

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



- ◆ **New London.** The Edward Bloom Mill was home to a booming silk factory until synthetic textiles began to take over the market. For many years, it has been used for storage. The Trust facilitated a walk-through of the mill with State Historic Preservation Office staff, city officials and owner representatives. As a result, the building has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and a nomination is in the works with a new owner who has plans for redevelopment.



- ◆ **Groton/Preston/Waterford.** Three grants through The 1772 Foundation were awarded totaling \$25,000. Capital projects funded included roof repairs at the Bill Memorial Library in Groton, structural repairs at the Long Society Meetinghouse in Preston, and roof replacement at the Jordan Schoolhouse in Waterford.

- ◆ **Colchester.** When Circuit Rider, Brad Schide, heard that the owner of an 18th century house on Broadway wanted the building demolished, he began working with the owner on alternative plans. Currently, the Trust and State Historic Preservation Office are working in conjunction with the property owner and a potential developer to purchase the site and facilitate an overall development plan that saves the house and produces 32 total residential units.



- ◆ **Lebanon.** The Lebanon Green is the town's symbolic and institutional center as well as the core of the Lebanon Green National Register district. The green remained the property of the heirs of the proprietors, although after 300 years it became impossible to identify those heirs. To solve this problem, legal action was initiated to transfer ownership from the unknown heirs to the Town of Lebanon, First Congregational Church, and private landowners. As part of that action, preservation easements were set up to protect the green's historic character. While the easements are being held by the Lebanon Historical Society, the Connecticut Trust has helped with documentation and will provide training in easement administration and enforcement. The Trust is also listed as a secondary easement holder, with full rights to administer and enforce the easements if the historical society requests or is unable to do so.



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.

