Field School in Preservation Practices: Using Easements to Protect Historic Properties





Friday, October 17, 5–9 PM, and Saturday, October 18, 9 AM–5:30 PM

Presented at Easton Historical Society and various locations in North Easton, Mass.



Join Historic New England's preservation experts for an in-depth practicum designed for historic preservation students and professionals. Learn how to develop, use, and monitor preservation easements protecting historic properties in perpetuity, including exterior, interior, and other aspects. Lecturers cover the legal and structural requirements of preservation easements, and explain how Historic New England's Stewardship Easement Program protects nearly 100 privately owned properties across the region.

Participate in field exercises, including site visits to easement-protected properties, and gain a practical and theoretical understanding of the methodologies employed by Historic New England to develop, implement, and annually monitor easements in this unique and highly regarded program.

We are very pleased to announce that the Field School will be held this year in North Easton, Mass., where attendees will have unique access to field exercises in the Ames Gate Lodge, H. H. Richardson's 1880 masterwork, which is a protected property in Historic New England's Stewardship Easement Program. Queset House, an 1854 Gothic Revival house taken from a design of Andrew Jackson Downing and now part of the Ames Free Library in North Easton, hosts the second field exercise.

Further opportunities to study the landmark buildings Richardson designed for the Ames family in North Easton include lectures based at the Easton Historical Society, housed in Richardson's 1881 Old Colony Railroad Station.

\$100 (includes Individual Membership to Historic New England), \$60 Historic New England members, \$40 students. Fee includes dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday; lodging and travel to and from practicum sites not included. Early registration suggested, registration required. Space is limited to 20 participants and preference will be given to historic preservation students and professionals.

For more information or to register, please contact Sally Zimmerman at 617-994-6644 or SZimmerman@HistoricNewEngland.org.

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Friday - Easton Historical Society, North Easton, Mass.

- 5:00 5:30 p.m.
 - Sign-in/informal meet and greet
- 5:30 7:00 p.m.
 - Introduction to Richardson's North Easton
 Greg Galer, PhD, Director, Boston Preservation Alliance
 - Agenda and goals review
 - Dinner (provided)
- 7:00 7:45 p.m.
 - Preservation Easements: A Legal Introduction Marilyn Fenollosa, JD, MA, MBA, former staff attorney, National Trust for Historic Preservation
- 7:45 8:15 p.m.
 - Historic New England's Stewardship Easement Program Joseph Cornish, Supervising Preservation Services Manager, Historic New England
- 8:15 9:00 p.m.
 - Monitoring Procedures for Easement Protected Properties

 Carissa Demore and Joanna McKnight, Preservation Services Managers, Historic New England

Saturday - Various locations throughout North Easton

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Ames Gate Lodge

- Team field exercise 1
- Identifying and Documenting Protected Features, Historic New England preservation services team staff

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Easton Historical Society

- Team presentations on identifying and documenting protected features
- 12:30 1:30 p.m.
 - Overview of Documentary Photography Techniques for Easement Protected Properties J. David Bohl, freelance photographer, art and architecture in New England
 - Lunch (provided)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. - Queset House

- Team field exercise 2
- Conditions Assessment, Annual Site Visits, and Monitoring Historic New England preservation services team staff

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. - Easton Historical Society

- Team presentations on conditions assessment, annual site visits, and monitoring

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

- Wrap-up discussion