

[A Working Plan for Historic Preservation in Saratoga Springs](#)

Executive Summary

This Plan is founded on the premise that historic preservation has been and continues to be critical to the attractiveness and vitality of Saratoga Springs.

The Plan sets forth an ambitious work program for the next 10 years and relies upon the existing public/private partnerships for its implementation. The coordinated efforts of all agencies and organizations involved in historic preservation in the City of Saratoga Springs, as well as other community groups is essential if Saratoga Springs is to protect its unique and worthy historic environment.

Four main preservation goals frame the work program presented in this Plan. They are:

GOAL 1: To expand educational efforts relating to the historic resources in Saratoga Springs.

GOAL 2: To have the public sector assume a stronger role in the protection of the community's historic, architectural and archeological assets.

GOAL 3: To increase coordination among all agencies and organizations involved in historic preservation.

GOAL 4: To obtain adequate funding and to provide incentives to sustain a range of preservation activities.

To achieve these goals, over 125 specific action items have been identified and endorsed through a community input process. This massive effort calls for a strategic approach, which is outlined in Section VIII, where each of the individual actions have been prioritized as Immediate/Ongoing, Short-term or Long-term. This prioritization identifies the easiest and lowest cost actions as Immediate and Ongoing as they should be able to be accomplished within the next couple of years. Actions that require a little more coordination or cost and may take two to three years are placed in the Short-term category. These actions, once accomplished, will build the support needed to achieve the

more demanding and costly Long-term efforts that, realistically, may take four to ten years to be fully realized.

Many of these 125+ actions are inter-related, though individually their focus will be on one of the four specific goals listed above. An Index is included at the end of the document, so that the user may easily track all the actions that pertain to a certain aspect of preservation, such as archeology or interpretation.

Some key recommendations in the Plan are:

- expand the city's National Register Districts,
- improve the City regulatory process,
- expand educational programs and heritage tourism efforts,
- improve coordination among all the organizations doing preservation,
- identify new strategies for obtaining funding to accomplish the desired preservation activities.

It is in recognition of past preservation achievements that this Plan is presented to encourage the community to embrace its heritage and continue its legacy of excellent stewardship.