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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: East Hampton, NY (June 29, 2018) – The Village Preservation Society of East Hampton (VPS) announces the establishment of its Historic Preservation Award, an initiative designed to honor significant preservation, rehabilitation, restoration or reconstruction projects and activities that contribute to the historic character of East Hampton and surrounding communities.

“All of us have watched sadly as we've seen charming old buildings razed to make way for much less architecturally appealing structures. Historic properties anchor the character of the Village and unfortunately not all such buildings fall within the protections of designated historic districts,” said Nominating Committee Chair, Georgia de Havenon. The VPS sees the creation of this award as an opportunity to help shape public awareness of how important historic character is to our sense of place.

“As a way to honor and promote a sense of community, awards for historic preservation and restoration projects are a time honored tradition throughout our country,” remarked John McGuirk III, VPS Chair. “We saw an opportunity to help promote this community value on the local level.”

An annual award honoring a project that has fulfilled the above criteria will be presented by the Historic Preservation Award Committee of the VPS, at the Annual Meeting of Members, which takes place each fall. The recipient of the award will be determined by the Committee after review of the applications, including self-nominations. In addition, a bronze plaque suitable for mounting will be presented and a public announcement made in the local press. Judging standards include architectural integrity, accuracy, quality of construction, craftsmanship and/or technical excellence. Applications and related criteria can be found at: www.villagepreservationsociety.org.

Historic Preservation Award Committee: Christopher T. Cory, Gene E. Cross, Jr., Kathleen Cunningham (*ex officio*), Georgia de Havenon, Paul Goldberger, Averill D. Geus, John L. McGuirk III (*ex officio*), Curtis W. Schade, Robert A.M. Stern, Peter M. Wolf and Caroline Zaleski.

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