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2006 Statewide Historic Preservation  
Honor Award Presented to:

151 and 157 Pine Street  
Portland, Maine  
For Rehabilitation and  
Adaptive Use

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The projects undertaken by owner Lisa Foley have succeeded in transforming a key block in this West End neighborhood in Portland and raising the bar in terms of preservation standards.

The carriage house at 157 Pine Street was designed in 1882 by John Calvin Stevens. In the 1970s, the property was broken up and the building was converted to medical offices. Over time, it became severely dilapidated and its potential was difficult to recognize, surrounded as it was by a sea of asphalt. The building languished on the market for some time, until Ms. Foley acquired it in 2003 for conversion into two condominiums.

Ms. Foley approached the project with a passion, attention to detail and commitment to quality that was truly remarkable. Exterior work included the restoration of the slate roof and copper flashing, the replacement of spalling brownstone lintels with new brownstone, and the reconstruction of the missing original carriage doors. The surrounding site received the same careful attention. Ms. Foley engaged the services of a landscape architect sensitive to historic properties. The iron fence was removed and completely restored, the granite retaining was re-set and the original carriage path sympathetically reinterpreted as a pedestrian walkway.

When the Italianate house next door at 151 Pine was threatened with a large, unsympathetic addition, Ms. Foley offered to buy the building from the absentee landlord and set about restoring it to the same level of quality. For both buildings, Ms. Foley served as her own general contractor and assembled a team of talented specialists to tackle specific aspects of the project, from preservation masons to ironworkers to window restoration contractors to decorative painting specialists.

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