

Downtowns throughout upstate New York State are characterized by two- to five-story buildings constructed in the 19th and early 20th centuries. These commercial rows have endured changing uses and economies and with timely care, they can last for centuries. Many boast of special details – from cast iron storefronts to brick cornices – and some buildings are designated as landmarks.

While street level business may catch our attention first, the upper floors are also integral to the buildings. However, vacant upper stories present a great opportunity - and sometimes challenge - for reuse.



At this workshop, you will learn from experts in the field about imaginative strategies employed in New York State communities for bringing upper floors back to active and productive use.

The day-long program will address design, building code and financial strategies essential to downtown revitalization projects.

The seminar is free, but seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-registration by April 12, 2007 is required. All guests will be provided handouts, refreshments and lunch.



- [The Preservation League of New York State](http://www.preservenys.org)
www.preservenys.org
- [The Landmarks Society of Greater Utica](http://www.uticalandmarks.org)
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- [The City of Utica](http://www.cityofutica.com)
www.cityofutica.com
- [The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor](http://www.eriecanalway.org)
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- [Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor Commission](http://www.mohawkvalleyheritage.com)
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Check-In/Registration

9:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions by
Jay DiLorenzo, President
Preservation League of New York
Albany, New York

Mayor Timothy Julian
City of Utica

Michael S. Rizzo, President
Landmarks Society of Greater Utica

9:45 - 10:15 a.m.

Main Street Revitalization:
Why it Matters
Clinton Brown
Clinton Brown Company/ReBuild
Buffalo, New York

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

Sources and Strategies:
Funding for Downtown Conversion
Projects in Historic Buildings
Murray Gould
Port City Preservation, LLC
Oswego, New York

11:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Break

11:30 - 12:30 a.m.

How the Building Code and
Preservation Work Together
Joseph Fama, Executive Director
Troy Architectural Program
Troy, New York

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

Design and Code Issues in Upper Floor
Conversions: An Albion Case Study
Andrea Rebeck, Preservation Architect
Albion, New York

2:15 - 3:00 p.m.

Multiple Buildings – Shared Solutions
Elise Johnson-Schmidt
Johnson-Schmidt and
Associates, Architects
Corning, New York

3:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Making Upper Floors Work
Financially: Mixed Use in Medina
Clinton Brown
Clinton Brown Company/ReBuild
Buffalo, New York

3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

Concluding Remarks
Jay DiLorenzo, President
Preservation League of New York State
Albany, New York

Landmarks Society
Of Greater Utica



Erie Canalway
National Heritage Corridor

About the Preservation League

The Preservation League of New York State advocates for preservation-sensitive policies in Albany; provides legal and technical advice to municipalities and local organizations; and administers grants to important projects across the state. Founded in 1974, the League is a 501c(3) not-for-profit membership organization.

