













# HISTORIC PRESERVATION SERVICES Statement of Qualifications

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## **Historic Preservation Services**

Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, D.P.C. (EDR) provides historic preservation consulting services to assist private landowners, corporations, non-profit organizations, municipalities, and agencies with the stewardship of their historic properties. We are a woman-owned, award-winning land planning, design, engineering and environmental consulting firm founded in 1979. Our staff is comprised of highly qualified professionals who specialize in historic preservation planning and cultural resources management, landscape architecture, civil engineering, community planning, environmental regulatory compliance, ecological resources management, graphic communication, and geographic information systems (GIS) mapping and analysis. For historic preservation projects, EDR draws up on the diverse strengths of our multi-disciplinary team to provide high-quality and cost-effective solutions to our clients' needs.

Our Historic Preservation Consulting Services Include:

- State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Consultation
- National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Nominations and Eligibility Evaluations
- Historic Preservation Planning
- Historic Resources Surveys
- Existing Conditions Assessments and Reports
- Historic Structures Reports (HSRs)
- Historic Preservation Tax-Credit Applications
- Grant / Funding Applications and Proposals
- Historic Landscape Site Design
- Public Outreach, Visualization, and Graphic Design
- Historic Research and Map Analysis
- Archaeological Assessments and Investigations

In our client's own words ...

"The Building Condition Assessment Report which you compiled for the Friends of the Pruyn House was well received by our group and the concerned members of the Town of Colonie staff... The Friends were pleased that you were able to produce the report in a timely manner within the budget that was promised. I especially appreciated your availability to answer our questions and explain the nuances involved with decoding the history of an historic building. We look forward to being able to continue our relationship with you as we move forward in the process."

- Carol S. Fitzgerald, President Friends of the Pruyn House



### **EDR Cultural Resources Staff**

**EDR**'s experienced team of Cultural Resources Specialists all meet the Professional Qualifications Standards for the Secretary of Interiors Standards for Historic Preservation Projects (36 CFR Part 61) and include experts in history, archaeology, architectural history, and historic architecture.



Patrick J. Heaton, RPA, Principal Director of Cultural Resources

- 20+ years of experience
- Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA)
- Meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards (36 CFR) in Archaeology and History
- Master of Arts in Anthropology, New York University
- Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, Hartwick College



Grant S. Johnson, MA Senior Cultural Resources Specialist

- 7+ years of experience
- Meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards (36 CFR) in History and Architectural History
- Master of Arts in Historic Preservation Planning, Cornell University
- Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, Syracuse University



Kristina Garenani, M.A., RPA Senior Archaeologist / Project Manager

- 10+ years of experience
- Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA)
- Meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards (36 CFR) in Archaeology and History
- Master of Arts, Landscape Archaeology, National University of Ireland, Galway
- Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology, University at Albany



Susan Lawson, Preservation Architect, LEED AP Senior Cultural Resources Specialist

- 15+ years of experience
- Licensed Architect
- LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP)
- Meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards (36 CFR) in Architectural History and Historic Architecture
- Master of Arts in Historic Preservation Planning, Cornell University
- Bachelor of Science in Architecture, University of Virginia



Nicholas P. Freeland, RPA

#### Cultural Resources Specialist / Project Archaeologist

- 9+ years of experience
- Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA)
- Meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards (36 CFR) in Archaeology
- Master of Arts in Anthropology, University of Wyoming
- Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, Hamilton College



Andrew R. Roblee
Cultural Resources Specialist

- 5+ years of experience
- Meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards (36 CFR) in History and Architectural History
- Master of Arts, Historic Preservation Planning, Cornell University
- Bachelor of Arts, History with Distinction, Wells College



Jordon Loucks, RPA

#### Cultural Resources Specialist / Project Archaeologist

- 6+ years of experience
- Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA)
- Meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards (36 CFR) in Archaeology
- Master of Arts in Applied Archaeology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, Syracuse University

**EDR's** cultural resources team is supported by our diverse staff of planners, environmental specialists, geographic information systems (GIS) specialists, landscape architects, civil engineers, and visualization/graphics staff.



To learn more about EDR's Cultural Resources Services, contact:
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## **Selected Historic Preservation Project Experience**

Representative examples of **EDR** historic preservation projects include:



## South Salina Street Downtown Commercial Historic District / National Register of Historic Places Nomination and Boundary Expansion

Client: Downtown Committee of Syracuse, Inc. City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York

The South Salina Street Downtown Historic District includes the commercial core of Syracuse, New York and feature's some of the city's most notable architecture from the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. In 2012, the Downtown Committee of Syracuse, Inc. retained EDR to prepare a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nomination (Downtown Syracuse Commercial Historic District NRHP Nomination) to expand the boundaries of the historic district. The nomination added 21 buildings to the existing historic district, all of which are now eligible for New York State and Federal historic preservation tax credits. EDR's nomination was approved by the National Park Service and listed on the NRHP on May 7th, 2014.



#### **Pruyn House Existing Conditions Assessment**

Client: The Friends of the Pruyn House, Inc. Town of Colonie, Albany County, New York

EDR's Cultural Resources group recently completed an Existing Conditions Assessment Report for the historic Casparus F. Pruyn House in Colonie, New York. The Pruyn House was built circa 1830, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and currently serves as the cultural center for the Town of Colonie. EDR's Existing Conditions Assessment Report identified significant architectural problems which, if left untreated, will result in accelerated deterioration and physical damage to the building. The primary focus of our analysis was water damage, including documentation of recent and ongoing damage to the building envelope, site, and interior. In addition to narrative and photographic documentation of existing conditions, our report provided a prioritized list of recommendations for both ongoing maintenance and necessary repairs.



#### Representative examples of **EDR** historic preservation projects, continued:



#### Chittenango Landing Dry Dock Complex Cultural Landscape Report

Client: Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum Town of Sullivan, Madison County, New York

The NRHP-Listed Chittenango Landing Dry Dock was originally constructed to serve canal boats on the Enlarged Erie Canal (circa 1850s) and is now operated as an interpretive site by the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum. In 2014, EDR prepared a Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) for the site that included a detailed site history and historic context, an inventory of existing and historic landscape features, a significance evaluation of landscape features, and recommendations for future policies, programs and projects to assist the Museum to interpret, preserve, restore, and/or reconstruct the significant landscape features that help to inform the history of the site. A copy of the Cultural Landscape Report prepared by EDR is available here:

Chittenango Landing Dry Dock Complex Cultural Landscape Report



#### **Liverpool Village Cemetery**

Client: Village of Liverpool and Liverpool Cemetery Committee Village of Liverpool, Onondaga County, New York

The Liverpool Village Cemetery, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a reverent place and treasured community asset in the Village of Liverpool. EDR's cultural resources, planning, and landscape architecture staff are assisting the Village of Liverpool and Cemetery Committee with historic preservation planning and site design. Our services to date have included preparation and submission of a New York State Consolidated Funding Application to apply for grant funding from the state's Environmental Protection Fund, development of a conceptual restoration plan, and public outreach support. Information regarding how to learn more and support this effort is available here.



#### **Warren Hull Family Home & Farmstead**

Client: Hull House Foundation Town of Lancaster, Erie County, New York 2011 Merit Award of Achievement in Research, Historic Preservation, and Communication from The American Society of Landscape Architects

Believed to be the oldest stone dwelling in Erie County, the circa 1810 Warren Hull House is a rare surviving example of Federal-style architecture in the Niagara region of western New York. In 2010, EDR prepared a <u>site concept development plan</u> to guide the preservation and restoration of the historic landscape. The restored landscape will provide an improved setting and context for site program activities including school programs, theme weekends, exhibitions, environmental protection programs, and other special events on the property. The American Society of Landscape Architects recognized this project with a 2011 Merit Award of Achievement in Research, Historic Preservation, and Communication.



#### **Chain Works District Redevelopment Project**

Client: Fagan Engineers & Land Surveyors P.C. City and Town of Ithaca, in Tompkins County, New York

The Chain Works District Redevelopment Project is comprised of the former Morse Chain Company/Emerson Power Transmission facility, which is located on an approximately 95-acre in Tompkins County, New York. Unchained Properties, LLC is proposing to redevelop and rehabilitate the existing 821,200 square foot facility into a mixed-use project, which will include residential, commercial, office, and industrial uses throughout the site. The NRHP-eligible Morse Chain Works Historic District (which includes six contributing buildings) comprises the buildings within the site. In support of the SEQRA review for the project, EDR prepared a Phase 1A archaeological survey for the Chain Works District Redevelopment to evaluate the potential for significant archaeological resources at the site. The project is an exciting opportunity for the Ithaca community to reinvigorate this unique historic asset.



Representative examples of **EDR** historic preservation projects, continued:



## Niagara Falls

Underground Railroad Heritage Area

#### Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Area Management Plan

Client: Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Area Commission City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York

The Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Area celebrates, interprets, and preserves historic resources associated with the Underground Railroad in the City of Niagara Falls and surrounding region. Since 2011, EDR has provided preservation planning services to the Heritage Area Commission to help them to fulfill their mission. This has included preparation of a Heritage Area Management Plan, community and stakeholder outreach and agency consultation; development of the <a href="Heritage Area's website">Heritage Area's website</a> and social media; logo design, branding, and visualizations; managing the development of an interactive walking tour app, and advising the Commission in the development of the Heritage Area Interpretive Center.



#### **New York State Fair Historic Resources Mitigation Documentation**

Client: New York State Office of General Services Town of Geddes, Onondaga County, New York

EDR documented structures proposed for demolition or alteration as part of renovations to the New York State Fairgrounds Historic District, which has been determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places by the New York State Historic Preservation Office. The specific areas within the Fairgrounds that were addressed in the Historic Resources Mitigation Report include the main entrance to the Fair (or, the Gate One Area), Chevy Court (formerly, Empire Court), and the Race Track/Stables Area. These three areas are all proposed for significant alteration (including, in some instances, demolition) as part of the 2015 New York State Fairgrounds Master Plan. EDR prepared a historic context narrative for the NYS Fairgrounds, site-specific/structure histories for each of the areas listed, and descriptions and photographs of their existing conditions.



#### **Montezuma Heritage Park**

Client: Town of Montezuma / Friends of Montezuma Heritage Park Town of Montezuma, Cayuga County, New York

Since 2014, EDR has assisted the Town of Montezuma with historic preservation planning and site design for the 168-acre Montezuma Heritage Park. Since the 1960s, there has been an ongoing local effort to develop a heritage park in the hamlet of Montezuma focused on archaeological remains of the circa 1820s Erie Canal, circa 1850s Enlarged Erie Canal and associated archaeological features and sites. Several of these features are included in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-listed Seneca Rivers Crossing Canals Historic District and New York State Barge Canal Historic District. In 2014, EDR prepared a conceptual design of proposed improvements for trails and amenities within the park and hamlet of Montezuma. In 2015, EDR prepared a Phase 1A archaeological site inventory & sensitivity assessment for the 67-acre park the document the unique collection of sites associated with the Erie, Enlarged Erie, and Cayuga- Seneca Canals.



#### Former Village of Danforth Historic Resources Survey

Client: Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York

In 2013, the City of Syracuse retained EDR to assist in the preparation of a community-drive neighborhood historic resources survey in the former Village of Danforth, which is presently part of the Southside neighborhood. This survey was noteworthy for its emphasis on recruiting and training volunteers from the neighborhood to identify significant historic buildings. EDR designed a project-specific Historic Resource Inventory Form and accompanying Historic Resource Visual Field Guide for the Village of Danforth Historic Resource Survey. Utilizing these tools, volunteers documented over 350 buildings in the neighborhood. The results of the survey are fully described in a Historic Resource Survey Report.

