



## **PRESERVATION PLAN**

The end goal is fairly simple:

- Preserve and protect this special location and its history, henceforth
- Physically rehabilitate/restore the entire property and maintain it as a community touchstone
- Reprogram uses of the property in such a way as to serve its community and ensure its strength as a strong economic engine for the town and area

Ahead there are many years of planning and hard work, but it will be well worth the effort for us all. The core elements of a preservation plan address the following steps:

- Documentation of conditions & current uses
- Historical analysis & National Register nomination completion
- Detailed scope of work & projected future operations
- Structural rehabilitation/restoration & construction
- Landscape/site rehabilitation/restoration & construction
- Celebration(s): as with all projects, it is important to party along the way!

In Nelson, we have the energy, we have the craftsmen, we have the management skills, and community support to make this happen. The Preservation Team will be examining each element of this old Tavern-stand from three perspectives within the triad of deteriorative agents; physical, chemical, and biological agents. We will need to call upon members of the community to best understand what is present on site now and what may have been introduced from past practices before we can best design a protocol for rehabilitating conditions.

The greater communities of Cazenovia and Syracuse also are fortunate to have a number of professional historic preservation specialists who will be actively engaged in the ongoing discussions and project development as warranted. Project design services will be contracted out to qualified professionals. The same can be said for specialist trades and craftsmen necessary to implement the work ahead. Where necessary, the preservation team will work to identify opportunities for training workshops necessary for local trades to be proficient in specialty techniques or materials needed for the restoration/rehabilitation.

As this project highlights opportunities for strong community participation, certain roles and subprojects will also be identified that are suitable for volunteers, students, family, and other work crews to enjoy in saving their *Old Drovers Tavern*. We look forward to hearing your stories, your memories, and utilizing your help, in creating a place we can all enjoy.