

What we've been up to in Fairfield County this year.

- ◆ **Merritt Parkway.** For the past two years, Deputy Director Chris Wigren has been part of a project advisory committee that is helping the Department of Transportation (DOT) develop plans for improving the interchange of the Merritt Parkway and Route 7. The process involves balancing easy connectivity with safety, environmental concerns, community needs, and historic preservation—particularly the effect on the Merritt's historic landscape. DOT has been considering various plans for this interchange for more than 25 years; in 2006 the Trust was involved in a lawsuit to block an earlier plan. Taking part in the planning process ensures that future plans will respect the historic parkway.



- ◆ **Ridgefield & Weston.** Three grants funded by The 1772 Foundation were awarded to the Keeler Tavern, Friends of Lachat, and Weston Historical Society. Totalling \$25,000, these grants helped pay for window and door repairs, roof replacement, and structural repairs for these non-profit community organizations.



- ◆ **New Canaan & Westport.** We had two new preservation easement donations this year. The first was the Noyes House (1955) in New Canaan, designed by Eliot Noyes, one of America's leading figures in modernist architecture and design. In November, trustees, staff, and locals celebrated the easement signing of the Sturges-Wright House (1764) in Westport. This house was owned by George Hand Wright, an artist who served as the dean of the art colony that flourished in Westport during the 20th century.



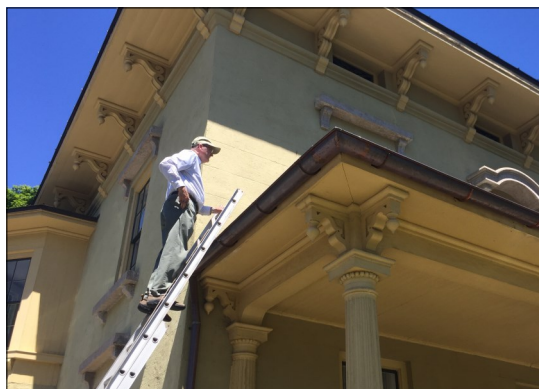
- ◆ **New Canaan.** Circuit Riders prepared a Local Historic Property designation for Vine Cottage in New Canaan, a ca. 1856 Gothic Revival house with later Queen Anne additions. The town is in the process of selling the building, which serves as an important gateway to New Canaan's most historic area and encouraged the inclusion of the building in the existing adjacent historic district.

2019 Impact Across Connecticut

Field Services

315

Site visits made by our Circuit Riders and other staff to assist property owners and communities across Connecticut for all their preservation needs.



Grants

77

Direct requests for funding for preservation planning and capital projects totaling **\$871,240**, largely the result of our field service visits.

36

Grants awarded to nonprofits and municipalities totaling **\$258,926** to plan preservation work and make capital repairs to historic places with funding from the Community Investment Act and The 1772 Foundation.

Education and Events

45

Tours, talks, and workshops the Connecticut Trust hosted, sponsored, or coordinated on preservation, including training for local historic district commissions in partnership with the State Historic Preservation Office.

