



Regional School District No. 1 | *Teacher Professional Development Opportunity*

## Local Heritage Lab

**Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area** | [housatonicheritage.org](https://housatonicheritage.org)

1 PD day in August 2023 + 3 PD sessions during the 2023-24 academic year

Housatonic Heritage is pleased to invite 3rd–12th grade teachers from Region 1 to participate in the sixth year of our place-based professional development program. *Local Heritage Lab* provides teachers with opportunities to immerse themselves in personal learning at local heritage sites and to collaborate with colleagues in designing skills-based, inquiry-focused learning opportunities for their students using community resources.

- Get a **free field trip with bus transportation** to a UHVNHA local heritage site/s in 2024.
- Get **three half-day PD releases** during the 2023-24 academic year.
- Receive a **\$350 stipend** for completion of program.

This program consists of four core activities:

### Summer Immersion Experience

1 day TBD mid/late-August 2023

Based at the Beckley Furnace in East Canaan, teachers explore the site's unique landscape, structures, and artifacts and experiment with historical and pedagogical methodologies for place-based learning.

### Heritage Site Field Visits *(release time authorized by Region 1 administration)*

October 2023, January & April 2024

Three half-day heritage site field visits to explore new content, resources, and teaching strategies and collaborate in developing curriculum-aligned field trip learning experiences for students.

### Virtual Peer Feedback Sessions

December 2023, March & June 2024

Three short virtual sessions to stay connected between in-person gatherings and share progress, solve problems, and request support and/or additional resources to support lesson and field trip planning.

### Lesson Implementation and Student Field Trips

April & May 2024

Teacher implementation of lessons/activities, including student field trips to heritage sites.

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