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## Lyman Estate Community Open House



WALTHAM – May 23, 2018 – The Lyman Estate Mansion and Greenhouses is hosting a community open house on Monday, June 11 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The event is being held to celebrate and show appreciation for grants received through the Community Preservation Act (CPA).

Stop by after work to meet representatives from the Community Preservation Committee, Historic New England staff, and your neighbors. Enjoy refreshments while exploring the property and learning more about renovations completed over the years.

Last year, Historic New England used CPA funding (in conjunction with other funds) to complete major heating and accessibility upgrades to the Lyman Estate Greenhouses. Work also included exterior masonry repointing, the rebuilding of a deteriorated chimney, and significant window conservation.

In 2011, with support from a generous CPA grant, Historic New England completed preservation work and system upgrades on the Lyman Estate mansion, resulting in an energy efficient historic building. The project reduced energy consumption by a significant amount while still adhering to

the preservation philosophy that defines Historic New England. The project followed these basic steps: testing, window conservation instead of replacement, sensitive use of storm windows, air sealing and careful use of insulation, and more efficient heating systems. The work also included some exterior repairs and painting.

The Lyman Estate, one of thirty-seven sites owned and operated by Historic New England, hosts a number of public programs each year, including a free outdoor movie series in July. Tours of the mansion are available on the third Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and are always free for Waltham residents. The greenhouses are open Tuesday through Sunday, 9:30 am to 4:00 p.m., with free admission.

Please visit [HistoricNewEngland.org](http://HistoricNewEngland.org) or call 617-994-5912 for more information. The Lyman Estate is located at 185 Lyman Street in Waltham, Massachusetts.

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