

# **ROBERT J. WISE, JR.**

## **Principal Planner, Wise Preservation Planning, Chester Springs, PA (since 1997)**

Principal of firm that provides professional historic resource protection planning and cultural resource management services to local governments, land planners, developers, attorneys, engineers, and individuals. Projects include Comprehensive, Open Space, and Master Plan Elements; Historic Resource Surveys; Historic Structures Reports; Historic Resource Impact Studies; National Register Nominations; Battlefield Preservation; Historic Resource Protection Ordinances; Municipal Planning Assistance Subdivision/Land Development Review; Conservation Easement Drafting and Documentation; Grant Writing; Historic Resource Planning; Site Interpretation, etc. throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, etc.

### **Special Projects and Accomplishments:**

- National Register of Historic Places: Successfully prepared over 20 National Register nominations with over 2,200 resources, including Oxford, Eagles Mere, White Horse, Mill Creek, NC Wyeth House and Studio (National Historic Landmark).
- Comprehensive Historic Resource Surveys: Including Upper Uwchlan, East Bradford, Whitpain, Thornbury (Del. Co.), Franklin, Pennsbury, West Marlborough, Lower Providence Townships.
- Historic Resource Impact Studies: Prepared many Studies, including Hamilton (Wallace Twp.), Mannix Property (E. Whiteland Twp.), Chandler (Kennett Twp.), Devereux Kanner Center (West Whiteland Twp.).
- Battlefield Preservation: Brandywine Battlefield, Pa., Munfordville Civil War Battlefield, KY., Casselberry Property, Evansburg, Pa.
- Comprehensive, Open Space, Master Plans: Including Cape May, NJ Master Plan (Historic Element), Upper Uwchlan Open Space Plan, East Brandywine Twp. Comprehensive Plan..
- East Bradford Township Historic Resource Survey won a 2007 Preservation Award from Preservation Pennsylvania.

## **Additional Experience**

*Environmental Management Center, Brandywine Conservancy, Chadds Ford, PA*

*Senior Planner, Historic Preservation (1993-97). Responsible for managing the Conservancy's diverse historic preservation program, including National Register Nominations, drafting local ordinances, open space and comprehensive plans, facade and conservation easement drafting, historic site surveys, environmental analysis, historic condition reports, preservation consulting, sales.*

Special Projects and Accomplishments:



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- Brandywine Battlefield Conservation Easement Initiative; developed Long Range Plan to identify and preserve the Brandywine Valley's premier historic sites (project came to fruition in 6/2007);
- Coatesville Gateway Conservation Project;
- Port Penn (DE) Preservation Project;
- Helped draft several façade easements, including Brinton 1704 House, a National Historic Landmark;
- Wrote comprehensive Historic Preservation section in the Conservancy's widely-used Environmental Management Handbook

*Homer Associates, Inc.*, Bridgeport, PA (1986-91)

*Vice President.* Responsible for project management, creative development, sales, advertising and budgets for nationwide corporate event, trade show and meeting management firm.

## Education

*Masters of Science in Historic Preservation*, 1993 University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Fine Arts. Recipient of Elizabeth Greene Wiley Award for Outstanding Promise  
Academic Emphasis: Preservation Planning/Wharton MBA Real Estate Program

*Masters in Business Management*, 1994, The Pennsylvania State University, Great Valley, PA, Business Administration

*Bachelor of Arts, History*, 1981 Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA

Fulltime Internship Program: Harrisburg City Planning Bureau, 1979

## Speeches and Lectures

Robert Wise has given numerous lectures and classes to members of the preservation community throughout southeast Pennsylvania and to students (West Chester University, University of South Carolina – Charleston).

## Board Memberships

President, Chester County Historic Preservation Network

Chairman, Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust Board

Vice Chairman, Chairman, Tredyffrin Township (Chester Co.) Historical and Architectural Review Board, (1995-2006)

Member, Brandywine Battlefield Task Force (1993-2003)

Executive Board Member, Betsy Ross House Center, Philadelphia, PA (1994-1996)

Past Board Member, Open Land Conservancy of Chester County, Paoli, PA (1999-2003)

Past Board Member, Eagles Mere Conservancy (2001-2007)



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### **Affiliations**

American Planning Association  
National Trust for Historic Preservation  
Preservation Pennsylvania  
10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania  
Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia  
Chester Co. Historical Society  
Montgomery Co. Historical Society  
National Association of Certified Home Inspectors  
Brandywine Conservancy

### **Expert Witness / Sworn Consultant Experience**

#### **Conditional Use:**

Shea Property Development, Upper Uwchlan Township, Pa.  
William House Property Development, East Goshen Township, Pa.  
Valhalla Brandywine, Wallace Township, Pa.  
Byers Station Development, Upper Uwchlan Township, Pa.

#### **Other:**

Omnipoint Communication Tower Project, Brandywine Conservancy, Chadds Ford, Pa.  
Historic Restoration Project, Marshallton, West Bradford Township, Pa.  
Other Public Hearings, etc.

