



# **City of North Tonawanda**

## **Historic Preservation Commission**

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### **North Tonawanda Awarded 2022 Certified Local Government Grant**

The City of North Tonawanda is a recipient of a 2022 Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

The award amount totals \$16,110 and will be utilized to create and maintain a Commission website, support community engagement with historic preservation, Commission training, and to conduct an Intensive Level Cultural Resource Survey of Bennett Kit Homes.

The Ray H. Bennett Lumber Company was established in North Tonawanda, New York in 1902. Bennett produced more than 90 different plans of kit homes that were sold throughout the Northeast United States. Many of these models were built in North Tonawanda and have not been properly documented. An intensive survey utilizing blueprints, catalogues, and any other business records will enhance the preservation and promotion of the City of North Tonawanda's industrial and commercial heritage locally and beyond. The information gathered during the survey will be used to determine individual or multi-tract eligibility for the National Register of Historic places. Consultation with SHPO staff, City of North Tonawanda and other stakeholders and interested parties will be ongoing throughout the process so that any potential National Historic District nomination will conform to SHPO and National Parks standards.

The City of North Tonawanda Historic Preservation Commission is grateful to the support extended by Mayor Austin Tylec, the City of North Tonawanda Common Council, Preservation Buffalo Niagara, Lumber City Development Corporation and Assemblyman William Conrad during the application process.

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