



The New York State Battle Flag Preservation Project

A joint project of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's
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What is it? The Flag Sponsorship Program is an initiative whereby an individual, organization, or business can finance the conservation and storage of a 19th century flag or group of 19th century flags from the New York State Battle Flag Collection.

Flag Eligibility: Not all flags from the collection are eligible for sponsorship given the Flag Project's current space limitations. Larger flags from the 19th Century are the most in need and available for sponsorship. Further details regarding eligibility are available by contacting the Flag Project curator (contact information below).

Costs:

Sponsorship costs are based upon a flag's size, condition, material, and construction. Costs are as follows:

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| Flags 56"- 63" x 62"- 74": | \$ 4,000 or \$6,000, depending on previous treatment |
| Flags 63"- 89" x 74"- 90": | \$ 5,000 or \$8,000, depending on previous treatment* |
| Flags larger than 90" in either direction: | \$ 15,000 |

*The Flag Project curator will confirm costs once a flag is selected.

Additional: Individuals or organizations that choose to sponsor a flag receive: an invitation to the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Peebles Island Resource Center in Waterford, New York, to view the flag and meet with the Flag Project curator and conservator; an official Treatment Proposal and Report documenting the flag and the treatment performed; an 8" x 10" color photographic print of the flag (after conservation image for personal use only); and choice of an official Flag Project poster.

The Process –

The sponsor shall:

1. consult with the Flag Project curator to identify the specific flag or flags, eligibility, and costs.
2. write a letter to the curator confirming the desire to sponsor the conservation and storage of a particular flag or flags.
3. enclose a check or money order for the full cost of the sponsorship. The check/money order should be made out to "The Natural Heritage Trust—DMNA Flag Project." The Natural Heritage Trust is a 501c-3 public benefit corporation.

The curator will acknowledge receipt of the sponsor's request and payment.

The conservation process typically takes nine to twelve months during which time the curator will keep the sponsor abreast of the conservation treatment and schedule a visit to the lab.

Sponsorship opportunities abound given the Flag Collection's historic significance, size, beauty, human interest, uniqueness, and poor condition. Individuals, organizations, and businesses can sponsor an individual flag, a collection of flags related to a particular regiment, or even help finance the proposed flag archive facility. All sponsorships forge a unique private/public partnership that ensures the Flag Project's success, empowers the community, develops personal connections, and saves important artifacts from almost certain decay. With continued support from private contributions we can preserve the entire New York State Battle Flag Collection.



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“With special care should the tattered and blood stained colors be preserved, for they tell more eloquently than language. Above is a representative New York State National – made of wool bunting

