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

October 5, 2010, Holden, MA – The Eagleville Historic District in Holden, MA, 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.

The Eagleville Historic District encompasses a small textile mill village – one of eight originally found in Holden – that developed and prospered from the early 19th century until the middle of the 20th century. The historic district is anchored by the complex of brick mill buildings that operated under the names Eagle Manufacturing Company and Jefferson Manufacturing Company. For many years, the mill was the sole employer for the entire population of the village. The Eagleville Historic District also contains an undisturbed collection of 19th century worker housing. Eagleville is considered the only remaining mill village in Holden that survives with significant architectural integrity.

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 Eagleville Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places by funding the necessary documentation and providing a platform for community involvement. Richard Casella of Historic Documentation Company, Inc., researched and wrote the nomination.

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 Eagleville Historic District.

The Trust for Architectural Easements protects more than 830 historic buildings across the United States. For more information about the Trust, visit www.architecturaltrust.org.