

# 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





### **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.

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



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



### **During renovation...**







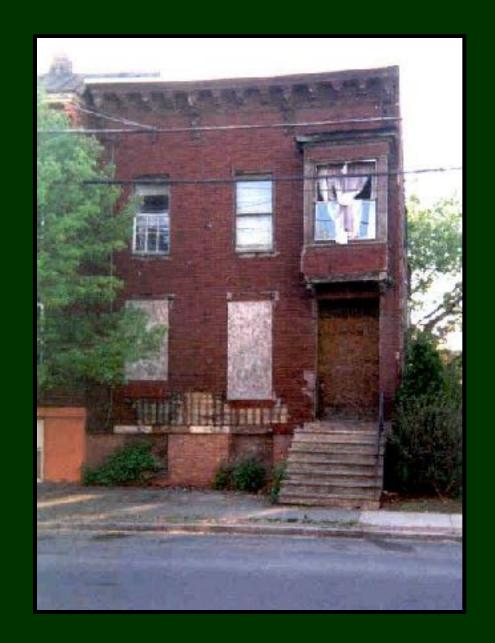
#### **After renovation...**

Loss of historic materials, design, and craftsmanship



### Rehabilitation: Before

- Rowhouse, built ca. 1875
- Broken or deteriorated windows
- Covered with a nonhistoric 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

