

# Brent Runyon

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## Consulting

Heritage and nonprofit consultant building on 18+ years of leading historic preservation nonprofits while prioritizing client and community goals. Brings a collaborative work style and clear communications to consistently exceed objectives.

## Contact

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## Education

### UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Masters, Historic  
Preservation  
2005

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## Skills

Resource surveys  
Historical Research  
Rehabilitation tax credits  
Project management  
Project planning  
Campaign advising  
Community facilitation  
Nonprofit management  
Grants

## Experience

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

October 2013 – June 2023

Achieved \$1.4M capital campaign, enabling the rehabilitation of the 1769 schoolhouse. Led two strategic planning processes. Grew annual operating budget from \$450k to \$700k over seven years. Launched an innovative Building Works program to train people in preservation trades.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THOMASVILLE LANDMARKS, INC

December 2005 – October 2013

Advised on and managed a real estate revolving fund. Led two strategic planning processes. Completed 15 state and federal rehabilitation tax credit applications. Successfully nominated two historic districts to the National Register of Historic Places, including a historically African American area and a twentieth century suburb.

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## QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

2021 – Present	Licensed real estate sales agent in Rhode Island
2020 – Present	Special Committee for the Review of Commemorative Works, Advisor, City of Providence
2018 – Present	Advisory Board Member, HousingWorks RI
2017 – 2023	Founding Board Member, Trinity Gateway Historic Improvement Association
2015 – 2022	Board Member, Providence Public Library
2013 – Present	Member, State House Restoration Committee
2013 – 2023	Board Member, Providence Revolving Fund
2013	Real Estate Development Finance Professional Certification (0713-128 Historic), National Development Council
2010 – 2013	Member, Georgia National Register Review Board.
2008 – 2011	Director, Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce
2007 – 2013	Member, Thomasville Team 2000 Economic Development Board
2006 – 2013	Secretary/Treasurer, D.A.S.H. of Thomasville
2006 – 2008	Member, Thomasville team for the Georgia Initiative in Community Housing
2006	Successfully surveyed, researched, and nominated the Dewey City neighborhood to the National Register of Historic Places

## AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

2023	Citizen Citation, Mayor Brett P. Smiley, City of Providence
2021-2022	Visiting Scholar in Public Humanities, Brown University
2017	Champion of the Year, Providence Community Libraries
2013	Historic Preservation Medal, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution
2013	Real Estate Development Finance Professional, National Development Council
2010	Alumni Preservation Award, Sigma Pi Kappa International Honor Society
2008	Preservation Achievement Award, Historic Preservation Division, State of Georgia

## SPEAKING

2023	Hope Club, Historic Preservation on Benefit Street
2020	Rotary Club of Providence, Current Issues in Historic Preservation
2019	Panel, Society of Architectural Historians, Reinventing Old Media: Tours, Maps, and Public Art
2018	Paper presentation, European Association of Urban History, Rome, Italy
2016	United Way of RI Housing Summit
2016	RI Statewide Preservation Conference
2015	Endangered Properties Forum, New London Landmarks (CT)
2015	Campus Planning in Providence Plenary, Society for College & University Planning