

TO: The Honorable Legislature of the State of Connecticut
FROM: Laura Knott Twine, Executive Director of the Hartford Preservation Alliance, Inc.
DATE: December 8, 2009

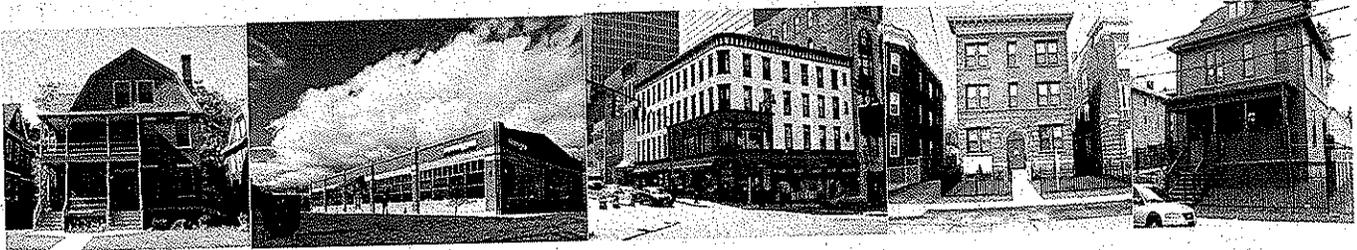
It has come to my attention that the Governor has requested the General Assembly to sweep \$4.8M of **Community Investment Act (CIA)** funds into the General Fund to cover budget shortfalls.

These funds are critical to support not-for-profit organizations that work to promote the revitalization and preservation of our state's capital city, and to work with numerous city residents and service providers in preserving our city's history which is rapidly being depleted. All our initiatives create pride in our community as well needed **jobs and learning opportunities** for students in the local educational systems from grade school through high school and into advanced studies at the college level.

Any reduction of these funds, and any limitation on providing such critical support to organizations would result in a significant step backward and erase all the progress that preservation organizations who rely on such funds, have accomplished in the past several years. I feel strongly that such action would eventually result in higher costs to both state and private organizations to recoup or re-establish the work of such viable organizations and their missions in the future.

Clearly the residents of Connecticut have sought, and continue to want, concrete advice and resources that will help them to maintain the integrity of both the urban and suburban built environment in our beautiful state of Connecticut.

Here are some of the projects completed in the last year!
Can you count the number of jobs and employment that these projects created?

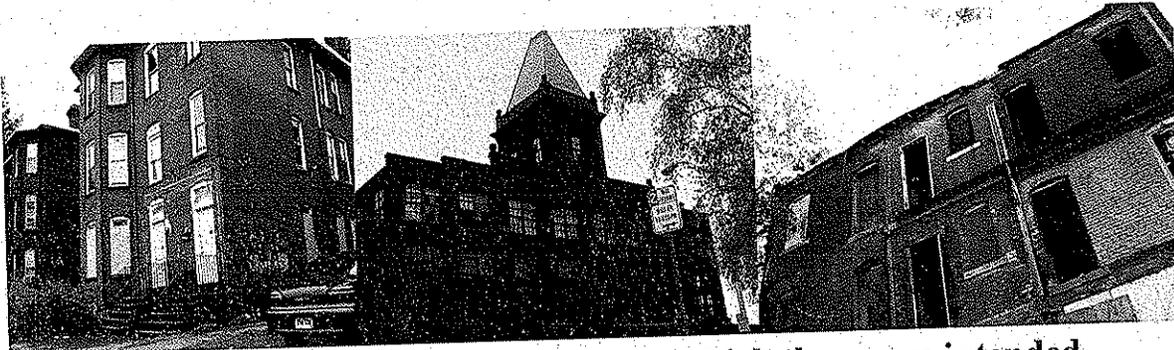


Sargeant Street U. of Hartford's Handel Center Stackpole Moore Tryon Edgewood Street Seymour Street

Pictures from our Walking Tours~ People are drawn to good architecture!



*It is all of our responsibility to leave a legacy of hope and not one of despair.
Which legacy will this generation leave the next?*



**Please support the CIA funds for which they were intended.
Specifically, here is the work done at the Hartford Preservation Alliance:**

“Preserving the Irreplaceable Since 1997”

Advocate, Educate and Train:

- ❑ Advocacy: National, State and Local Level
- ❑ Developers Advisories: Tax Incentives & Preservation Resources
- ❑ Work with the City: Surveys & Public Projects
- ❑ One-to-one Advice for Residents & Owners of Private homes and Commercial Buildings
- ❑ Workshops for Homeowners and Contractors
- ❑ Historic District Nominations: National, State and Local Registries
- ❑ Walking Tours and Driving Tours
- ❑ Lectures: On Preservation Issues
- ❑ Collaborations with Other Organizations
- ❑ Special Recognition Awards Annually
- ❑ Resources and Connections for economic development and adaptive reuse of older buildings

Constituency Data ~ What We Do and Who We Serve:

- ❖ 124,500 residents of the city of Hartford
- ❖ 805 paid members of HPA and 43 active volunteers
- ❖ 705 residents reached through Neighborhood Revitalization Zone (NRZ) meetings
- ❖ 182 individual requests for technical assistance for private residential consultations
- ❖ 179 developers provided technical assistance on federal and state tax credits
- ❖ 280 participants in the Colt's Lecture Series
- ❖ 203 participants in Walking Tours
- ❖ 105 attendees at presentations at Trinity and New Haven
- ❖ 78 participants in the 7 HPA workshops
- ❖ 105 attendees at 2008 & 176 at 2009 Annual Awards Event
- ❖ 26 attendees at Parkville Business Association Lecture
- ❖ 69 attendees at Prosser Library (23) Hartford Public Library (19) Monday Book Club (27)
- ❖ 36 Historic Districts Now In Place— More On Line for 2010
- ❖ 4,200 buildings covered by the Historic Preservation Ordinance
- ❖ Three-year Historic Building Survey for the State of CT 22,500 buildings- 2007-2009

Hartford Preservation Alliance working to create an environment of pride and economic development!