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**DEPARTMENT OF RECORDS COMPLETES GRANT FROM THE
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION**

The Philadelphia Department of Records is pleased to announce the completion of a current and up-to-date Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Plan for the City Archives. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) awarded an Archives and Records Management Project Grant for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for \$12,500.00 to undertake a project update and refine a disaster preparedness and recovery plan for the Philadelphia City Archives and Records Center.

This funding initiative provided the expertise and resources from the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) to conduct a vulnerability assessment and develop a comprehensive disaster preparedness and response plan so the City's rich historical legacy will be preserved and accessible for future generations. The plan helped the City Archives to put in place mitigation strategies to limit any potential damage to the city's records and provided guidelines to respond quickly and efficiently in the event of an emergency. Assistance from CCAHA was critical to the success of this project initiative.

The Department was pleased to be selected for participation in the Archives and Records Management Project Grant which significantly helps to safeguard the City's records long after project completion.

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The **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)** is the official history agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Created in 1945, we are responsible for the collection, conservation, and interpretation of Pennsylvania's historic heritage, which we accomplish through the Pennsylvania State Archives, the State Museum of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Historic Sites and Museums, the Pennsylvania Trails of History, the Bureau for Historic Preservation, and the Bureau of Management Services.

**CONSERVATION
CENTER**
for art & historic artifacts

The **Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts** (CCAHA) has grown to be one of the largest nonprofit conservation centers in the country. Its wide array of services, sophisticated treatment facilities, innovative approaches, and highly trained and experienced staff have earned it a prominent and respected place in the conservation field. Our mission is to provide expertise and leadership in the preservation of the world's cultural heritage.

CCAHA specializes in the treatment of works of art and artifacts on paper, such as drawings, prints, maps, posters, historic wallpaper, photographs, rare books, scrapbooks, and manuscripts, as well as related materials such as parchment and papyrus. CCAHA also offers on site consultation services, educational programs and seminars, internships, and emergency conservation services.

The Philadelphia City Archives, a unit of the Philadelphia Department of Records, preserves all City government records of historical, administrative, legal, research, cultural or other important value. It has one of the most extensive collections of municipal records—from the City's founding by William Penn in the 17th Century to the records of a modern government confronting health, vital records, education, human rights, transportation, economic development, taxes, land use and property.