Jeremy Young speaks about disaster planning for historic properties for the Fall 2015 Virtual Seminar Series

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Jeremy Young serves as the Project Manager for the Hurricane Sandy Recovery and Disaster Planning for Historic Properties initiatives at Pennsylvania’s State Historic Preservation Office.

A native of the city of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Jeremy recently returned to the Keystone State from Portland, Oregon, where he earned his Master’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning (with a specialization in Regional Economic Development) and a Graduate Certificate in Real Estate Development from Portland State University’s Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning and Center for Real Estate. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from Millersville University of Pennsylvania, where he specialized in Geospatial Applications and minored in History.

Since becoming Project Manager for Pennsylvania’s Disaster Planning for Historic Properties initiative last year, Jeremy has quickly become one of few experts in the state on the topic of integrating historic property considerations into the hazard mitigation planning process. As this important step has not been taken to date in the U.S. (with the exception of a few cities), he is working to produce a model for this type of activity that can be replicated by planners and places throughout Pennsylvania and the nation.

**Seminar Topic & Abstract:**

**Disaster Planning for Historic Properties: Integrating Hazard Mitigation and Historic Preservation in Pennsylvania**

In the wake of several major disaster events in recent years including Hurricanes Irene and Sandy and Tropical Storm Lee, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (“PHMC”) has identified a need to develop more detailed guidance with regard to specific disaster response and mitigation activities as they relate to historic communities.
In early 2015, the PHMC began assisting counties across the state with updating, and in some cases begin implementing, their FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plans and undertaking studies to explore the complex issues surrounding several common mitigation strategies—including acquisition/demolition and elevation—and their impacts on local historic properties. Goals of the PHMC’s Disaster Planning for Historic Properties Project include identifying communities’ most hazard-vulnerable historic buildings and other assets through a focused historic resource recordation survey; developing best practices for addressing future disasters to ensure outcomes are the least intrusive for historic properties; employing a variety of techniques for different building types; and considering alternatives for reducing damages from various types of hazards—including, but not limited to, floods, severe wind events, and fires.

This webinar will provide an update on this nationally innovative plan integration project and collaboration between PHMC, PEMA, and FEMA. The project is funded by a $1.5 million grant awarded to the PHMC by the National Park Service as part of the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013, designed to streamline disaster assistance related to Hurricane Sandy.

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