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Trust for Architectural Easements Applauds Recent Listing of Allenhurst Residential Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places

June 25, 2010, Allenhurst, NJ – The Allenhurst Residential Historic District in Allenhurst, NJ, has recently been listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

“The National Register of Historic Places is the federal program that provides public recognition of our nation’s historic resources, whether architectural, cultural, or archaeological,” said Steve McClain, president of the Trust for Architectural Easements.

Allenhurst reflects the history of development from a rural area to a suburb of New York City. In 1895, the 120-acre Allen farm was bought by the Coast Land Improvement Company, under the direction of Edwin P. Benjamin and James Ralston, in order to plan and build an exclusive resort community to attract upper class summer residents. Benjamin immediately began making improvements to the property and dividing the land into lots. The proximity of Allenhurst to the rail line was significant in the growth and popularity of Allenhurst, allowing residents of New York City easier access to the community.

The Trust for Architectural Easements, one of the nation’s largest non-profit organizations dedicated to voluntary preservation through preservation easements, supported local efforts to list the Allenhurst Residential Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places by funding the necessary documentation and providing platforms for community involvement.

The National Register listing does not curtail the rights of private property owners in the district. Owners of historic property within the new historic district are eligible for federal tax benefits. Federal tax benefits include tax credits for substantial rehabilitation of income-producing properties and tax deductions for the donation of historic preservation easements. The listing also affords some protection from federally-licensed, -permitted, or -funded projects that would adversely affect properties in the new Allenhurst Residential Historic District.

The Trust for Architectural Easements protects more than 830 historic buildings across the United States. For more information about the National Register listing of the Allenhurst Residential Historic District, contact the Trust at 1-888-831-2107 or visit www.architecturaltrust.org.