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## **PRESERVATION LEAGUE AWARDS PRESERVE NEW YORK GRANT** **Historic Hudson Secures \$9,000**

ALBANY, NY – 11/19/09 – The Preservation League of New York State will present a **\$9,000 grant** to **Historic Hudson** on **Friday, November 20 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Plumb-Bronson House, 50 Worth Avenue, Hudson (on the grounds of the Hudson Correctional Facility). The grant will be used toward a historic structure report for the Plumb-Bronson house, the earliest extant example of what has come to be known as the Hudson River “bracketed” style.

Built in 1811 in the Federal style for Samuel Plumb, the house was retrofitted by A. J. Davis in 1838 for Dr. Oliver Bronson and then reoriented to the Hudson River by the addition of a western façade in 1848. The original floor plan and major architectural features remain intact, but years of neglect have taken their toll, and the house was included on the League’s 2009 *Seven to Save* list of endangered places.

Mesick Cohen Wilson and Baker Architects, LLP, of Albany, will complete the report, which will advance emergency measures to halt water infiltration and inform a planned stabilization project.

The Preserve New York Grant Program is a partnership program of the Preservation League and the New York State Council on the Arts. “Preserve New York has a strong track record of bolstering local preservation efforts and delivering a strong return on investment,” said Jay DiLorenzo, President of the Preservation League. “In its 17-year history, Preserve New York has provided over \$1.4 million to 233 projects across the state, leveraging over \$20 million in additional project support and over \$500,000 in donated labor, services and materials.”

“Historic Hudson’s Board of Directors and Advisors are grateful to the Preservation League for this grant which completes funding for a Conservation Plan for the Plumb-Bronson

House, as the first section of a Historic Structures Report,” said Timothy Dunleavy, President. “The grant also leverages matching funds under an Environmental Protection Fund grant, awarded to us earlier this year, to begin restoration of Hudson’s own National Historic Landmark. This has been a twelve year advocacy effort on our part and it is gratifying, with the help of so many organizations and individuals, to begin to implement our vision of the venerable house and grounds as a historic resource for the City of Hudson for public use.”

“At its August, 2009 meeting, the Preserve New York grant program panel selected 16 projects in 15 counties around the state to share \$96,400 in funding,” said Erin Tobin, the League’s Regional Director of Technical and Grant Programs in eastern New York. “As always, the competition for these funds was intense. The Preservation League is delighted to help advance the historic preservation efforts of Historic Hudson with this grant.”

According to Anne Van Ingen, Director of the Architecture, Planning and Design Program and Capital Projects at the New York State Council on the Arts, “Preserve New York grants have proven to be an effective catalyst for realizing community preservation goals and saving some of the Empire State’s most significant places. We are gratified that state funds made available for strategic grants through Preserve New York continue to leverage private investment, revitalize our historic neighborhoods and downtowns, and celebrate New York’s incomparable architectural legacy.”

Organizations and municipalities receiving grant awards in 2009 are: **Albany County:** Historic Albany Foundation; **Broome County:** Village of Whitney Point; **Cattaraugus County:** Village of Franklinville; **Chautauqua County:** Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation & Improvement Corporation (CHRIC), Mayville; **Chemung County:** Historic Elmira; **Chenango County:** Guilford Historical Society, Guilford; **Columbia County:** Historic Hudson, Hudson; **Erie County:** Local Initiatives Support Corporation-Buffalo (Buffalo LISC); **Montgomery County:** Village of Fort Plain; **New York County:** Carnegie Hill Neighbors, New York City; **Otsego County:** Otsego 2000, Cooperstown; **Rockland County:** Town of Ramapo; **Saratoga County (2):** Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation and Village of Round Lake; **Steuben County:** Market Street Restoration Agency, (MSRA); **Ulster County:** Town of Rochester.

For more information on the Preserve New York Grant Program, please call 518-462-5658 or visit the League’s website at [www.preservenys.org](http://www.preservenys.org).