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Dear Friend of Historic Preservation:

Can you spare a few hours of your time to help plan for the future of historic preservation in Delaware?

Every five years, Delaware's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) brings together historic preservationists, including representatives from non-profit organizations interested in Delaware's history, private and public preservation professionals, policy makers, educators, as well as the general public, in order to draft Delaware's statewide Historic Preservation Plan. [Delaware's current plan may be found at the following web address: <http://history.delaware.gov/preservation/planning.shtml>.]

While the Delaware Historic Preservation Plan is extremely useful for the SHPO, it is not a blueprint for state government alone. Rather, it includes goals and strategies that benefit preservation advocates across Delaware. The plan provides all Delawareans who are passionate about historic preservation with a framework for effective decision-making, for coordinating statewide preservation activities, and for communicating statewide preservation policy, goals, and values to the preservation constituency, decision-makers, and interested and affected parties across the state. Yours is an important voice that needs to be heard during the development of the update to the state's Historic Preservation Plan.

The SHPO will be conducting information-gathering sessions on the evenings of February 1 and 5-7 between 6:30-8:00 pm at various locations around the State (see locations on the enclosed flyer). We encourage you to attend one of these sessions in order to share your ideas on this topic. You may also submit written comments regarding the drafting of Delaware's Historic Preservation Plan to the address above or via e-mail to the attention of Joan N. Larrivee (joan.larrivee@state.de.us).

We value your input and look forward to seeing you at the one of the public meetings.

Sincerely,

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Director and State Historic
Preservation Officer

Enclosure: Public Meeting Flyer

