

# ISLE OF SAFETY RESTORATION PROJECT

## A Campaign To Save An Icon From Hartford's Past

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I'm originally from Boston, but at WFSB-Channel 3 they call me "Hartford's unofficial historian and archivist." I'm passionate about saving and celebrating our historical treasures. That's why I'm particularly pleased to be the Honorary Chair of the effort to restore Hartford's Isle of Safety. It will be fully restored for its original use at the Connecticut Trolley Museum as well as being commemorated with a permanent display outside the Old State House and at State House Square where it stood for a period spanning seven decades.

Beginning in 1913, the Isle of Safety - now 106 years old - sat at the heart of our city offering shelter and comfort for the throngs of visitors and travelers experiencing Hartford - to this day it inspires fond family memories. It embodies an era when Hartford bustled with commercial, social and residential activity. WFSB entered the scene in 1957 and as I review our archival footage, the Isle of Safety was front and center serving crowds of visitors denser than our current suburban malls and was frequently used as a backdrop for our television interviews of issues affecting the region. It is a vital part of our living history.

I believe we all have a role to play in protecting those landmarks that define and perpetuate our legacy. I think it's extremely important that this landmark is going to be restored for future generations to enjoy and be educated about Hartford's rich history.

I encourage you to learn more about this important campaign. Find out more on the Connecticut Trolley Museum's website- [www.ct-trolley.org](http://www.ct-trolley.org) I will continue to provide updates and new information on the effort as the year proceeds.

Stay tuned and "Go Hartford!"

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