

Preservation Studies Field Trip – Spring 2023
Historic Quincy, Massachusetts
In partnership with the City of Quincy



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Site	Brief description	Preservation connections
(1) Quincy Quarry and Granite Workers Museum at the Lyons Turning Mill site. Listed on NHR as a part of the Blue Hills Multiple Resource Area.	This 2 acre open air museum and site includes the ruins of an early 20 th century mill for shaping/turn stone into columns, large spheres, balusters etc. and a former granite quarry.	Preservation/care of historic industrial landscape Large industrial artifact collection and care Collections management systems
(2) John Winthrop Jr. Iron Furnace Site. NHR Individual Property.	Site of the first working iron furnace in North America, excavated and reconstructed by Roland Robbins.	Maintenance and care of a historical reconstruction. Same issues as Railway Incline.
(3) Granite Railway Incline. NHR Individual Property, National Civic Engineering Landmark.	100-yd remnants of a 300 ft. incline constructed to carry granite from a quarry down an 84 ft. vertical drop to the first commercial railway in the U.S.	Maintenance and care of an isolated “orphan site” with high historic value but minimal opportunities for re-use/activation.
(4) Thomas Crane Memorial Library. NHR Individual Property, National Historic Landmark.	Designed by architect Henry Hobson Richardson a his unique style “Richardssonian Romaneque.” Includes stained glass windows by John LeFarge and wood-work by sculptor August Saint-Gaudens.	Preservation/care of historic library building that is still in active use.
(5) Souther Tide Mill and site.	One of only a few intact tidal mill buildings remaining in MA, located on a site originally constructed c. 1806 over tidal salt marsh. The mill ground grain and later powered saws cutting lumber.	Historic preservation and reconstruction, ownership and caretaking of historic structures, planning and care for historic assets threatened by climate change/sea level rise.
(6) Passanagesset Park at Broad Meadows Marsh.	Passanagesset is the indigenous name for this salt marsh and upland and former summer settlement area of the Neponset Band of the Massachusett.	Role/designation/preservation of indigenous sacred spaces in contemporary communities.

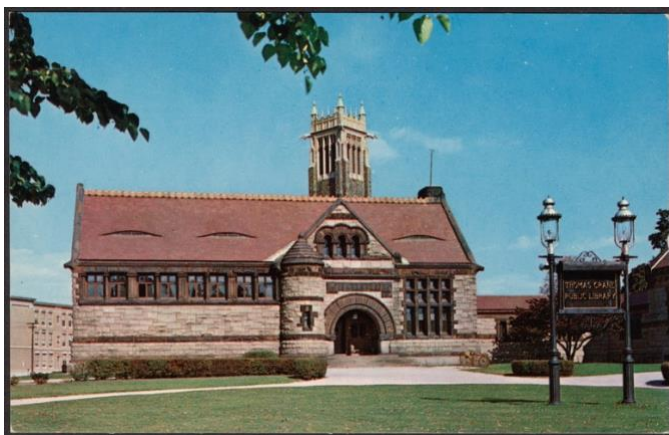
Selected historic images



Quincy Quarry & Granite Workers (Quincy Quarry & Granite Museum)



Gridley Bryant's First Granite railroad (Wikimedia Commons)



Crane Memorial Library (Digital Commonwealth)