

ABOUT

A preservation easement is a tool that protects the State of Connecticut's investment in a historic resource. By accepting grant funds administered by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the owner agrees to maintain the property in good condition for the life of the easement and to seek prior review and approval for any proposed alterations to the historic building and site.

The duration of the easement depends on the amount of funding granted to the property and typically runs from 5-20 years.

The SHPO, in partnership with Preservation CT, administers the easement program. Our goal is to provide all historic property owners with support and technical assistance as they work to preserve their historic sites and buildings.

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- request a site visit
- funding opportunities

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- questions about the easement document
- project review updates



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Routine maintenance is essential to the long-term preservation of any historic property and it does not require prior review and approval. As property owners you are encouraged to:

- clean gutters
- remove vegetation from foundations and overhead trees
- touch-up painting between major paint jobs
- landscaping (that doesn't involve excavation or site grading)

If you are unsure if a project will require prior approval - just ask!

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Some work will require prior review by the SHPO and Preservation CT. Such projects may include:

- new construction/demolition
- historic material repair and replacement (building interior and exterior)
- painting
- re-roofing
- site grading and excavation
- mechanical/electrical/plumbing upgrades



Resources

Find a Professional:

<https://preservationct.org/directory>

NPS Preservation Briefs:

<https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs.htm>

Funding Opportunities:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Services/Historic-Preservation/Funding-Opportunities>

<https://preservationct.org/fund>

Preservation videos:

Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office YouTube Channel

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If you have any questions about your property or you are planning to undertake improvements, send an email along with a description of the issue/project, photos, and a brief history of the property. We are here to help and get your project off on the right foot.

