

BOSTON PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

2026 Preservation Achievement Awards **Nominations Due: Thursday, April 23, 2026**

Each year the Boston Preservation Alliance presents the Preservation Achievement Awards to recognize a group of exemplary historic preservation projects or activities in Boston. The Alliance honors outstanding preservation projects of all scales and represents all time periods, including the 20th century. Projects that will be considered for award recognition include but are not limited to:

- Rehabilitation or restoration that preserves Boston's architectural or cultural heritage
- Adaptive reuse of existing historic resources
- New construction in harmony with Boston's built environment
- Parks, landscapes, and natural areas that have been preserved or restored
- Exterior lighting, accessibility, and landscape design highlighting historic resources
- Innovative energy efficiency and/or climate preparedness integration into historic fabric
- Educational efforts that enhance the public's understanding and appreciation of Boston's historic built environment

The Alliance's Award Selection Committee selects winners based on criteria such as:

- Impact on a neighborhood's character, public realm, and revitalization
- Quality of execution and materials
- Creative or innovative solutions to preservation challenges, such as access to historic resources
- Contribution to the public's understanding and awareness of historic resources, preservation, and the historic character of Boston
- Recognition of the diversity of Boston's heritage

Completed nominations are due Thursday, April 23, 2026. No extensions will be allowed.

Materials and questions should be directed to:

Katherine Davis Wheeler Executive Director
kdavis-wheeler@bostonpreservation.org

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Submission Guidelines

To be considered, all nominations must include the following additional materials:

- Please provide the information requested in the attached spreadsheet as it should appear on awards materials. Please include ALL project team members, adding rows as needed. If your project is selected for an award, the Alliance would like to congratulate all project team members and invite them to participate in the recognition. Inclusion of project team members in promotional materials is at the discretion of the Boston Preservation Alliance.
- High-quality color images of at least a 300 dpi resolution. Images can be shared via DropBox or similar file-sharing platform. Images must be individual JPG or PNG files.
- Images must show all facades of the building or structure, as applicable, or all angles of the site. Please provide as many images as possible and divide into “Before” and “After” sections.
- For adaptive reuse/rehabilitation/restoration projects, before and after images are necessary to demonstrate the quality of the project.
- Photographer credits and/or copyright permissions for each photograph.

The Fine Print

- Submissions are due no later than **Thursday, April 16, 2026**
- No application fee is required.
- Nominations should be emailed to Katherine Davis Wheeler at kdavis-wheeler@bostonpreservation.org
- Submissions are limited to properties and programs within the City of Boston. Projects outside the city limits of Boston will *not* be considered.
- Projects must have been completed between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2025.
- All photo and digital image submissions become the property of the Boston Preservation Alliance for use in print or digital form to promote this Awards event and/or any future Alliance activities.
- Please note that we present the awards to project/property owners. Project team members are also recognized as appropriate and to the greatest extent possible at the discretion of the Boston Preservation Alliance.

Winner Expectations

The Boston Preservation Alliance is proud to partner with award recipients to promote the best of historic preservation in Boston. The owner/developers and project team members of winning projects are expected to:

- Partner in promotion of the award through social media and other channels
- Aid in acquiring additional photographs, materials, and information about the project as needed
- Participate in the filming/recording of interviews as needed to be used at the Awards Ceremony and in promotional materials at the Alliance’s discretion
- Attend the Awards Ceremony in October, date/location TBD

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Please respond with as much detail as possible to all three of the following:

1. What is the history or significance of the structure, site, program, or initiative?
2. Please describe any unique strategies used or challenges that were overcome in order to complete the project.
3. Please describe why you are nominating this project for a preservation award. Explain why this project is exceptional and how it positively benefits its community and contributes to the vibrancy, placemaking, or storytelling of Boston.