

# Cradock Civic League



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**Attention:**

**Historic Preservation Commission And  
Honorable Mayor Holley, Vice Mayor Moody and Portsmouth City Council Members**

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Honorable Mayor Holley, Vice Mayor Moody and Portsmouth City Council Members and HPC Members,

The Cradock Civic League continues to reiterate its support for the Portsmouth Redevelopment Housing Authority Cradock Conservation Plan and its demolition work of blighted properties on Cushing Street, which calls for the purchase and demolition of one blighted four-plex housing unit (12-18 Cushing Street) and two blighted duplex housing unit (19/21 and 23/25 Cushing Street) in the Cradock Historic District. The properties, 12-18 Cushing Street, 19/21 and 23/25 Cushing Street will be demolished and new single-family housing designed around the Historic Cradock house types by Frasier Associates will be constructed. The Cradock Civic League supports this effort and believes it will enhance the historic district as a whole. The Cradock Civic League voted on October 2, 2007; April 1, 2008; October 7, 2008; and April 7, 2009 to support the demolition of blighted structures on Cushing Street and wishes to continue the work until completion.

The Cradock Civic League submits this letter of support to the Historic Preservation Commission and Portsmouth City Council and asks the Commission and Council to approve PRHA's demolition plans for the structures located at 12-18 Cushing Street, 19/21 and 23/25 Cushing Street. Please help Cradock to restore its historic streetscapes and build a strong community by approving the PRHA's application. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

**Joanna Hall, President**  
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