

PROFILE: LOCAL PRESERVATION ORGANIZATIONS IN CONNECTICUT

Name of organization: Danbury Preservation Trust

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Geographic area served: City of Danbury

Date organized: 1979 Date incorporated: 1979 April

Is your organization tax exempt? Please identify your classification under the Internal Revenue Code. Our application is pending

When your organization was first formed, what problems in the community did you hope to address? Please list in priority order.

- Stop the destruction of valuable architecture.
- Raise public sensibility regarding our built environment.
- Survey the city, a small piece at a time, to see what was here.
- Inject preservation as a consideration in planning and zoning decisions.

At the present time, what are the goals of your group? List in order of priority. If your organization has prepared a "mission statement," please attach it to this form and comment on its relevance to your current concerns.

Expand membership, make Trust more diverse, effective, and able to reach desired goals. Take an advocacy role in land use and local planning decisions. Continue to catalog our architectural heritage by doing resource surveys. Coordinate all like minded citizens to insure preservation considerations become an integral part of community life.

What major services, programs or activities does your organization currently provide? We host a series of speakers on preservation, mostly from other cities where it has been successful i.e. New London, Waterbury, Middletown. We print a thrice yearly Newsletter for our members. We have been contracted for four straight years by Danbury's community Development agency to conduct historic & architectural resource surveys of local neighborhoods. The information is used by the Redevelopment, community development, planning and zoning departments and agencies and is available for the public. Also, we are preparing a nomination for a local, downtown historic district; a National Register district.

Have these programs been successful in meeting local preservation needs? Please comment. We have established ourselves as local "experts" on preservation and are working hard to build a constituency.

Have you worked cooperatively with other organizations in your community or region during the past two years? Please identify the organizations/agencies and comment on your experience with these groups. Yes, we have been consulted by the Planning Dept. of Danbury, the Redevelopment Agency, and were instrumental in getting established the Danbury Downtown Council, made up of businessmen, building owners, and civic minded people to revitalize and organize the downtown.

If adequate resources were available, what other programs would your organization like to provide? Workshops for homeowners on restoration, legal aspects of preservation, tax incentives, a resource library, a land and restoration or adaptive reuse project, more publications, map & photo reproduction, more speakers, to start with.

What was your organization's budget for the last completed fiscal year? \$3000.00

What is your current budget? \$4000.00

For the last completed fiscal year, please identify the percent of your budget supported by each major category of income as shown below.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>	
Memberships and Donations	<u>20</u>	%
Government Grants	<u>70</u>	%
Foundation Grants		%
Corporate Grants	<u>10</u>	%
Special Events		%
Other: (Please specify)		%

How many dues paying members does your group have? 100 approx.
Please list the categories of membership and the fee schedule.
See membership brochure enclosed.

How many people serve on your board of directors? Fifteen

How often does the board meet each year? Once a month plus special events.

Please identify the major committees of your board. _____

Survey's membership, editorial, executive (made up of officers),
special events i.e. Speakers, annual dinner, etc.

Do you have a paid staff? If you do, please list the title of
each staff member and indicate if it is a full or part-time
position NO, unfortunately

Please identify the major strengths of your group. An energetic,
dedicated, and talented group of individuals. We have accomplished
a remarkable amount, considering our limited funds, time, and member-
ship.

Please identify the major weaknesses of your group. We need a larger,
more local membership. We have a chronic shortage of funds. We
need a hands on project to act as a focus for our group and for
preservations status in the community.

Please provide any additional information you feel may be helpful
to other preservation groups in the state and any general com-
ments. Please comment on the programs and services of Connecticut
Preservation, the National Trust and Connecticut Historical
Commission, and use the reverse side if necessary. How can
these groups serve your efforts more effectively? We have to use
every resource available to us. This means learning what the above
listed groups do, can provide, and can aid us with. We must educate
ourselves and use what is available to the fullest extent.

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