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## **Ralston Cider Mill**

2003	\$36,960	Preservation Plan
2004	\$13,840	Structural Stabilization
2005	\$392,744	<b>Equipment Restoration</b>
2006	\$117,702	<b>Equipment Restoration</b>
2007	\$100,000	Metal Shed/System
2008	\$67,924	<b>Exterior Restoration</b>
2012	\$37,112	Contract Documents
2022	\$38,741	Preservation Plan Update

**Grant Recipient:** Trustees of the Ralston Cider Mill

**Location:** Mendham Twp.

The stone mill is a contributing resource within the Ralston Historic District, which is listed on the New Jersey and National Register of Historic Places. The building was constructed as a gristmill around 1850, and later converted into a cider mill in the early 1900s. The mill is proposed to be restored as an operating cider mill museum.

The Trustees of the Ralston Cider Mill completed a Preservation Plan for the mill with assistance of a 2003 grant from the Trust Fund. The 2004 grant assisted with wood structure stabilization.

The 2005 and 2006 grants provided for the restoration of the mill equipment, windows and doors, exterior stucco, reconstruction of access stair, and demolition of the block garage.

The 2007 grant assisted with the restoration of a metal shed, the installation of a fire suppression system, and the restoration of the Water Wheel Shaft.

The 2008 grant provided for the completion of exterior restoration, restoration of cider vats and misc. equipment, and research on the former still and lower level machinery.

The 2010 grant provided for design services for a new cedar roof, entry stair, and interior plaster documentation.

The Trustees used a 2012 grant to update the 2005 Preservation Plan to include: information from recently discovered photographs, complete archaeological research, complete as-found drawings of building elements and photographs of machinery.

The 2022 grant completed an update of the 2014 Preservation Plan to examine the feasibility for reconstructing historical vat shed and miller's house.