

## Websites, Publications and Other Educational Opportunities

### Local Municipalities and Historical Society Websites

#### Andover

- **Andover Historical Society:** <http://andoverhistorical.org/>
- **Andover Preservation Commission:** <http://www.mhl.org/historicpreservation/commission.htm>

#### Arlington

- **Arlington Historical Commission:** <http://www.arlingtonhistoricalcommission.org>
- **Arlington Historical Society:** <http://www.arlingtonhistorical.org>

#### Belmont

- **Historic District Commission:**  
[www.town.belmont.ma.us/Public\\_Documents/BelmontMA\\_BComm/historicdistrict](http://www.town.belmont.ma.us/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_BComm/historicdistrict)

#### Beverly

- **Beverly Historic District Commission:** <http://www.beverlyma.gov/boards-commissions/historic-district-commission>
- **Beverly Historical Society:** <http://www.beverlyhistory.org/>

#### Boston

- **City of Boston:** [www.cityofboston.gov](http://www.cityofboston.gov)  
Guide to the Records in the City of Boston Archives  
GIS Maps/Assessor Database
- **Boston Landmarks Commission:** <http://www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/>
- **Boston Public Library:** [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)  
Historic Research Databases
- **Boston History and Architecture:** [www.iboston.org/](http://www.iboston.org/)
- **Harvard Business School, Baker Library:** <http://www.library.hbs.edu/hc/collections/index>  
Manuscript & Photograph Collections  
Corporate Report Collection
- **Historic Boston, Inc.:** <http://www.historicboston.org/info/index>  
Preservation Projects; Preservation Easements; Neighborhood Field Services
- **The Bostonian Society:** <http://rfi.bostonhistory.org/>  
Book & Manuscript Collection

#### Brookline

- **Brookline Preservation Commission:**  
[www.brooklinema.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=342&Itemid=510](http://www.brooklinema.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=342&Itemid=510)
- **Brookline Historical Society:** <http://www.brooklinehistoricalsociety.org>

#### Cambridge

- **Cambridge Historical Commission:** [www.cambridgema.gov/historic](http://www.cambridgema.gov/historic)  
Research Library and Archives  
How to Research a Property or Building

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- **Cambridge Historical Society:** [www.cambridgehistory.org](http://www.cambridgehistory.org)  
Research Library, Archives, and History Links
- **Cambridge Public Library:** [www.cambridgema.gov/cpl.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cpl.aspx)  
Genealogy and Local History Sources  
Database accessibility - Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, Zimmer Index
- **Cambridge Buildings and Architects:** <http://hul.harvard.edu/huarc/refshelf/cba/>

### Falmouth

- **Falmouth Historical Commission:** <http://www.falmouthmass.us/depart.php?depkey=history>

### Lexington

- **Lexington Historical Commission:** <http://ci.lexington.ma.us/committees/historical.cfm>
- **Lexington Historical Society:** <http://lhsoc.weebly.com/>

### Medfield

- **Town of Medfield:** [www.town.medfield.net](http://www.town.medfield.net)
- **Medfield Historical Society:** <http://www.medfieldhistoricalsociety.org>

### Newton

- **Historic Newton:** <http://www.historicnewton.org/>
- **Newton Historical Commission:** <http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/histpres/historical.asp>

### Provincetown

- **Provincetown Historical Commission:** <http://www.provincetown-ma.gov/index.aspx?NID=136>

### Salem

- **Salem Historical Commission:** [http://www.salem.com/Pages/SalemMA\\_Historic/index](http://www.salem.com/Pages/SalemMA_Historic/index)
- **Salem Historical Society:** <http://www.salemhistoricalsociety.org/>

### Somerville

- **City of Somerville:** [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov)  
GIS Maps/Assessor Database
- **Historic Preservation Commission:** [www.somervillema.gov/historicpreservation](http://www.somervillema.gov/historicpreservation)  
Brochures and Self-Guided Tours; Regulations; Boards and Commissions; Local Historic District Information; Expansion of Local Historic Districts: Index, Narratives, Presentations; Somerville History; Related Links  
Contacts: Kristi Chase – [kchase@somervillema.gov](mailto:kchase@somervillema.gov) or Brandon Wilson – [bwilson@somervillema.gov](mailto:bwilson@somervillema.gov)
- **Somerville Library:** [www.somervillepubliclibrary.org/localhistory/index.html](http://www.somervillepubliclibrary.org/localhistory/index.html)  
State/Local History; Historic Maps; Architectural Guides; Local Census Data; Annual Reports
- **Somerville Museum/Historical Society:** [www.somervillemuseum.org/](http://www.somervillemuseum.org/)  
Archives – by appt. only, 617-666-9810
- **Historic Somerville:** [www.historicsomerville.org/](http://www.historicsomerville.org/)  
Lectures/Events on Historic Topics

### Waltham

- **City of Waltham:** <http://www.city.waltham.ma.us/>

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- **Waltham Historical Commission:** <http://www.city.waltham.ma.us/historical-commission>
- **Waltham Historical Society:** <http://whistsoc.waynemccarthy.com/index.htm>

### Watertown

- **Watertown Historical Commission:** <http://www.ci.watertown.ma.us/index.aspx?NID=346>
- **Watertown Historical Society:** <http://www.watertownhistoricalsociety.org/>

*Please check other City/Town websites for further information.*

### State Websites

#### Massachusetts

- **MA Historical Commission (MHC):** [www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/)  
State Preservation Plan, Economic Impacts of Historic Preservation in MA, etc.  
Survey and Planning Grant Applications and Funding Opportunities  
Survey Forms  
Tax Credit Program Information  
Regional and Town Reconnaissance Survey Reports  
MHC Programs - National Register of Historic Places, Preservation Planning, Grants, etc.  
**MACRIS (MA Cultural Resource Information System) Database:** <http://mhc-macris.net/>
- **Massachusetts Historical Society:** [www.masshist.org/online/](http://www.masshist.org/online/)  
Digital Catalog and Collections (Manuscript, Printed Materials, Photographs, Historical Artifacts)  
Historic Maps organized by City/Town, County and Region  
Research Help/Where to Begin
- **Department of Conservation and Recreation:** [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr)  
Areas of Critical Concern Program  
Heritage Landscape Inventory Report Program  
Grant Program  
GIS Mapping Program Information  
Terra Firma Publications
- **Massachusetts State Archives**  
Registration Books of Births, Marriages, and Deaths 1841-1915  
“Researching Your Family History”  
Passenger Lists  
Census Schedules  
Military Records  
Felt Collection – MA Archives Collection (1630-1799)
- **Preservation Massachusetts:** <http://preservationmass.org/>  
Consultant Directory  
Preservation Links/Resources  
Publications  
Workshops

### New England Websites

- **Historic New England:** <http://www.historicnewengland.org/>  
Artifact Collections (Architecture, Art, Furniture, Ephemera, Photographs, Manuscripts, etc.)

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Stewardship Program – Preservation Easements  
Historic Property Program

- **New England Historic Genealogical Society:** <http://library.nehgs.org/>  
Database Catalog – accessible via membership
- **New England Preservation Collaborative:** [www.nepreservation.com/about](http://www.nepreservation.com/about)

### National Preservation Websites

- **National Trust for Historic Preservation:** [www.preservationnation.org/](http://www.preservationnation.org/)  
Resources, Information, Take Action, and Issues  
**Main Street Program:** [www.preservationnation.org/main-street](http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street)
- **Advisory Council on Historic Preservation:** [www.achp.gov/nhpp](http://www.achp.gov/nhpp)  
Nation Historic Preservation Program Information and Regulations  
Publications  
Section 106 Review Guide and Information  
**HUD and Preserve America:** [www.achp.gov/docs/PAHUDFactSheet.pdf](http://www.achp.gov/docs/PAHUDFactSheet.pdf)
- **Library of Congress:** [www.loc.gov/index.html](http://www.loc.gov/index.html)  
Digital Collections  
Historic American Building Survey (HABS) Photographs & Engineering Records/Drawings (HAER)  
[http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs\\_haer](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs_haer)
- **National Park Service:** [www.nps.gov/index](http://www.nps.gov/index)  
Grants  
National Register Search  
Tax Incentive Information  
**Preservation Briefs:** [www.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/presbhom.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/presbhom.htm)  
**Technical Briefs:** [www.nps.gov/archeology/pubs/techbr/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/archeology/pubs/techbr/index.htm)  
**Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines:**  
[www.nps.gov/hps/tps/standards\\_guidelines.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hps/tps/standards_guidelines.htm)  
Publications - various
- **Internet Archive:** [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)
- **Preservation Directory:** [www.preservationdirectory.com/HistoricalPreservation/Home](http://www.preservationdirectory.com/HistoricalPreservation/Home)  
Grants and Funding Sources  
Preservation Library  
Preservation Organizations and Resources  
Frequently Asked Questions
- **HUD Affordable Housing Preservation Program:** [www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/omhar](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/omhar)
- **Preserve America:** [www.preserveamerica.gov/overview.html](http://www.preserveamerica.gov/overview.html)  
**Preserve America FAQ:** [www.preserveamerica.gov/faq.html](http://www.preserveamerica.gov/faq.html)  
**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) "Preserving America":**  
[www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/library/historicpreservation/historicpreservationlow.pdf](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/library/historicpreservation/historicpreservationlow.pdf)

### Architectural Styles

- **Antique Homes – Historic Style Guide:** [www.antiquehomesmagazine.com/info.php?info\\_id=5](http://www.antiquehomesmagazine.com/info.php?info_id=5)
- **Architectural Styles of America:** [www2.nau.edu/~twp/architecture](http://www2.nau.edu/~twp/architecture)
- **Historic House Styles – How to Identify Your Own House:**  
[www.oldhouseweb.com/architecture-and-design/architectural-housing-styles](http://www.oldhouseweb.com/architecture-and-design/architectural-housing-styles)

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### General Home Information Websites

- Old House Journal: [www.oldhousejournal.com](http://www.oldhousejournal.com)
- This Old House: [www.thisoldhouse.com](http://www.thisoldhouse.com)
- Traditional Building – The Professional’s Source for Historic Products: [www.traditional-building.com](http://www.traditional-building.com)
- Old House Web: [www.oldhouseweb.com](http://www.oldhouseweb.com)
- Period Homes: [www.period-homes.com](http://www.period-homes.com)
- Jenkins Slate: [www.jenkins slate.com](http://www.jenkins slate.com)  
Installing, Repairing, Contractors, Slate Bible
- Tradweb – Custom Building and Restoration Services: <http://restorationandbuildingservices.com>

### Historic Wooden Window Repair/Restoration

- Cambridge Historical Commission – Historic Window Guidelines: [www2.cambridgema.gov/historic/windowlines\\_final.pdf](http://www2.cambridgema.gov/historic/windowlines_final.pdf)
- National Park Service – The Repair of Historic Wood Windows: [www.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief09](http://www.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief09)
- The Old House Guy – The Truth About Windows: [www.oldhouseguy.com/windows.php](http://www.oldhouseguy.com/windows.php)
- Why Window Repair and Restoration: [www.heritagerestoration.net/Window%20Restoration.htm](http://www.heritagerestoration.net/Window%20Restoration.htm)
- Window Repair: [www.windowrepair.com](http://www.windowrepair.com)
- New England Restoration Alliance: [www.windowrestorationne.org](http://www.windowrestorationne.org)
- Olde Bostonian – Window Restoration, Custom Woodworking, Paint Stripping/Refinishing, Architectural Antiques: [www.oldbostonian.com](http://www.oldbostonian.com)

### Green Design/Sustainability

- Historic Preservation and Green Architecture: Friends or Foes? [www.preservationnation.org/magazine/2010/march-april/green-architecture.html](http://www.preservationnation.org/magazine/2010/march-april/green-architecture.html)
- Green Goat – Resource Management Strategies: [www.greengoat.org](http://www.greengoat.org)
- Carl Elefante, AIA, LEED AP – The Greenest Building Is...The One That is Already Built: [www.preservationnation.org/issues/sustainability/additionalresources/Forum\\_Journal\\_Summer2007\\_Elefante.pdf](http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/sustainability/additionalresources/Forum_Journal_Summer2007_Elefante.pdf)
- National Trust Position Statement – Preservation’s Essential Role in Addressing Climate Change: [www.preservationnation.org/issues/sustainability/position-statements/sustainability.html](http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/sustainability/position-statements/sustainability.html)

### Architectural Salvage

- New England Demolition and Salvage: [www.nedsalvage.com/about.html](http://www.nedsalvage.com/about.html)
- Old-House Journal – Directory of Architectural Salvage Stores: [www.oldhousejournal.com/salvage\\_directory/magazine/1588](http://www.oldhousejournal.com/salvage_directory/magazine/1588)
- Vermont Salvage: [www.vermontsalvage.com](http://www.vermontsalvage.com)
- Architectural Salvage Warehouse: [www.architecturalsalvagevt.com](http://www.architecturalsalvagevt.com)
- Architectural Salvage, Inc.: [www.oldhousesalvage.com](http://www.oldhousesalvage.com)

### Tax Credits, Community Grants, Community Preservation Act

- MA Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit: [www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhctax/taxidx.htm](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhctax/taxidx.htm)

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- **MA Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program Description:**  
[www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcpdf/brief\\_description.pdf](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcpdf/brief_description.pdf)
- **Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program:** [www.nps.gov/hps/tps/tax](http://www.nps.gov/hps/tps/tax)
- **National Park Service – Preservation Grant Program:** [www.nps.gov/hps/HPG/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hps/HPG/index.htm)
- **Preservation Directory – Grants and Funding Sources:**  
[www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationGeneralResources/GrantsFundingSources.aspx](http://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationGeneralResources/GrantsFundingSources.aspx)
- **MA Community Preservation Act:** [www.communitypreservation.org/index.cfm](http://www.communitypreservation.org/index.cfm)  
Adopting, Implementing, and Full Text of Act
- **MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs:**  
<http://commpres.env.state.ma.us/content/cpa.asp>  
Community Preservation Act Information, Status Map, and Status List of Active Communities

### Economic Impacts of Preservation

- **Advisory Council on Historic Preservation – Web-Available Studies:**  
[www.achp.gov/economicstudies.html](http://www.achp.gov/economicstudies.html)
- **Cultural Heritage Tourism – Studies on Economic Impacts:**  
[www.culturalheritagetourism.org/resources/StudiesonEconomicImpacts.htm](http://www.culturalheritagetourism.org/resources/StudiesonEconomicImpacts.htm)
- **Economic Impacts of Historic Preservation in MA:**  
[www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcpdf/Economic\\_Impacts\\_2002.pdf](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcpdf/Economic_Impacts_2002.pdf)
- **The Assessment of the Socioeconomic Impact of Historical Designation on National Register Districts in the City of Boston:**  
[www.wpi.edu/Academics/Depts/IGSD/Projects/Boston/Center/Projects/IQP\\_public/D03/Registrar/D03\\_Report-Register\(BLC\).doc](http://www.wpi.edu/Academics/Depts/IGSD/Projects/Boston/Center/Projects/IQP_public/D03/Registrar/D03_Report-Register(BLC).doc)

### Miscellaneous

- **Google Books:** <http://books.google.com>  
Various Historic City Directories  
City/Town Histories  
City/Town Annual Reports  
Then and Now Series  
In Time and Place Series

### Historic Maps & Genealogical Sources

- <http://wardmaps.com/>
- [www.historicmapworks.com](http://www.historicmapworks.com)
- **ProQuest– Digital Sanborn Collection:** must be a member, libraries are often subscribers
- **David Rumsey Historical Map Collection:** [www.davidrumsey.com](http://www.davidrumsey.com)
- **Norman B. Leventhal Map Collection:** <http://maps.bpl.org/>
- **Harvard Map Collection:** <http://hcl.harvard.edu/libraries/maps/>
- **Ancestry Community:** [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com)
- **HeritageQuest Online:** [www.heritagequestonline.com/hqoweb/library/do/index](http://www.heritagequestonline.com/hqoweb/library/do/index)

### Informative Publications to Review

- **“The Economics of Historic Preservation,”** by **Donovan Rypkema**, examines how
  - 1) Sustainable development is crucial for economic competitiveness.
  - 2) Sustainable development has more elements than just environmental responsibility.

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- 3) “Green buildings” and sustainable development are not synonyms.
  - 4) Historic preservation is, in and of itself, sustainable development.
  - 5) Development without a historic preservation component is not sustainable.
- **“A Cautionary Tale: Amid Our Green-Building Boom, Why Neglecting the Old in Favor of the New Just Might Cost Us Dearly:”** [www.preservationnation.org/magazine/2008/january-february/cautionary-tale.html](http://www.preservationnation.org/magazine/2008/january-february/cautionary-tale.html)