith House in Mine Hill; \$22,960 for the Woman's Club of Morristown; \$20,000 for the Webb Memorial Chapel in Madison; \$19,720 for the Morris Canal Plane 2 East in Roxbury; \$19,000 for the Flanders United Methodist Church in Mount Olive; \$13,500 for the Friends Meeting House in Randolph; \$13,304 for the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship; \$11,200 for the Pompton Plains Passenger Station; \$8,520 for the Growing Stage in Netcong; and \$8,000 for the King Homestead Museum in Roxbury.

In 2003, the first year of the trust fund, the freeholders approved spending \$750,000 to help preserve 18 historic sites in 15 towns.

The freeholders in 2004 awarded \$1 million in grants to fund 16 projects in 14 communities, and last year 18 projects in 15 towns received a total of \$1.5 million.

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