

# PRESERVING NEW HAVEN'S ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

There is no greater display of a city's artistic and cultural heritage than its architecture. The historic districts from Wooster Square to City Point, and the revered buildings and homes found there, are constant reminders of New Haven's deeply rooted past.

A small area nonprofit, the New Haven Preservation Trust, is focused on honoring and protecting that storied past through advocacy, education, and collaboration. Their efforts make New Haven a place-of-pride for residents and visitors alike.

"When people appreciate the heritage of their city," the Trust's Anita Buckmaster explains, "they understand the negative impact when a historic property is threatened by demolition or severe alteration."



A crowd of over 100 attended this New Haven Preservation Trust 2014 Arts & Ideas tour on Edgehill Road.

Over the past two years, the Trust's part-time staff, with the assistance of a \$20,000 general operating support grant from The Community Foundation, has helped area residents and visitors cultivate a deeper appreciation for New Haven's architectural treasures. Reaching more than 1,000 people through walking tours, public lectures, and workshops, The Trust emphasized the values of preserving the past. These values go beyond the artistic and aesthetic, translating to tax credits for area residents.

In fact, New Haven is the largest recipient of State Tax Credits for Historic Preservation, with 76% of all applicants and \$3.4 million in renovations (as of 2013) originating from the city, due in part to the Trust's grassroots efforts.

Their latest educational endeavor looks to a more global audience via a gallery-style website highlighting New Haven's Modernist architecture. The site, [NewHavenModern.org](http://NewHavenModern.org) displays the many buildings and houses that exhibit Modernist design. The very building that the The Community Foundation calls home is featured for its clean, modern lines.

To learn more about the New Haven Preservation Trust's work, please [view their profile](#) on [giveGreater.org](http://giveGreater.org).

## Did You Know?

Historic preservation projects create jobs, grow tax revenue, help preserve or increase property values, promote tourism, and encourage cohesiveness within communities.

Source: [\*Economic Reasons For Investing In Historic Preservation\*](#), Advisory Council on Historic Preservation