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Dear Michael,

Progress can be a tricky thing to recognize.

Farm fields turned into box store parking lots in the name of the new doesn't feel like progress, but ironically, the preservation of a 150-year-old store that has served a village for generations does.

At the Preservation Trust of Vermont, we see progress all around us. Yes, it sometimes is uneven and the loss of a historic building that anchors a village or street can be demoralizing. Over time, however, there's a growing awareness and affirmation that the things that truly matter are worth saving, and that Vermonters will rise to the challenge.

That's why, in this current moment of incredible uncertainty at the federal level — when many hard-fought victories, such as the Historic Preservation Fund and the Civil Rights Act, are at risk — **we find hope in the unseen, hyper-local, modest wins of everyday people.**

Like the folks in Gilman, Vermont (population 484), who through PTV's Village Trust Initiative, **are transforming their shuttered school into a community center and affordable housing.** Or the SUSU commUNITY farm in Newfane (population 1,645), **who are restoring a historic barn as an affirming gathering space for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.**

PTV is proud to support community-led projects like these, whether it's with a grant, technical assistance, or the relentless optimism needed to actually achieve progress.

I hope you enjoy the enclosed "Preservation-in-Progress" and learning about some projects happening right now in northwest Vermont.

We know progress is possible, and that it *will* happen with your support.

Best,

Ben Doyle, President

P.S. Thank you for valuing this work, and for considering a donation to the Preservation Trust of Vermont today.

Town of Georgia Michael McCarthy Georgia

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Preservation-in-Progress

Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle Counties SPRING 2025



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Preservation isn't about pickling the past, it's about preserving a future where neighbors and friends can come together in the places that have served them for generations. We thought you would enjoy learning about some interesting projects in progress right now in northwest Vermont. Friends like you supported 362 preservation projects in 155 communities this past year.

Your donation today is vitally important to continue our work. Thank you for considering a gift!



1 Grand Isle Lake House

PTV gets to practice its own "preservation-in-progress" as we begin the last phase of restoring the lower section of the Grand Isle Lake House's mansard roof. Previous phases restored the cedar shingles on all but the east side of the building. Now, with the help of a Vermont Historic Preservation Grant, work has begun on this last section of the roof.

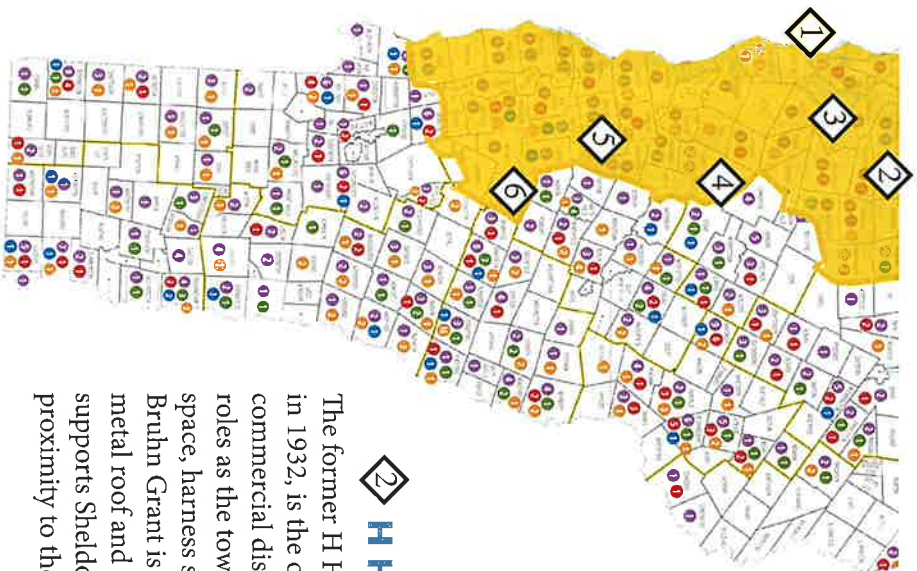


3 St. Albans Museum

The St. Albans Museum, housed in the former St. Albans Academy (built in 1861), is the leading cultural center of Franklin County. A 1772 Foundation grant funded Phase I of a targeted window restoration project that elevated the building's west facade overlooking Taylor Park. This ongoing work is preserving the architectural character of the St. Albans Historic District and providing a boost in community pride.

2 H H Mower Store, Sheldon

The former H H Mower General Store, rebuilt after a catastrophic fire in 1932, is the only remaining structure from Sheldon's once bustling commercial district. Over the years, the building has served various roles as the town clerk's office, post office, community gathering space, harness shop, and home to the Sheldon Historical Society. A Bruhn Grant is funding essential repairs, including replacing a failing metal roof and reconstructing an exterior stairway. This rehabilitation supports Sheldon's emerging focus on recreational tourism, given its proximity to the Lamolle Valley Rail Trail and Grist Mill Park.





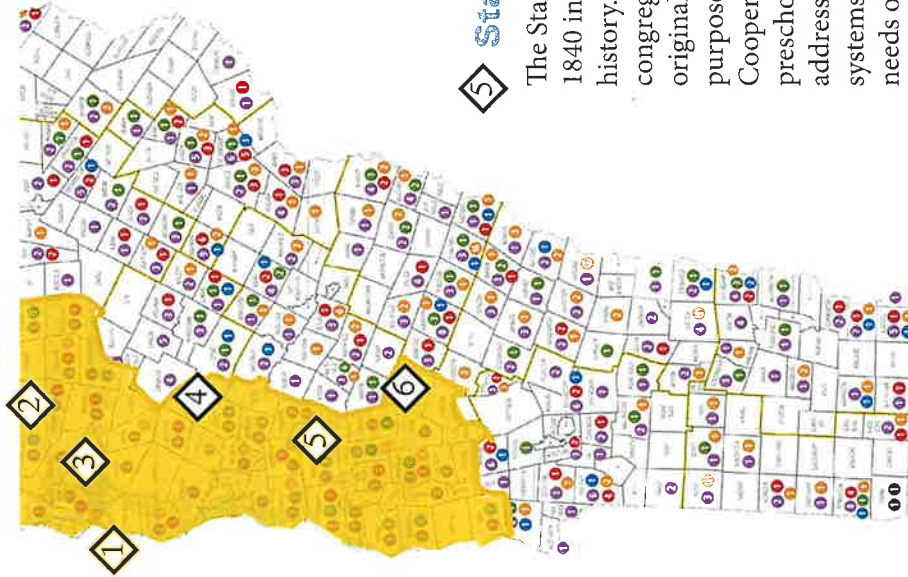
4 Underhill Town Hall

With the support of a Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grant, the Town of Underhill has engaged the services of an architect to redesign a historically sympathetic meeting space in the former sanctuary of the 1840s church that now houses the town offices. PTV will continue to work with the Town as they engage an engineer in the next phase of the project.



6 Clearfield Farm, Granville

The mid-19th century large, hand-hewn timber framed bank barn at Clearfield Farm in Granville provides valuable space for the organic vegetable farm's wash and pack station. A barn assessment helped Clearfield Farm prepare a successful application to Vermont's Historic Barn Grant program, which will support repairs to the frame and roof.



5 Starksboro Meeting House

The Starksboro Village Meetinghouse, constructed in 1840 in the Gothic Revival style, is a nonprofit with a long history. The first floor was built to serve three of Starksboro's congregations while the lower level was home to the original town hall. The first floor is still open for community purposes and the lower level is now home to the Starksboro Cooperative Preschool. Together, the Meeting House and preschool are undertaking a large rehabilitation project to address structural repairs, restore interior finishes, upgrade systems, and enhance the preschool space to better meet the needs of Starksboro's smallest residents. Work is underway!



Scan to read more "Preservation-in-Progress" happening throughout Vermont

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