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Local Organizations Complete 2007 Grant Projects



Grant funds from the Heritage Commission's history re-grant program were used by the Washington Township Historical Society to have a Historic Structure Report prepared for the Old Stone Union Church in Washington Township. Photo by Shelley Heretyk

Ten Morris County organizations completed projects under the Heritage Commission's History Re-grant Program for fiscal year 2007, requests totaled nearly one and a half times the amount of funding available. The nine grant award winners that have completed their projects are:

- § Canal Society of New Jersey, \$3,000 toward printing walking tour brochures of the Morris Canal and associated historic sites along its entire length in Morris County.
- § Morris County Historical Society, \$2,925 for conservation materials to preserve textiles at Acorn Hall.
- § Mount Olive Historical Society, \$3,100 for conservation and preservation of church records.
- § Randolph Township, \$2,000 for conservation and preservation of historic township documents.

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Nominate Endangered Sites Now

The Morris County Endangered Sites Committee plans to announce its 2008 list of Morris County's Ten Most Endangered Sites in May and is looking for nominations.

Each year, our readers help decide which historic buildings will be placed on Morris County's ten most endangered sites list. The annual list helps to raise public interest and awareness of these sites and has sparked efforts to protect the historic places that give each of our towns its distinctive character. Local residents are able to provide valuable information about sites facing a range of threats including vandalism, neglect, lack of municipal ordinance, inappropriate zoning, lack of funding, development, degradation of context, and lack of recognition.

Only Morris County properties may be nominated, and eligible endangered sites are not limited to buildings. Cemeteries, farms, and archeological sites are among the non-structure sites that can be nominated.

The committee hopes many of you will use the nomination process to inform it of local historic places in danger of being lost. Nomination forms are available in local libraries, by request from the Heritage Commission, and online at: www.morrisheritage.org. Completed forms may be sent via mail to Heritage Commission, P.O. Box 900, Morristown, NJ 07963-0900 or via email to heritage@co.morris.nj.us. ❖

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- § Riverdale Library, \$1,350 for reproducing original vintage photographs.
- § Roxbury Historic Trust, \$1,975 to purchase exhibit cases.
- § Washington Township, \$2,000 for conservation and preservation of historic township documents.
- § Washington Township Historical Society, \$4,850 for preparation of a Condition Assessment Report on the Old Stone Church.
- § West Morris Central High School, \$3,000 for continued development and participation in the NJ History Day program.

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Abby Sanner, Director of the Riverdale Public Library and Charlie Quant, Riverdale Town Historian, in front of a panoramic view of Riverdale. The photo was restored and copied with funds from the MCHC re-grant program.

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