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ANNOUNCEMENT

THE STATEWIDES INITIATIVE

NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Effective statewide preservation organizations play a crucial role in furthering historic preservation. They advance legislation in state legislatures, develop conferences and other networking opportunities for local preservationists, provide information and technical assistance, and initiate revolving funds and other important programs.

The National Trust views statewide preservation organizations as partners. The Trust seeks to strengthen statewides so that the preservation movement can build the capacity to make preservation relevant to all Americans in the rapidly changing years ahead.

To this end, the National Trust has created the Statewides Initiative. We have done this with critical input from members the National Alliance of Statewide Preservation Organizations and of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers.

The specific goal of the initiative is to support emerging statewide preservation organizations to make a breakthrough in effectiveness and to sustain that effectiveness.

The focus of the initiative will be on statewides which do not now have a full-time staff person and whose effectiveness will be increased substantially by gaining a full-time staff person. The National Alliance of Statewide Preservation Organizations and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers will be participating organizations in the Statewides Initiative.