

New York State Historic Preservation Office

A photograph of a historic industrial site. The central focus is a large, multi-story brick building with a prominent tall, cylindrical brick tower on the left side. A water tower is visible on the roof of the building. To the right, there is another cylindrical structure, possibly a silo or another part of the industrial complex. The building has many windows, some of which are boarded up. In the foreground, there is a street with a stop sign and a 'No Right Turn' sign. The sky is clear and blue.

Division for Historic Preservation

PO Box 189 • Peebles Island, Waterford, NY 12188 • 518-237-8643

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

nysparks.com/shpo

Certified Local Government Program: Purpose

- Integrate Historic Preservation into local planning
- Establish “best practices,” ensuring success and stability of local efforts (Model Law, design standards, etc.)
- Integrate Federal, State, and local preservation efforts and standards
- Provide assistance to local communities



How did CLGs come to be?

The Certified Local Government (CLG) Program was established in 1980 by amendments to the NHPA of 1966


- Currently, over 1,900 CLGs exist across the United States
- New York has 70+ CLGs with others in process



Certified Local Government Program: Basic Requirements

- Create and enforce local legislation for the designation and protection of historic properties
- Establish and maintain a qualified historic preservation commission
- Maintain a system for the survey and inventory of historic properties
- Provide for public participation in activities



The background image shows a street scene in a historic district. Several cars are parked along the side of the road. In the background, there are multi-story buildings with historic architectural features. A street sign with the number '32' is visible. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

CLG Program: Basic Requirements

- Annual Report
- Submit resume and contact information for new Commission members to SHPO
- Submit proposed amendments to preservation ordinance to SHPO for review and approval
- Audit every four years – a “check under the hood”

**Main-Partition Street Historic District
Village of Saugerties**

Certified Local Government Program: The Model Law

- The Model Law was developed from the experience of local commissions, and is meant to ensure a stable, defensible, and successful local preservation program
- Designation does not require owner consent
- Can be modified within bounds to fit your needs
- Proven track record



CLG Program: Benefits

- **Eligibility to compete for the federal funds to support local historic preservation projects – annual grant program**
 - Every year, the SHPO must pass through at least 10% of its Federal allotment to CLG partners
- **Technical training and assistance specifically targeted to their needs**
- **Formal recognition by the state and federal government of local preservation efforts**



..Historic districts are preserved and enhanced through small steps, carefully taken. They know that the collective integrity of individual buildings imparts a distinct local identity... To achieve this goal, however, they must do more than rely on state and federal preservation laws... Historic district preservation usually occurs locally, beyond the scope of state and federal legislation.

Erik Nelson, Senior Preservation Planner, City of Fredericksburg, VA



Nearby CLGs in Dutchess, Greene, Orange, and Ulster Counties

- **Town of Poughkeepsie**
- **Village of Coxsackie**
- **Town of Durham**
- **City of Newburgh**
- **Village of Ellenville / Town of Wawarsing**
- **Town of Marbletown**
- **Town of New Paltz**
- **Village of New Paltz**
- **Town of Saugerties**
- **Village of Saugerties**



Case Study of a non-designated house in Syracuse: Before renovation



During renovation...



After renovation...

Loss of historic materials, design, and craftsmanship



Rehabilitation: Before

- Rowhouse, built ca. 1875
- Broken or deteriorated windows
- Covered with a non-historic asphalt siding
- Abandoned and deteriorating



Rehabilitation: After

- House retains its essential historic, character
- Wood siding was repaired
- Cornice was repaired
- Appropriate windows installed
- Door and transom repaired
- Stoop repaired

