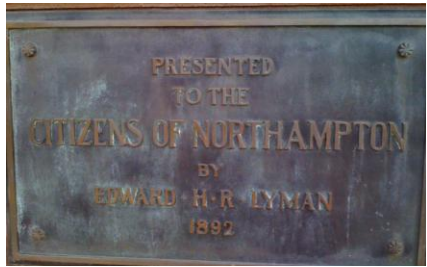


Sustainable Northampton:

Focus on...  Heritage Resources



Goals

Protect and preserve the city's heritage resources

Photos: Sojourner Truth statue; dedication plaque on Academy of Music, oldest continuously running municipally owned theatre in the country; Historic Northampton marker at Bridge Street Cemetery; Elm St. Historic District designation sign

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how our budgets are supporting this goal

FY 2011	FY 2012
<p>Lilly Library houses a small local history collection which is primarily dedicated to materials for Florence and Northampton. During FY2010, Lilly Library was able to dedicate 3 hours per week in staff time for ongoing work in this area.</p>	
<p>Treasurer disburses Community Preservation Act funds to designated historic preservation projects.</p>	
<p>Planning supports new design standards for Historic District Commission and follows up on demolition delay; supports regulatory, planning, and funding activities to support heritage resources; coordinates land acquisition efforts for historic sites; creates signage to highlight historic resources.</p>	
	<p>Planning will begin discussions of structural changes to historic boards to allow more efficient use of limited staff resources.</p>
<p>At over 100 years old, SVAHS is the oldest vocational / agricultural school in Massachusetts. The city's annual appropriation, supplementing tuition from other sending communities, keeps the mission of SVAHS alive in the 21st century.</p>	
<p>The Forbes Library's Hampshire Room for Local History is the foremost repository for historical documents of Hampshire County. The Hampshire Room is designed to house these precious materials according to archival standards while allowing researchers controlled access to needed information. The library's local history librarians are experts in assisting patrons with their local history and genealogical research.</p>	

In addition to working with community groups to maintain monuments (C-54 and B-52), Veterans office also preserves memorabilia (Civil War flag, photos, documents) and this year we acquired a model of the USS Northampton to display in Memorial Hall.

DPW Co-sponsored application with the Leeds Civic Association to the Community Preservation Comm. to restore the Hotel Bridge over the Mill River in Leeds.

Mayor, City Council and CEDO working with Three County Fairgrounds and community business leaders to support its efforts to modernize facilities and diversify and broaden its exhibition space. Secured federal grant for renovations at the nation's oldest continuously running agricultural fair.