



Quarterly News and Updates

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Meet Kevin Berger, SHPO's GIS analyst



Kevin is a Connecticut native who graduated from Temple University's (Philadelphia, PA) Geography and Urban Studies/Environmental Studies program. He has 15 years of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) experience honing his skills in spatial data analysis and mapping both the municipal and utility sector. At SHPO, Kevin will be maintaining ConnCRIS, the state's cultural resources information system.

Outside of the office, Kevin enjoys spending quality time with his two daughters and wife, attending many youth sporting events, and other extracurricular activities.

We are thrilled to have Kevin on board! If you have any questions for him, he can be reached at kevin.berger@ct.gov or 860.500.2355.

SHPO staff conduct Local Historic District Training Sessions



Mary Dunne, the SHPO's Certified Local Government Coordinator, has been hard at work providing training to local historic district commissions across the state.

In partnership with Preservation CT, Mary has conducted evening trainings in **Wilton** and **Milford**. With others scheduled in **Norwich** and a regional training in **Wethersfield**.

Congratulations are also in order to the town of **Wethersfield**. Wethersfield just became a Certified Local Government. For more information on the Certified Local

Government Program, visit our website, [here](#).

Upcoming Local Historic District Training in Norwich

Preservation Connecticut and SHPO along with our virtual "host" the Norwich Historic District Commission, invite all local historic district commissioners, building officials and planners interested in the Local Historic District process to attend this training session hosted via Zoom on Wednesday, December 20th. We're hoping that a review of the LHD basics along with some common scenarios will spark discussion leading to an exchange of ideas, solutions and best practices among commission members and any related public officials interested in learning more.

Please click on the link below to visit the Preservation CT website and register
[*Virtual* Local Historic District Training on December 20th - Preservation Connecticut \(preservationct.org\)](https://preservationct.org)

CT's New Look



The state has a new brand. "Make it Here" is designed to reflect the state's identity as a place for makers, creators, innovators, and entrepreneurs who are a powerful force for good in the country. [Check out the 60 second commercial.](#)

If you are a grantee and need the new logo, click [here](#) for our branding guidelines.

News from the Eric Sloane Museum



2023 proved to be another exciting year at the Eric Sloane Museum! The museum welcomed thousands of visitors and hosted some incredible events during the season. The staff are already hard at work creating new exhibits, and displays over the off-season, and we look forward to the new visitor experiences, including special events and hands-on workshops in 2024!

Have you heard? We are partnering with the Friends of the Eric Sloane Museum to add a much-needed education center to the museum. The expansion will create a space to serve as a classroom and visiting artisan workshop. The new education center will allow the museum to host larger student groups and continue to offer additional hands-on workshops

and classes for all ages! Learn more about this exciting project by visiting the [Friends of the Eric Sloane Museum's website.](#)

Stay up to date with everything happening at the museum by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

New to the National Register of Historic Places

Congratulations to the residents and property owners within the **Bedford-Garden Streets Historic District in Hartford**, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places last month. The district is comprised of 32 historic buildings located roughly along Bedford, Garden, Brooks, and Mather streets. The district features mostly multi-family



properties, with a few religious and mixed-use buildings, as well. The district is significant for its role in the development of the Clay-Arsenal and Upper Albany neighborhood in the early twentieth century.

Ten of the historic district properties located along Bedford and Brooks streets are currently undergoing rehabilitation using the state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credits.

Recent Grant Awards

West Haven, West Haven Historical Society, Survey and Planning Grant for Geophysical Survey for Human Burials at the Adjutant William Campbell memorial (1891)

Fairfield, Certified Local Government Grant to revise and update the 2010 Historic Districts and Properties Handbook.

Ridgefield, Certified Local government Grant for analysis of recovered skeletal remains from Battle of Ridgefield (1777)

Salisbury, Certified Local Government Grant for Structural analysis to determine feasibility of potential relocation of the Central New England Railroad building (1871)

Hartford, Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Historic Restoration Fund Grant for the restoration of the Carriage Barn

Congratulations to all the awardees!

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