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## DHPSNY Awards First Planning & Assessment Sites of 2026

**Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services of New York (DHPSNY)**, a joint program of the **New York State Archives** and the **New York State Library**, is excited to announce a new round of collecting organizations awarded [Planning & Assessment Services](#). DHPSNY Planning & Assessment Services are designed to support organizations in improving and advancing collections-related program efforts and are offered comprehensively to eligible cultural collecting institutions throughout New York State.

These services are a valuable tool in future fundraising and have proven to lead to the following institutional and public outcomes: improved adherence to the standards and best practices for preservation and accessibility; increased dissemination of New York's historical records and library research materials through accessible channels; and increased use of the records and research materials at New York collecting institutions by policymakers, educators, students, researchers, and the general public.

From a competitive pool of applicants, the program's independent advisory committee and field reviewers selected **14** organizations to receive Archival Needs Assessments, Preservation Surveys, Strategic Planning Assistance, and Foundational Planning Assistance.

### Archival Needs Assessment Recipients

*Archival Needs Assessments thoroughly examine an institution's archival program, identifying and addressing specific organizational needs.*

[Medina Railroad Museum](#) (Medina, Orleans County)

[St. Catherine's Center for Children](#) (Albany, Albany County)

[World Monuments Fund](#) (New York, New York County)

### Preservation Survey Recipients

*Preservation Surveys focus on preventive care and mitigating deterioration and damage by analyzing policies, practices, and conditions in an institution and their impact on collections.*

[Levittown Public Library](#) (Levittown, Nassau County)

[Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation, Inc.](#) (Fayetteville, Onondaga County)  
[Planting Fields Foundation](#) (Oyster Bay, Nassau County)  
[Ulster County Historical Society](#) (Kingston, Ulster County)

## Strategic Planning Assistance Recipients

*The DHPSNY Strategic Planning Assistance curriculum was developed in partnership with the New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON) and assists organizations in completing a three-year strategic plan.*

[Chenango County Historical Society & Museum](#) (Norwich, Chenango County)  
[Historic Palmyra](#) (Palmyra, Wayne County)  
[Historic Saranac Lake](#) (Saranac Lake, Franklin County)  
[Naples Historical Society](#) (Naples, Ontario County)  
[Seneca Falls Historical Society](#) (Seneca Falls, Seneca County)

## Foundational Planning Assistance Recipients

*Foundational Planning Assistance is an informal and accessible process for organizations looking to strengthen their organizational capacity.*

[SUNY Maritime College](#) (Bronx, Bronx County)  
[Wendell Castle Project](#) (Scottsville, Monroe County)

Application materials for DHPSNY Archival Needs Assessments, Preservation Surveys, Strategic Planning Assistance, and Condition Surveys are accepted year-round and reviewed three times a year. The next application review deadline is **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**. Foundational Planning Assistance is accepted year-round on a rolling basis.

Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services for New York is a collaboration between two long-running New York programs dedicated to service and support for archival and library research collections throughout the state: the New York State Archives Documentary Heritage Program and the New York State Library Conservation/Preservation Program. DHPSNY is supported by the New York State Archives, New York State Library, and the Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts (CCAHA). DHPSNY's Strategic Planning Assistance curriculum was developed in collaboration with the New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON).

Learn more about DHPSNY programs and services, all offered free of cost to New York State institutions, at [dhpsny.org](http://dhpsny.org). For assistance, questions about eligibility, or additional information, contact the DHPSNY team at [info@dhpsny.org](mailto:info@dhpsny.org) or (215) 545-0613 ext. 337. Sign up to receive the DHPSNY newsletter for updates on services, deadlines, educational programs, and more at [bit.ly/DHPSNY\\_E-News\\_SignUp](http://bit.ly/DHPSNY_E-News_SignUp).

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