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National Trust for Historic Preservation Lends Support to Preserve Rhode Island

Providence, RI – Preserve Rhode Island (PRI) was awarded a \$3000 matching grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation Antoinette Downing Preservation Fund for Rhode Island. The grant funds will be used to develop a new website for the organization. Unfortunately, the PRI website was permanently deleted this summer due to a server error. At this time the website only displays the latest issue of PRI's statewide Preservation E-newsletter. PRI has already released Request for Proposals and expects to have a designer selected by early January 2008. The website's homepage will likely be online by March 2008.

Preserve Rhode Island was chartered by the State Legislature in 1956 to be the non-profit force guiding and fostering historic and heritage preservation with the mandate to reach out into all corners of the State. As the statewide partner of the National Trust, PRI is protecting Rhode Island's historic structures and unique places for present and future generations.

Preserve Rhode Island was among several grant recipients selected in a competitive application process from applicants across New England, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. In announcing the grant, National Trust Northeast Regional Office Director Wendy Nicholas said, "With these start-up dollars, Rhode Island joins the hundreds of other communities across the country actively ensuring that America's architectural and cultural heritage is preserved." Through its Preservation Services Fund program, the National Trust offers small matching grants to nonprofit groups and public agencies to support a wide range of local historic preservation projects across the nation.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, chartered by Congress in 1949, is a nonprofit organization with more than 270,000 members. As the leader of the national preservation movement, it is committed to saving America's diverse historic environments and to preserving and revitalizing the livability of communities nationwide. The Northeast Office coordinates the program of the National Trust with the ten northeastern states and provides a wide range of services adapted to the needs of the region.

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For more information about the National Trust's Preservation Fund program please visit their website at www.nationaltrust.org or call the Northeastern Office at 617.523.0885.

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