

**Lower Merion Conservancy
Preservation Director
New Hire/Spring-Summer 2015**

Position:

The Lower Merion Conservancy protects and enhances our community's character and quality of life, recognizing that the sustainable management of our environmental and historic resources is inextricably intertwined with both conservation and change. The Conservancy advocates for policies, programs and projects that support its vision for the community, and builds an informed constituency that can actively support this vision.

The Conservancy seeks a dynamic Preservation Director to advance the organization's mission. This mission includes advocating for the preservation of the outstanding collection of architectural buildings and unique traditional neighborhoods in Lower Merion Township and the Borough of Narberth.

The Preservation Director will:

- Engage the community on initiatives that support the long-term management and sustainability of historic resources in the Township and Borough, including the creation of local historic districts and the planning and zoning of traditional neighborhoods.
- Serve as a vocal liaison between the Conservancy and the leadership of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth on issues concerning historic preservation. These issues include, but are not limited to: the establishment of new historic districts; the creation of zoning that is compatible with and sympathetic to the character of traditional neighborhoods; and an assessment of the Township's current Historic Resource Inventory.
- Attend, as needed, meetings of the Township's Historical Commission, the Township Historical Architectural Review Board, the Township Building and Planning Committee; and the Borough of Narberth Planning Commission.
- Direct the publication of the Conservancy's annual Watch List, an inventory of at-risk historic resources in the Township and the Borough of Narberth.
- Encourage thoughtful discussion about historic preservation through an annual preservation lecture series on topics focused on the built environment of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth.

Qualifications:

Education: Bachelor's degree in historic preservation, American history, material culture, architectural history, or related field. Master's degree in historic preservation and/or planning preferred.

Skills and Experience: The successful candidate will

- Be a skilled public advocate for the Conservancy's preservation mission. He or she will lead public outreach initiatives to communicate the benefits of historic preservation to the local community and will engage local government officials on legislation or projects that have the potential to affect the historic character of the Township and the Borough.
- Have a strong understanding of the National Register Criteria for Elevation of Historic Properties and of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Properties.
- Understand the intersection of historic preservation and municipal planning and be able to advocate for planning initiatives that advance preservation and the protection of traditional neighborhoods.
- Have excellent writing skills, as demonstrated by the completion of National Register Nominations, Historic Structures Reports, State Historic Resource Survey Forms, or similar documentation types.
- Demonstrate an aptitude for communication with the general public through the publication of blog posts and articles, as well as through the delivery of testimony to community members and government officials.

To Apply:

Send cover letter and resume to Recruit@lmconservancy.org with last name and Preservation Director in subject line.