

# Preservation for the Capital City 1997 ~ 2013



***Hartford* Preservation Alliance**

*Hartford Preservation Alliance*  
*“Preserving the Irreplaceable Since 1997”*



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# HISTORIC PRESERVATION

## VERY GOOD FOR:

- ▣ Economic Development
- ▣ Jobs
- ▣ Return on Investments
- ▣ Pride of Place
- ▣ The Environment “Old *is* the New Green”
- ▣ The Future of the Community



# Antonio & Jennifer Lemus Historic Painting of 69 North Beacon Street

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**RESIDENTIAL**



# *Wadsworth Atheneum Renovation & Restoration*



**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

*NINA for Infill Construction at  
33 Sargeant Street &  
New Web Site ~ [www.nina.org](http://www.nina.org)*



INFILL



**INFILL=**  
**Building new**  
**to fit in with**  
**the historic**  
**neighborhood:**  
**Scale , Mass &**  
**Design**



# Bushnell Park Foundation Advocacy

\* New Web Site [www.bushnellpark.org](http://www.bushnellpark.org)

Tony Koos Web Designer

MONUMENTS & PARKS



The screenshot shows the Bushnell Park Foundation website. At the top, there is a logo for the Bushnell Park Foundation, which consists of a stylized green archway with two towers on top, followed by the text "Bushnell Park FOUNDATION". Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: "2012 Capital Campaign", "2012 Summer Solstice", "About", "Attractions", "Information", "Park History", and "Support the Park". A search bar is located below the navigation menu. The main content area features a large historical photograph of Hartford in the 1850s, showing a river, trees, and a large building with a steeple. Below the photograph is a caption: "Hartford in the 1850s was a rapidly growing river town, doubling in population from 1850 to 1860. The city's economy was booming, driven by industries such as publishing, insurance, banking, munitions, manufacturing and river shipping. Like many American cities of the time, Hartford was enjoying the benefits of the...". At the bottom of the page, there is a quote: "A place of life and motion that will make us more conscious of being one people." attributed to Rev. Horace Bushnell.



# Corporation for Independent Living Adaptive reuse of 157 Charter Oak Avenue



**COMMERCIAL  
BUILDINGS**

The reuse of former commercial buildings for residencies and businesses is a sustainable way towards the future.



# City of Hartford



## Restoration of City Hall Plaza

Vintage Photo 1917



BEFORE



AFTER

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS



**MODERN ARCHITECTURE**

State Historic  
Preservation  
Office~  
“Hartford  
Moderns”  
Walking Tour  
Guide &  
conducted by  
HPA’s Mary  
Falvey



# Spring Grove Cemetery National Register of Historic Places







## HISTORIC BRIDGES

1908 ~ BULKELEY BRIDGE ~ 2008

The longest stone arch bridge in the world!

# Connecticut Preservation Action

1980 ~2013

## for

# Historic Preservation Advocacy



*We must keep in mind:*

To expect that preservation takes time and persistence.

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That every project is unique.

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Preservationists do not always get their desired results.

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# ANNOUNCING HPA's New Web Site!

With the great appreciation of the support of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, HPA invites you to explore the many new features on our new web site.

Watch us grow! We will be adding thousands of new items over the next two years!



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Hartford Preservation Alliance. At the top left is the HPA logo, which consists of a red silhouette of a city skyline with the text "Hartford Preservation Alliance" below it. To the right of the logo is the tagline "Educate, Advocate, Revitalize". Further right is the contact information: "Hartford Preservation Alliance", "56 Arbor Street, Suite 406", "Hartford, CT 06106", "860.570.0331", and "info@hartfordpreservation.org". Below this is a red navigation bar with white text links: "Home", "About", "Architecture", "Calendar & News", "Resources", "Membership", "Supporters", and "Contact HPA". The main content area features a large aerial photograph of Hartford, CT, with the words "Historic preservation" written in a white, cursive font across the center. Below the photo are three buttons: "Support the HPA", "Volunteer for the HPA", and "Join the HPA". The page is divided into two columns. The left column has a heading "Welcome to the Hartford Preservation Alliance" followed by a paragraph: "The Hartford Preservation Alliance (HPA) is Hartford's voice for the preservation of the city's unique architectural heritage. We focus on educating the public about preservation issues, convening and collaborating with interested parties to effect positive change, advocating for rehabilitation and proper mothballing of older structures, and nominating appropriate properties for placement on the state and federal historic registries." The right column has a heading "Historic Properties" with a small tree icon above it, followed by a list of links: "Restoring & Renovating", "Search Buildings & Neighborhoods", "Preservation Policy & Regulation", and "Funding, Investments & Grants".



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## PRESERVATION ALLIES:



## PRESERVATION SUPPORTERS:





Hundreds of hours dedicated toward *HPA Events*



Thousands of hours dedicated toward projects, house tours and neighborhood walking tours



~ Volunteers ~





# Gretchen Unfried & Alan English, David Monaco of DMJ Carpentry & Design Porch Re-creation at 107 Elizabeth Street





~ I-84 Viaduct Study ~  
Preventing the future loss of the irreplaceable

I-84's Direct Aim



Gone Forever- Hartford  
Public High School

~ I-84 Viaduct Study ~  
Hartford Public High School-  
DEMOLISHED



# Oxford-Whitney Streets National Register of Historic Places



**HPA works to create Historic Districts and  
placing individual properties on Registers**



# 87-89 Atwood Street - BEFORE



# 87-89 Atwood Street- AFTER





# Mort & Irma Handel Performing Arts Center Center University of Hartford



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

**A Preservation Success story!**



# 1380 Asylum Avenue- BEFORE



# 1380 Asylum Avenue- AFTER





**Graduate and Undergraduate Interns from:**  
University of Hartford  
Central CT State University  
Trinity College  
Roger Williams University

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**High School Interns from:**  
Hartford Public High School  
Bulkeley High School





# Hartford's Historic Properties

~Over 5,000~

- ▣ 36 Districts on the National Register of Historic Places
- ▣ 5 Districts on the State Register of Historic Places
- ▣ 3 Local Historic Districts
- ▣ Multiple Resource Areas (multiple similar buildings such as Sacred Places and Firehouses)
- ▣ National Landmarks: Colt Industrial Complex, Mark Twain House & The Old State House
- ▣ 88 individual properties such as 56 Arbor - former Underwood Typewriter, Bulkeley Bridge, Spring Grove Cemetery and the Phoenix "Boat Building"
- ▣ We estimate a further 2,000 would qualify to be listed as Historic Properties