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**PARKHILL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, FITCHBURG, APPROVED FOR NOMINATION
TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin is pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the Parkhill Manufacturing Company in Fitchburg for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its December 12, 2007 meeting. The nomination will be submitted to the National Register of Historic Places at the National Park Service in Washington, DC, for final consideration and designation.

“The Massachusetts Historical Commission is dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth’s rich architectural, cultural, archaeological, and historic resources,” Secretary Galvin said. “Inclusion of this property on the National Register will help to protect our heritage for generations to come.”

The Parkhill Manufacturing Company complex is located in Fitchburg’s Cleghorn neighborhood. The nomination includes the four remaining buildings of the complex and a steel deck girder bridge (ca. 1930) over the Nashua River. The earliest building was constructed in 1885. The Parkhill Manufacturing Company is a well-preserved example of a manufacturing complex that reflects the city’s late-19th and early 20th-century industrial development. Its surviving buildings reflect advancements in utilitarian design and construction during the city’s most active period of growth. The complex was designed to house the complete manufacturing process. Raw materials arrived from the south via a railroad bridge. The cotton was cleaned, spun, woven, dyed, and packaged onsite. The Parkhill Manufacturing Company became a world renowned textile manufacturing company known for producing high-quality gingham. A major rehabilitation project is underway for Buildings 1 and 6. This project, assisted by state and federal historic rehabilitation and low-income tax credits, will create 86 one and two bedroom apartments for elderly residents; 81% of the units will be set aside for low income households.

The Parkhill Manufacturing Company is one of 6 historic resources around the Commonwealth approved for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the Massachusetts Historical Commission at this meeting.

Secretary Galvin serves as Chairman of the 17-member board, which meets regularly and considers historic resources eligible for the National Register four times a year.

The National Register is the nation’s official listing of significant historic resources. In Massachusetts, there are over 65,000 properties listed in the National Register. The Massachusetts Historical Commission has been administering the National Register of Historic Places program in Massachusetts since 1966.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Archaeologist. It was established in 1963 to identify, evaluate, and protect important historical and archaeological assets of the Commonwealth. Visit our website to learn more about the Commission’s programs (www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc).

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