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Connecticut Landmarks Awarded \$100,000 Hartford Foundation Grant



Hartford, CT – A \$100,000 challenge grant for restoration of the historic Amos Bull House has been awarded to Connecticut Landmarks by the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

“Built in 1788, the Amos Bull House is the oldest brick building in Hartford, dating from the Revolutionary War era,” said Susan R. Kelly, chair of the Landmarks Board of Trustees. “It is imperative that the structure, the first in Connecticut to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, be stabilized and preserved. The Auerbach name in Hartford connotes community, graciousness and benevolence. I am exceedingly pleased and grateful that Connecticut Landmarks has been recognized by and awarded this outstanding gift from the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.”

Connecticut Landmarks is undertaking a project to preserve, renovate and reuse the Amos Bull House and the adjacent Butler-McCook Carriage House and to develop their potential as key components of its downtown Hartford campus and the organization’s 12-property network.

The project is aimed at accomplishing a number of high priority, long-term strategic goals: preserving the Amos Bull House; creating an Education and Community Center; establishing the Archival Research Center for Telling the Connecticut Story; providing permanent administrative offices; pioneering environmentally sustainable preservation which serves as a replicable model; and strengthening Connecticut Landmarks long-term financial stability and mission-based activities.

“Connecticut Landmarks is grateful to the Auerbach family and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for this tremendous gift which will support the revitalization and greening of one of Hartford’s most significant landmarks,” says Sheryl Hack, executive director of Connecticut Landmarks.

While fundraising is still under way to match the grant, Connecticut Landmarks is set to begin the first phase of the renovation project, which is to install a closed loop geothermal HVAC system to support the needs of the Butler-McCook House & Main Street History Center at 396 Main St. and of the Amos Bull House and Butler-McCook Carriage House at 59 South Prospect St. The new HVAC system will replace outdated and inefficient equipment in the Butler-McCook House & Main Street History Center resulting in energy cost savings, and provide code-compliant heating and cooling for the Amos Bull House and Butler-McCook Carriage House.

“Connecticut Landmarks is in the forefront of Connecticut’s heritage organizations in reexamining its role in, and relevance to, contemporary society in order to better serve current and future audiences,” said Hack. “Not only the Hartford Foundation but numerous individuals, foundations and corporations have given support to this important project; it is this support that enables Connecticut Landmarks to set the standard for heritage education and programming in the state.”

For more information on the project, or to learn how you can contribute, please contact Director of Donor Development April Paterno, at 860-247-8996, Ext. 16.

About Connecticut Landmarks

Founded in 1936 as the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, Connecticut Landmarks is the largest statewide heritage museum organization in Connecticut. The historic landmark properties span four centuries of Connecticut history and include: the Amasa Day House, Moodus; the Amos Bull House, Hartford; the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden, Bethlehem; the Butler-McCook House & Garden and Main Street History Center, Hartford; the Buttolph-Williams House, Wethersfield; the Hempsted Houses, New London; the Isham-Terry House, Hartford; the Nathan Hale Homestead, Coventry; the Phelps-Hatheway House & Garden, Suffield.

Connecticut Landmarks’ mission is to inspire interest and encourage learning about the American past by preserving selected historic properties, collections and stories and presenting programs that meaningfully engage the public and our communities. For more information, please visit www.ctlandmarks.org.

About Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is the community foundation for the 29-town Greater Hartford region, dedicated to improving the quality of life for area residents for the past 85 years. The Foundation receives gifts from thousands of generous individuals and families, and last year, awarded grants of more than \$25 million to a broad range of area nonprofit organizations. For more information about the Hartford Foundation, visit www.hfpg.org or call 860-548-1888.

Photo: The Amos Bull House as seen from the 1865 Butler-McCook Garden.

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