

transfer of ownership and removal to new sites—Leffingwell Inn, Norwich, Dudley Buckingham House, Old Saybrook, and the Governor Fitch House in Norwalk. The Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, which has been used as a Highway Department records repository for a number of years, was given to a group of local people who restored the Victorian showpiece to its former beauty and use.

MANY APPROACHES ARE PERTINENT

Historic preservation can be approached from many directions and in relation to many programs. A successful preservation program by anyone or any group, for any area of any size, should include:

1. A survey and knowledge of the existing inheritance, through study of architectural and local history.
2. Legal protection through state enabling legislation, if necessary, and local ordinances.
3. Financial assistance, private or governmental.
4. A permanent plan to continue the survey, interpret the laws, and cooperate with the broader community, thus bringing constant reevaluation, as the community changes, of

what has been inherited and recorded on the survey.

In all of this, state leadership and action are of basic importance. As summarized in *A Report on Principles and Guidelines for Historic Preservation in the United States*, published by the National Trust for Historic Preservation last year: "Every state should recognize historic preservation as a legitimate purpose of government and should have legislation on its statute books clearly placing administrative responsibility for the state's historic preservation program upon an appropriate state agency, and conferring upon that agency adequate powers and funds to conduct surveys, acquire and administer historic properties, publish information, and classify, register and mark historic sites and buildings having state-wide significance, regardless of ownership. The state program should be coordinated on the one hand with local voluntary and governmental efforts, and on the other with collateral national programs."

(A list of publications designed to aid in preservation may be obtained from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 815 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.)