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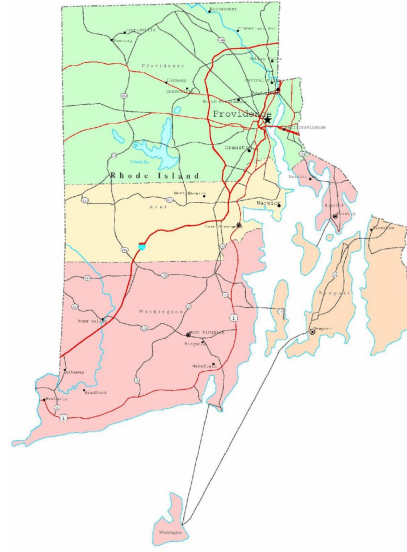


### PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION RESPONSE

Preserve RI's Community Preservation Response ("CPR") program strives to help people preserve historic spaces that matter most to them. By championing such spaces, often under threat, and offering guidance to owners, local advocates, and town officials, the CPR program amplifies local preservation efforts while providing credible testimony on the impact of historical resources on our communities. Preserve RI brings a depth of experience across a statewide network to provide CPR for historic places; our technical advice and strategic guidance have assisted local preservationists to enhance their advocacy most effectively. Further, Preserve RI's engagement with generating dialogue around such efforts help reinforce the community value of protecting historic spaces, offering compelling arguments to local decision-making boards about their responsibilities towards such sites. Our strong advocacy efforts are grounded in a deep understanding of local and state preservation regulations and policies.

Preserve RI takes up a CPR case when we believe our participation will favorably influence the outcome. Our work

involves consulting with local preservationists and planners to understand the issues, reviewing historical information and designations, researching local and state ordinances, making site visits, and consulting with attorneys, architects, real estate professionals, amongst others. We design our response to be dynamic and forward-looking—suggesting ways to minimize, mitigate, or avoid harming historic places.



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This is not easy work: in the US, no historic buildings are absolutely protected, and few are afforded more than consideration in various statutory arenas. Communities lag behind in designating properties that qualify for local, state, or national recognition. Many decision-makers lack expertise in historic preservation, or an understanding of how such places contribute to local character and economy. Persuading decision-makers – be they private owners or municipal and state officials – to take action requires a depth of knowledge, expertise, and a careful, community-oriented ethic.

Through the CPR program, Preserve RI both solves preservation problems and makes “good trouble”. We believe that historic preservation can create positive change—environmental, economic, and cultural—for the people who live, visit, and work in Rhode Island. To get a flavor of our CPR program, you can [explore recent comments submitted by Preserve RI](#) to forestall proposed demolitions in Barrington, Warren, and Bristol. In each case, our voice magnifies that of residents who speak up to save historic places that matter to their community.

While we cannot save every threatened site, it is only in working together that we have a chance of better influencing outcomes to preserve Rhode Island’s historic places. Our CPR program is entirely funded from donations to our general operations from supporters like you. This work is not supported by grants or endowment, and the demand for such work continues to grow. We never know where the next CPR need might emerge – in 2022 we registered 24 CPR cases in 17 towns in Rhode Island.

**Help ensure that our CPR program is there when you need it.  
Please support Preserve RI with a gift to our Annual Fund.**

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### *Providence*

November 30: [As tents outside the State House multiply, Cranston Street Armory will be a warming station](#)

December 20: [In Archaeology of College Hill course, Brown students dig up Rhode Island history](#)

### *Tiverton*

December 18: [Tiverton sells island to the state DEM](#)

### *Westport*

December 16: [Gray's Grist Mill property could soon have a new owner. Here's what we know so far.](#)

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