

# NEW HAVEN

## THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACT SUCCESS STORIES

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The **New Haven Preservation Trust** has received Basic Operating Support grants from the Commission on Culture & Tourism to support a skilled professional Preservation Services Officer, who provides no-cost technical preservation advice to residents and developers and supervises research for example, documenting Modernism in New Haven.

For example, the George T. Alling House is located in a section of New Haven with many fine 19th century houses in different states of repair.

The Alling House, built in 1869, had been vacant for more than a decade when the Hospital of St. Raphael bought it with the idea of demolishing a neighborhood eyesore. Its architectural distinction derives from a stately mansard roof in the popular Second Empire Style, mixed with touches of Gothic Revival.

Fortunately, NHPT staff produced a photograph of the building from the 1930's and the Hospital chose Neighborhood Housing Services to restore the Alling House. They

turned to the professionals at the New Haven Preservation Trust for assistance.

With the Trust's guidance on period features and appropriate details, the Alling House began to come to life. The storefronts and asphalt siding went, damaged trim and windows were repaired, and a recreated porch based on old photographs again graces the façade. With warm colors and welcoming new front steps, the Alling House is ready for another century of productive use.

The restoration of the Alling House demonstrates that a large institution can be a good neighbor and foster community pride in the fine architectural stock in its vicinity.



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