

The Rhode Island Historical Society

Location: Providence, Rhode Island

Scope of Work: Management Assessment,
Strategic Plan



In 2004, MMC assisted the Rhode Island Historical Society (RIHS) in developing a comprehensive Strategic Plan to address new directions for the organization and identify program priorities for future growth. As a first stage in the planning process, MMC conducted a management assessment of the RIHS to determine the efficacy of operations and financial management, and also studied comparable history museums as a benchmark for comparison. The management assessment laid the groundwork for the Strategic Plan, which included a new mission, vision, core values, and planning strategies to position the RIHS as an organization that serves its state residents and visitors through experiences with history that interpret the past, enlighten the present, and inform the future. Since the completion of the Strategic Plan in 2004, the RIHS staff and Board have made great strides in carrying out their goals of conserving and preserving the RIHS collections, developing dynamic programs and exhibitions, stabilizing financial resources, and developing a greater awareness about RIHS activities in the region.