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DHPSNY Awards Summer 2025 Planning & Assessment Sites

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 <u>Planning & Assessment Services</u>. 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 **12** organizations to receive Preservation Surveys, Strategic Planning Assistance, Archival Needs Assessments, and Foundational Planning Assistance.

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.

<u>Chenango County Historical Society & Museum</u> (Norwich, Chenango County)

<u>Troy Public Library</u> (Troy, Rensselaer County)

<u>Port Chester Historical Society</u> (Port Chester, Westchester 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.

<u>Shelter Island History Museum</u> (Shelter Island, Suffolk County)

<u>Patterson Library</u> (Westfield, Chautauqua County)

Archival Needs Assessment Recipients

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

Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway (Troy, Rensselaer County)

Marion Historic Association (Marion, Wayne County)

Nazareth University (Rochester, Monroe County)

<u>Dutchess Community College Ritz Library</u> (Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County)

Samaritan Medical Center (Watertown, Jefferson County)

Macedon Historical Society (Macedon, Wayne County)

Foundational Planning Assistance Recipients

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

Quincy Square Museum (Earlville, Madison 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 **Friday**, **November 21**, **2025**. 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, Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts (CCAHA), and the New York State Education Department. 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. For assistance, questions about eligibility, or additional information, contact the DHPSNY team at 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.

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