

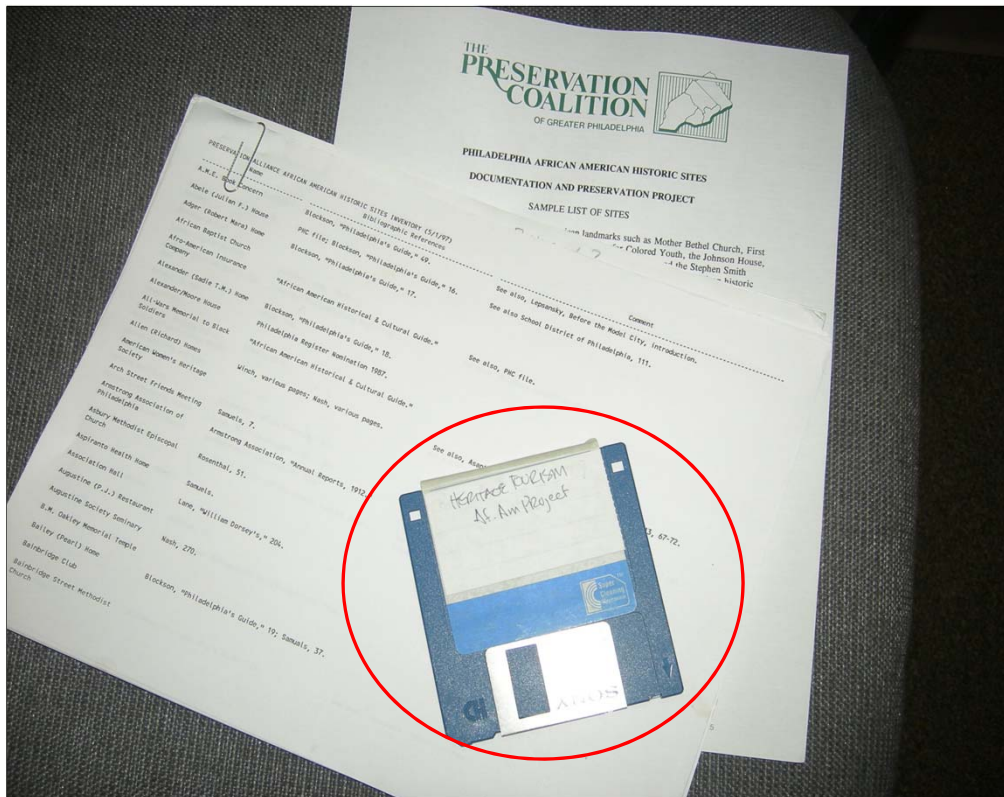


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African American Heritage Trail Project (AAHTP)



The Preservation Alliance's Inventory of African historic sites provides the data for the AAHTP.

- 400-plus sites citywide
- Effort launched in 1993; Goal: to provide material for future programming.
- Searchable on Alliance website since 2009
www.PreservationAlliance.com/programs/aai/index.php

1993: Early historic site inventory data was stored on floppy discs, in paper files.

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Alliance hires Fels intern Dana Dorman to convert collection of sites into searchable database website in 2009

- Inventory is inaugural project for Alliance's new African American Initiative.
- www.PreservationAlliance.com/programs/aai/index.php
- Neighborhood Coordinator Melissa Jest facilitates inventory project and manages African American neighborhood outreach.

2009: Melissa Jest and Dana Dorman, l to r, verify what sites were still standing. Wesley AME Zion Church, shown in the background



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African American Inventory and Historic context statement launched on website

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Inventory of African American Historic Sites

Philadelphia has a long and rich African American history, but for too long, African American historic resources in the city and region have received little attention.

As a first step toward protecting these important resources, the Preservation Alliance has compiled an inventory of African American historic sites in Philadelphia. This inventory of 400+ structures includes churches, schools, businesses, homes, clubs, benevolent associations, and more.

If you have suggestions for additional sites, or can help fill in more details about sites that are included on the inventory, please contact Melissa Jest at melissa@preservationalliance.com.

To learn more about how we compiled this inventory and how the data is organized, as well as see a list of suggestions for further reading, [click here](#).



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Leaders from five of Philly's Historic sites attended the two-day intensive; Most are also part of AAHTP.

- Organizational capacity is key to preservation work.
- Philly's historic site leaders were inaugural class for specialized training co-hosted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Alliance in 2010.
- Brent Leggs of National Trust writes manual on preserving African American historic assets; Focus: building org. capacity, planning for success

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Historic character provide a base for revitalization; preservation provides us the tools...

- 2011, West Philly community preserves historic brick sidewalks and spurs homeowner investment.

Powelton Village uses preservation grant to improve historic brick sidewalks thereby enhancing their community for resident & visitors.

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Preservation of historic Wayne Junction depot buildings spur reuse of surrounding industrial buildings.

- Neighbors point of value of historic building during public input process.
- Historic buildings in new Wayne Junction National Register district eligible for 20% rehab tax credit.

Majeedah Rashid of Nicetown CDC (center) and others at Wayne Junction project 2011 kickoff

Congratulations
African American Heritage
Trail Project!



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