

## Community Space and Historic Preservation: KEY ASPECTS OF A CREDIBLE ST. PAUL'S PLAN

To successfully lift the "public trust" and "parkland" designations for the parcel of St. Paul's property under discussion, two things must happen:

- ◆ Community consensus on a plan that the Village can present to Senator Hannon;
  - ◆ NYS Parks Department accepts the plan.

*How will the necessary community consensus be measured?*

*How can a redevelopment plan be best designed to withstand Albany's scrutiny?*

While the Parks Department, which oversees the process, does NOT like to see a decrease in parklands, Parks might respond *more favorably if*:

- (a) Community space for leisure and recreational activities is provided in the historic building,
- (b) True historic preservation retains and restores significant interior and exterior features.

**A credible plan for St. Paul's MUST include public space in significant sections of the restored and renovated historic building for use by all residents, from singles and young families to empty-nesters and senior citizens.**

**This solution gives residents an opportunity to appreciate the historic features of St. Paul's, while using the space for community activities.**



Artist's rendering of a parlor room at St. Paul's restored for community use.

**The parkland alienation process requires...**

- ◆ New parkland be added to the community to replace the site to be developed, or
- ◆ Improvements to existing parklands or payment of an amount equivalent to the appraisal value of the property (the 7 to 8-acre St. Paul's parcel has been appraised at \$20 million).

**Developing the *right* plan for this community will have a positive effect on property values and will continue Garden City's recognition as one of the finest communities on Long Island. Ask the tough questions NOW!**

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