

# *Old Saybrook Historic District Commission*

## *CLG Refresher and Municipal Plan Discussion*

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# Certified Local Governments: A Preservation Partnership

# What is a Certified Local Government?

- ***A municipality or recognized political subdivision (such as a borough) that has entered into an agreement with the National Park Service and the State Historic Preservation Office to take a more intentional role in preservation planning in its community***
- Provided for in § 101 (c) (1) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended. Direct way for local governments to participate in the Federal Historic Preservation program (over 2,000 currently in the US)
- Builds a strong partnership between CLGs, SHPOs, and NPS
- Provide technical and financial assistance from the Federal and State level for local communities

## Connecticut CLGS

- Berlin
- Bridgeport
- Brookfield
- Canton
- Chaplin
- Cheshire
- Clinton
- Colchester
- Colebrook
- Danbury
- East Hartford
- East Lyme
- Enfield
- Fairfield
- Glastonbury
- Groton
- Greenwich
- Guilford
- Hamden
- Hartford
- Harwinton
- Hebron
- Killingly
- Ledyard
- Lyme
- Madison
- Milford
- New Fairfield
- New Haven
- New London
- New Milford
- Norwich
- Old Lyme
- *Old Saybrook (12/16/2013)*
- Orange
- Plymouth
- Ridgefield
- Roxbury
- Salisbury
- Simsbury
- Southbury
- South Windsor
- Stamford
- Suffield
- Tolland
- Torrington
- Vernon
- Waterford
- Westport
- Wilton
- Windham
- Windsor
- Woodbury
- Woodstock



# The Process

- Chief elected official submits a written request with **supporting documentation** to the SHPO requesting to be certified:
- SHPO determines eligibility and forwards decision to the Secretary of the Interior for concurrence.
- Written agreement outlining **responsibilities** of the CLG is executed
- SHPO provides initial training and works with new CLG to take advantage of **funding opportunities**

# CLG Responsibilities

- ✓ *Appropriate state and/or local legislation for the designation and protection of historic properties*
- ✓ *Establish an **adequate and qualified** historic preservation review commission by state and/or local legislation*
  - CLG commission members must have a demonstrated interest, competence or knowledge in historic preservation as well as members with professional qualifications that are acceptable under 6 CFR 61 Attachment A.
- ✓ *Maintain a system for the survey and inventory of historic properties*
- ✓ *Provide for adequate public participation in the local historic preservation program, including the process of recommending properties to the National Register*
- ✓ *Satisfactorily perform the responsibilities delegated to it under the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980 and those specifically designated to it by the SHPO*
  - Annual Report on Membership and Activities 7-147c (g)
  - CLG commissions also report federally

## What Are the Benefits?

- *Education and training in historic preservation*
  - *Membership in National Alliance of Preservation Commissions*
  - *Help fund attendance at conferences or special Webinars*
  - *CAMP (Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program)*
- *A stronger preservation influence in the community*
- *Eligible for Grants*



# Funding Opportunities For Certified Local Governments (CLG)

- *Historic Preservation Enhancement Grants*
- *Supplemental CLG Grants*

# Historic Preservation Enhancement Grants (HPEG)

- *Non-matching **Federal** (HPF) Funds*
- *Reimbursable*
- *Up To \$20,000*

# Supplemental Certified Local Government Grant (SCLG)

- *Up to \$30,000*
- *Reimbursable*
- *Funded by **Community Investment Act***
- *Requires non-state matching funds...*
- *Except for survey work*

# Non-CLG State Funding for Historic Preservation

- Survey and Planning Grants
- Partners In Preservation Grants
- Historic Restoration Fund



# There is a Difference!

- **National Register of Historic Places**

*Honor/Recognition*

*No Restrictions on Property*

*Some protection under CEPA*

*Certain properties eligible for Federal tax credit and grants*

- **State Register of Historic Places**

*Honor/Recognition*

*No Restrictions on Property*

*CEPA does not apply*

*Certain properties eligible for state tax credits and grants*

- **Local Historic District**

*Identification of Local Resources*

*Certain Changes Regulated by Local Ordinance*

*Demolition Delay built into Ordinance*

# Municipal Preservation Plans

## A Community Approach to Preservation Planning



# What is a Preservation Plan

- Provides for the protection of a community's historic resources and architectural character through proactive planning.
- A collaborative effort between historic preservation commission members, commission staff, other municipal departments, elected officials, and community advocates. Consultants are typically hired to draft the plan, but they garner input through community meetings and charettes
- Identifies community preservation goals, and creates an action plan for future preservation work including ways to measure progress
- Encourages economic development and strengthen political understanding of historic preservation policies.

# Why Should you Have a Plan

- Develop a cohesive approach to planning and preservation
- Lets current and future property owners know how the community intends to grow,
- Helps property owners understand the purpose of the local preservation ordinance,
- Educates the public about the community's history and heritage,
- Identifies areas of need
- Creates a “team” approach to “finding the middle ground” between Town needs, growing development pressures and historic preservation.



# General Components

- Might want to start with a formal resolution to adopt a plan. This addresses your commitment as a CLG and brings the whole town on board—increases likelihood of ownership
- History of the town to introduce town residents to what's significant
- Put it in the framework of local and state regulations:
- Identify existing and potential historic resources
- Public engagement to identify threats, opportunities, etc
- Set of goals and objectives and ways to measure progress/success
- Recommendations/action plan for achieving goals and objectives.

# Next Steps

- Discuss with Town at Large
- Let Community know
- Apply for funding to hire a consultant?

# QUESTIONS?