

**YAPHANK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Hello Friends & Neighbors:

The Yaphank Historical Society will host an informational gathering at the Swezey Avey House on Sunday, March 17 from 1 pm to 4 pm to discuss nominating the Yaphank Historic District to the State and National Register of Historic Places. We hope you can join us!

What are the State and National Registers?

The State and National Registers of Historic Places are the official lists of buildings, structures, districts, objects, and sites significant in the history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture of New York and the nation. The same criteria are used for both the State and National Registers. The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 established these programs. In New York, the Commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, who is also the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), administers both programs.

What are the results of listing?

- Registered properties and properties determined eligible for the Registers receive a measure of protection from the effects of federal and/or state agency sponsored, licensed or assisted projects through a notice, review, and consultation process.
- Owners of depreciable, certified historic properties may take a 20 percent federal income tax credit for the costs of substantial rehabilitation as provided under the Tax Reform Act of 1986.
- Municipal and not-for-profit owners of listed historic properties may apply for matching state historic preservation grants.

There are no restrictions placed on private owners of registered properties. Private property owners may sell, alter or dispose of their property as they wish.

We hope that you can join us on Sunday, March 17 between 1 pm and 4 pm to learn more about this important opportunity to protect and preserve Yaphank's historic resources.

Bob Kessler

President