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THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY ANNOUNCES \$150,000 THREE-YEAR GRANT FROM THE ROBERT DAVID LION GARDINER FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT SACRED SITES GRANTS ON LONG ISLAND

The New York Landmarks Conservancy has announced a \$150,000, three-year grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation to support Sacred Sites grants to landmarked Long Island religious institutions.

The Foundation presented the first \$50,000 at a luncheon for grantees on Monday, June 23rd, in Southampton.

“We are very grateful to the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation,” said Peg Breen, President, The New York Landmarks Conservancy. “Their generosity allows us to serve Long Island religious institutions, leaving other Sacred Sites support we receive for the rest of the State.”

Since the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation began supporting Sacred Sites in 2017, it has assisted 24 Long Island religious institutions in preserving their historic buildings so they can continue serving their communities with social service and cultural programming.

Most recently, a \$4,000 grant to the Community Church of East Williston will support the completion of a conditions survey to identify restoration needs and help secure competitive pricing for property insurance. At St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Amityville, a \$17,000 grant will help fund the replacement of rotted cedar-shingle siding.

The Sacred Sites Program provides congregations with matching grants for planning and implementing exterior restoration projects, along with technical assistance, and workshops. Since 1986, the program has pledged nearly 1,700 grants totaling some \$14.5 million to almost 900 landmarked religious institutions of all denominations statewide, helping fund over \$760 million in repair and restoration projects. Any interested congregations should contact the Sacred Sites Program by calling 212-995-5260.

The New York Landmarks Conservancy, a private non-profit organization, has led the effort to preserve and protect New York City’s architectural legacy for more than 50 years. Since its founding, the Conservancy has loaned and granted more than \$62 million, which has leveraged almost \$1 billion in restoration projects throughout New York, revitalizing communities, providing economic stimulus, and supporting local jobs.