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**THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY RECEIVES GRANT FROM
THE ROBERT DAVID LION GARDINER FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT
2018 CONSERVANCY SACRED SITES GRANTS ON LONG ISLAND**

The New York Landmarks Conservancy has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation to underwrite 2018 Conservancy Sacred Sites Grants on Long Island.

“We are grateful to have the opportunity to assist more Long Island congregations. There are so many beautiful and important religious buildings that embody Long Island’s history, while serving their congregations and communities’ cultural and social needs today,” said Peg Breen, President, The New York Landmarks Conservancy.

The Conservancy’s Sacred Sites program has assisted more than 750 congregations across New York State since its founding in 1986 with grants totaling some \$10 million. These grants have contributed to more than \$620 million in total restoration projects. The program is one of a few in the country aiding landmark religious institutions and the only one assisting an entire state.

The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, in addition to Conservancy Sacred Sites grants, supported recent restoration projects on Long Island, including: The First Congregational Church of Riverhead for roof truss stabilization and repair; Old First Presbyterian Church in Huntington for steeple and belfry restoration, and Bethel A.M.E. Church in Huntington for stained glass window restoration.

The New York Landmarks Conservancy has led the effort to preserve and protect New York City’s architectural legacy for over 40 years. Since its founding, the Conservancy has loaned and granted more than \$50 million, which has leveraged more than \$1 billion in 1,550 restoration projects throughout New York, revitalizing communities, providing economic stimulus and supporting local jobs. The Conservancy has also offered countless hours of pro bono technical advice to building owners, both nonprofit organizations and individuals. The Conservancy’s work has saved more than a thousand buildings across the City and State, protecting New York’s distinctive architectural heritage for residents and visitors alike today, and for future generations. For more information, please visit www.nylandmarks.org.

The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, established in 1987, primarily supports the study of New York State history. Robert David Lion Gardiner was, until his death in August 2004, the

16th Lord of the Manor of Gardiner's Island, NY. The Gardiner family and their descendants have owned Gardiner's Island since 1639, obtained as part of a royal grant from King Charles I of England. The Foundation is inspired by Robert David Lion Gardiner's personal passion for New York history. For more information, please visit www.rdlgfoundation.org.