



# Historic Preservation Trust *of Lancaster County*

The **Sehner-Ellicott-von Hess House** (circa 1787) in downtown Lancaster, the **Bowmansville Roller Mill** (circa 1850) in Bowmansville, the **Franciscus-Carpenter House** (circa 1750) in West Lampeter Township, the **Rieber House** (circa 1762) in Manor Township, the **Lancaster Central Market** (circa 1889) in downtown Lancaster, the **Nathaniel Ellmaker House** (circa 1840) in Gap, the **Thaddeus Stevens House** (circa pre-1843) & **Lydia Hamilton Smith House** (circa 1850s) in downtown Lancaster. They have survived wars, storms and tough economic times. They are just some of the more than three dozen Lancaster County landmarks that are with us today because of the involvement and intervention of the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County.

At the heart of our mission, to preserve and protect our county's rich historic and architectural character, is our commitment to those who came before us – the men and women in whose footsteps we walk. The lives that they lived give us the culture that we enjoy today. Their legacies and our heritage must be protected for those who follow us.

To do that, the Preservation Trust must have resources for research, education, advocacy and action. That is why we are reaching out to you, someone who understands and appreciates the cultural and economic value of preserving historically significant structures and sites.

The "Preserve Our Past" fund-raising campaign needs broad-based support so we can continue the work that we do on behalf of all who call Lancaster County home.

Thank you for giving this consideration. Like you, we take pride in the county's rich heritage and the thoughtful work that has been done by many to protect landmarks.

For additional information about the Preservation Trust, please visit [www.hptrust.org](http://www.hptrust.org). If you have questions, please feel free to call our office at 717-291-5861 or send an e-mail to [joepatterson@hptrust.org](mailto:joepatterson@hptrust.org).

Sincerely,

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