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Oberlin Heritage Center to Participate in Heritage Preservation's Conservation Assessment Program

Heritage Preservation is pleased to announce the Oberlin Heritage Center has been chosen to participate in the 2012 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP). The Heritage Center is one of 97 museums across the country selected to receive a CAP grant this year. The CAP program is intended to assist small museums in providing appropriate care for their collections and historic structures. Heritage Preservation's President, Lawrence L. Reger, praised the Oberlin Heritage Center for "making the vital work of caring for collections and sites a priority of their institution, even in these challenging financial times, and helping ensure that they are available to present and future generations." Heritage Preservation's CAP is supported through a cooperative agreement with the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

CAP will provide a general conservation assessment of the Heritage Center's collections and historic buildings. In mid-October, Shelley Paine, a professional conservator from Chicago and Lorri Sipes, an architect and historic preservation specialist from Ann Arbor, Michigan, will make a two-day site visit to Oberlin to do a thorough assessment of all aspects of the Heritage Center's collections and buildings. Each will follow-up her visit with a written report of her findings, which will be used to guide the Heritage Center's staff and Board in developing long-term planning goals and objectives in those areas.

Since 1990, 2,800 museums have participated in CAP, including museums in all 50 states and several U.S. territories. The 2013 CAP application is now available on Heritage Preservation's website at www.heritagepreservation.org. Heritage Preservation evaluates CAP applications in the order in which they are received, so museums are encouraged to submit their completed applications as soon as possible. Postmark deadlines for applications this year is December 3, 2012.

The Oberlin Heritage Center is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is widely recognized as a model small museum, historical society and historic preservation organization. It offers guided tours, history walks, educational programs for all ages, children's summer camps, and special events both at its complex of historic sites and throughout the community, often in collaboration with other organizations. For more information, visit www.oberlinheritage.org or call 440-774-1700.

Heritage Preservation is a national non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of the United States. By identifying risks, developing innovative programs, and providing broad public access to expert advice, Heritage Preservation assists museums, libraries, archives, historic preservation and other organizations, as well as individuals, in caring for our endangered heritage.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Through grant making, policy development, and research, IMLS helps communities and individuals thrive through broad public access to knowledge, cultural heritage, and lifelong learning. To learn more about IMLS, please visit www.imls.gov.

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