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BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY
National Heritage Corridor Commission



The John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission
Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc.,
and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
Invite You To

Protecting Special Places Saving Farms, Reviving Mills, and Building Successful Coalitions

Please join us for a series of free workshops designed to help you preserve the character of your community for generations to come. Learn how to craft a successful landscape preservation campaign and hear about strategies for saving two of the most important and most threatened types of heritage resources in the Blackstone and Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridors – farms and mills. Workshops will include hands-on, case-study exercises and will allow ample time for questions and answers with the experts.

Workshops are free and open to all but pre-registration is required. Local historical commissioners, selectmen, planning board members, conservation commissioners, municipal employees, and landowners are particularly encouraged to attend. For more information or to register, please contact Joanna Doherty, Blackstone Heritage Corridor (401-762-0250 or joanna_doherty@nps.gov) or Bob Levite, Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor (508-831-1223 x 244 or boblevite@hotmail.com). Please register at least one week before each workshop.

Building Support for Landscape Preservation

Is there a particular landscape you want to save, a bylaw you would like to see passed or a preservation cause you want to promote? Learn how to make the case, find allies and achieve success! Experts will advise you on how to build coalitions, convey your message, use the media, and understand town board roles and responsibilities.

*Featuring: Chris LaPointe, Project Manager, The Trust for Public Land
Rebecca Williams, Field Representative, Northeast Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation*

- **Wednesday, September 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Douglas Municipal Center, 29 Depot St., Douglas, MA**
- or
- **Thursday, October 2, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge, MA**

Keeping Farms in Your Community

Explore the tools available to farmers and municipalities that can be used to preserve agricultural landscapes. Learn about the historic, economic and environmental benefits of agriculture, how to establish an agriculture commission, use land preservation tools such as c.61 and APRs, and create municipal policies that are agriculture-friendly.

*Featuring: Cris Coffin, New England Director, American Farmland Trust
Cheryl Lekstrom, Director of Member Relations, Mass. Farm Bureau; and Contractor, Mass. Department of Agricultural Resources, Agriculture Commission Program
Bonnie Parsons, Principal Planner/Manager Historic Preservation Programs, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission*

- **Thursday, October 9, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Blackstone River & Canal Heritage State Park/River Bend Farm Visitor Center, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge, MA**
- or
- **Thursday, October 30, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Sturbridge Town Hall, 308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA**

Bringing New Life to Mills

What can municipalities do to encourage the re-use of mills? What attracts developers? Learn about planning and zoning tools, plus sources of public funding that can turn eyesores into assets. See a successful mill renovation project for yourself by joining us for an optional pre-workshop tour, beginning at 5:45 p.m.

*Featuring: Carolyn Britt, Community Investment Associates
Michael Collins, Chair, Hopedale Board of Selectmen
Steve Stowell, Administrator, Lowell Historic Board*

- **Thursday, October 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., 12 Crane, 12 Crane St., Southbridge, MA**
- or
- **Wednesday, October 29, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Alternatives Unlimited, 50 Douglas Road, Northbridge, MA**

Directions to each workshop on reverse.

Protecting Special Places

Saving Farms, Reviving Mills, and Building Successful Coalitions

Building Support for Landscape Preservation

Wednesday, September 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Douglas Municipal Center, 29 Depot St., Douglas, MA

The Douglas Municipal Center is located on Depot Street in the historic village of East Douglas. Depot Street is located just off Route 16, about 1.5 miles west of Route 146.

Thursday, October 2, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge, MA

From the west: From Route 20 in Sturbridge, take Route 131 South for approximately 1/2 mile and turn left at the light. As you turn, the Sturbridge Town Hall will be on your left and the Federated Church will be on your right. You can park behind Town Hall.

From the east: Take Route 16 to Webster, then left onto Route 12 South and follow to Route 197. Take Route 197 to the southeast then take a right on Route 131. Continue through Southbridge north on Route 131 for approximately 7 miles. Pass the Publick House in Sturbridge on your left and turn right at the next light (Maple Street). The Federated Church is on the right.

Keeping Farms in Your Community

Thursday, October 9, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Blackstone River & Canal Heritage State Park/River Bend Farm Visitor Center, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge, MA

The Visitor Center at the Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park is located in North Uxbridge, just a little south of the intersection of Oak Street with Hartford Avenue. It is easily accessed from both Route 16 and Route 122.

Thursday, October 30, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Sturbridge Town Hall, 308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA

From the west: From Route 20 in Sturbridge, take Route 131 South for approximately 1/2 mile and turn left at the light. As you turn, the Sturbridge Town Hall will be on your left. You can park behind Town Hall.

From the east: Take Route 16 to Webster, then left onto Route 12 South and follow to Route 197. Take Route 197 to the southeast then take a right on Route 131. Continue through Southbridge north on Route 131 for approximately 7 miles. Pass the Publick House in Sturbridge on your left and turn right at the next light (Maple Street). The Town Hall is on your left.

Bringing New Life to Mills

Thursday, October 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., 12 Crane, 12 Crane St., Southbridge, MA

From the west: From Route 20 in Sturbridge, take Route 131 South towards Southbridge approximately 8 miles. Pass Rite Aid and CVS on the right, and at the next blinking light, turn left onto Hamilton Street (no street sign; across the street from Friendly's). In about 1 block, fork left at the curve. Watch for Crane Street forking to the right shortly thereafter. 12 Crane (silver building) will be on the right. Parking and entrance in the rear.

From the east: Take Route 16 to Webster, then left onto Route 12 South and follow to Route 197. Take Route 197 to the southeast then take a right on Route 131. Follow 131 into downtown Southbridge. One block past the main intersection (where Route 169 turns to the left), take a right at a blinking light onto Hamilton Street (no street sign; across the street from Friendly's) and follow the directions above.

Wednesday, October 29, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Alternatives Unlimited, 50 Douglas Road, Northbridge, MA

Alternatives Unlimited is located in the historic Whitin Mill in the village of Whitinsville, near the Northbridge Town Hall. It is easily accessed from both Route 122 and Route 146. Note: If getting directions on Mapquest, make sure to use "Whitinsville" as the city name.