# Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Committee

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Dear Applicant,

Attached please find a ***2015 Camden County Open Space Trust Fund Historic Preservation Application*** packet. All applications for funding in 2015 must be postmarked by July 1, 2015.

This packet includes:

1. The ***Goal and Objectives*** of the Camden County Open Space Preservation Program;
2. The Historic Preservation Funding **Program Guidelines;**
3. An ***Application for Historic Preservation Funding*** and;
4. An overview of the County's ***Application Procedures***

There is a change to the funding available for preservation projects that may require more than one year's funding through the Open Space Trust Fund. Note that 2015 shall be considered the base year as it applies to the required matching funds identified below. Therefore there are no matching funds for any project site applications in 2015 regardless of previous funding.

Project sites will be eligible for up to $50,000 in funding through the Open Space Trust Fund with no matching funds required in the 1st year of funding. Subsequent grant requests for the **same project site** will require increasing levels of matching funds. Required matching funds in the percentages identified below must be in hand as of the date of the application submittal.

**Second request – 50% cash match**
**(i.e., $25,000 for a Historic Preservation Grant request of $50,000)**

**Third request – 75% cash match**
**(i.e., $37,500 for a Historic Preservation Grant request of $50,000)**

**Fourth request – 100% cash match**
**(i.e., $50,000 for a Historic Preservation Grant request of $50,000)**

**Fifth request (and beyond) – 200% cash match**
**(i.e., $100,000 for a Historic Preservation Grant request of $50,000)**

The following definitions are provided to help you better understand the historic preservation component of the Program.

> *"Historic Preservation"* means the performance of any work relating to the stabilization, repair, rehabilitation, renovation, restoration, improvement, protection or preservation of a structure, facility, site, area, or object that has been approved for inclusion, or otherwise meets the criteria for inclusion in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places pursuant to P.L. 1970, c.268 (C13: 1B – 15.128 et seq.)
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> *"Preservation"* means the act of process of applying measures necessary to sustain the existing form, integrity and materials of a historic property. Work, including preliminary measures to protect and stabilize the property, generally focuses upon the ongoing maintenance and repair of historic materials and features rather than extensive replacement and new construction. New exterior additions are not within the scope of this treatment; however, the limited and sensitive upgrading of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems and other code-related work to make properties functional is appropriate within a preservation project.
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> *"Rehabilitation"* means the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations and additions, while preserving those features which convey its historical, cultural or architectural values.
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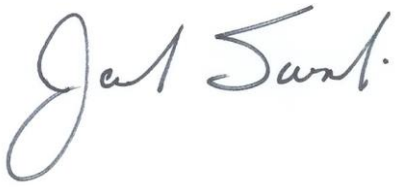
> *"Restoration"* means defined as the art or process of accurately depicting the form, features, and character of a property as it appeared at a particular period of time by means of the removal of features from other periods in its history and reconstruction of missing features from the restoration period. The limited and sensitive upgrading of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems and other code-related work to make the properties functional is appropriate within a restoration project.

Should you have any questions or require assistance in completing this application, please contact me at (856) 858-5241.

Sincerely,



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