

Legislative News

State Legislators rally to sustain historic increase in Neighborhood Preservation Program funding

Albany, NY — Amid the ongoing 2024 budget discussions in Albany, both the Senate and Assembly are in agreement that the funding for the Neighborhood Preservation Program and the Neighborhood Preservation Coalition must be restored to, at a minimum, last year’s historic funding levels of \$17.63 million.

Both one-house bills alleviate a concern about the Governor’s Executive Budget proposal, which proposed NPP funding at \$12.8 million, the same level as two years ago, indicating a 30% cut compared to the 2023-24 allocation.

NPP Appropriations

2023-24	17.63 million
2022-23	12.93 million
2021-22	12.83 million
2020-21	12.83 million
2019-20	12.8 million
2018-19	12.8 million
2017-18	13.3 million
2016-17	13.3 million
2015-16	13.3 million

In a bid to not only counter this reduction but also to preserve the historic increase achieved last year, the Assembly has recommended \$17.63 million, and the Senate has proposed \$17.75 million for the NPP for fiscal year 2024-25, ensuring robust support for the program.

The allocation of \$250,000 specifically for the Coalition is a vital component, necessitating clear articulation as a separate budget line item within the Senate’s legislative proposal. Optimism remains high for the Senate’s inclusion of this specific allocation in the final bill.

With the budget now over a week overdue, the urgency for reaching a resolution is paramount.

The links below offer access to websites highlighting priorities of the three proposals.

[Executive Highlights](#)

[Senate Highlights](#)

[Assembly Highlights](#)

Message from Board President Cassandra Perry



As the Board President, it is with enthusiasm that I extend to all members an invitation to our upcoming Spring NPC Regional MeetUps for each of our 10 state-wide regions.

Reflecting on last year’s “Meet and Greets,” I am heartened by the positive experiences shared by both our staff and the many members who participated. These gatherings proved to be more than just meetings; they were opportunities for connection and growth.

For those of us on the Board of Directors, the chance to put names to faces and truly understand the diverse services, programs, and specific concerns you bring to the table was invaluable. Your insights are the compass that guides our efforts to serve you better.

2024

APRIL

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Constitutional Mandate for
New York State Budget Approval

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Earth Day

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Start of Passover

MAY

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Memorial Day



JUNE

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Juneteenth



Executive Director's Message | Mark Streb

As we navigate through the budget negotiations in Albany, I wanted to take a moment to bring you up to speed on our progress. Although we haven't reached a final agreement yet, your relentless advocacy seems to be paying off, positioning us to maintain our record funding for the upcoming year.

With everything on the line, your advocacy made sure our representatives in the Senate and Assembly heard us loud and clear. The Assembly recommended \$17.63 million, and the Senate's pushing for \$17.75 million for the NPP next fiscal year. That's right in line with what we got last year, which is a huge win considering the Governor's budget had us pegged at \$12.8 million, which would have been a big step back. It keeps us at the historic funding amount we achieved with support from both chambers last year.

This isn't just a win for us; it's a testament to the importance of what we do and the impact we have. It demonstrates when we get together and work through our challenges, we come out stronger.

Let's not forget, though, the budget isn't final yet. We've still got some ways to go, and we need you all to stay engaged, keep talking to your contacts, and keep the pressure on.

Our work isn't done until that budget is signed with the NPP funding secured with the carve-out for the Coalition.

Your commitment has been crucial in driving our mission ahead. Remember, it's more than just figures; it's about the positive impact we can have in our communities with these resources. Let's maintain our strong effort to ensure a successful conclusion.

Grateful for your dedication. Let's continue our dialogue and remain steadfast until our victory is confirmed.

See you at the first MeetUp in May!

Mark

SAVE the DATE

The NPC 2024 Annual Conference

October 21-23, 2024

@

Hilton Doubletree
Poughkeepsie

(former Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel)

Approximate travel times:

One hour from Albany

One hour from NYC

Two hours from Long Island

Three 1/2 hours from Syracuse

Spring NPC Regional MeetUps

VIA ZOOM WEBINARS

JOIN

our dialogue!

MAY
29
Tuesday

Region 1 @ 11 am

Region 2 @ 2pm

MAY
30
Wednesday

Region 3 @ 11 am

Region 4 @ 2pm

JUNE
4
Tuesday

Region 5 @ 11 am

Region 6 @ 2pm

JUNE
5
Wednesday

Region 7 @ 11 am

Region 8 @ 2pm

JUNE
6
Thursday

Region 9 @ 11 am

Region 10 @ 2pm

President's Message

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Our coalition is a confluence of unique organizations, each with its own footprint and history, leading to varied needs and perspectives.

It is through our Spring NPC Regional MeetUps that we can come together to share these differences, learn from one another, and uncover the common ground that unites us. These gatherings are not just meetings but conversations—opportunities for each organization to benefit from the wealth of knowledge within each region.

Networking within our regions, as well as the Coalition, goes beyond mere introductions; it is about building support systems, sharing solutions, and sometimes, finding that

our neighbors face similar challenges or have forged paths we can learn from. The strength of our Coalition lies in our unity and our willingness to support each other.

I encourage each of you to attend the upcoming MeetUps. Whether you are a long-standing member or new to our community, your presence is valued and significant.

If you're hesitant, I urge you to attend, nonetheless. Even if time is a constraint, consider dropping in for a moment to introduce yourself and your organization. Your participation, no matter the duration, contributes to the richness of our gathering.

This year, we're having "a continuing dialogue." This initiative begins with these Spring MeetUps and will evolve through **Fall Regional Meet-ups**,

again on Zoom. It'll culminate at the **2024 NPC Annual Conference** from October 21-23, in Poughkeepsie, NY. Here we have the opportunity to transition to an in-person exchange with Coalition members, allowing for more connections and substantive discussions.

Our dialogue is designed to maintain momentum and engagement throughout this year, ensuring that our conversations are evolving, and increasingly impactful. Your voice, insights, and presence are essential to this ongoing dialogue.

I look forward to witnessing the passion and energy that will emerge from our Spring MeetUps and am even more excited about the possibilities our continuous dialogue holds.

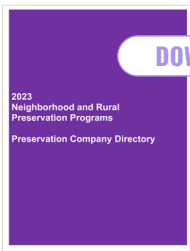
Warm regards,
Cassandra Perry

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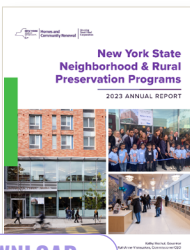
NPP PROGRAMS

- Funding Round Materials
- Neighborhood and Rural Preservation Manual
- Forms and Documents
- Annual Reports
- Needs Assessment and Strategic Planning
- Neighborhood and Rural Preservation Company Directory



DOWNLOAD

- NYS Neighborhood & Rural Preservation Programs 2023 Annual Report



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NACEDA WEBSITE

National Alliance of Community
Economic Development Association.
NACEDA's

NLIHC WEBSITE

The National Low Income Housing
Coalition (NLIHC)

Neighborhood Preservation Coalition 2024 Board of Directors

Listed by the ten regions of the NPP

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