



Preservation Trust of Vermont  
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## ***What We Do***

- Support local preservation efforts through our **Field Service Program** (280 projects in 153 communities 2019)
- Provide project development and technical assistance grants through our **Robert Sincerbeaux Fund** (62 in 2019)
- Provide technical assistance to owners of historic barns and condition assessments through our **Barn Assessment Grant Program** (technical assistance to 18 barn owners in 2019)
- Provide \$250,000 in major grants for preservation-related projects as funds are available (5 new **Preservation Grants** in partnership with the Freeman Foundation in 2019)
- Work with communities to oppose **Sprawl** and encourage the proper scale and location of **Big Box** development in our downtowns (2 in 2019)
- Encourage and help develop **Community Supported Enterprises** such as village stores, cooperatives, restaurants, and community-centered businesses (10 in 2019)
- Steward historically significant properties through our **Historic Preservation Easement Program** (74 easements that cover 113 buildings, 2 structures and 3 archeological sites)
- Host two-day **Preservation Retreats** from May through October at the Grand Isle Lake House (138 individuals from 42 community groups)
- Own and steward three historic properties in VT: the Grand Isle Lake House in Grand Isle, Pierce's Store in Shrewsbury, and the Vermont Marble Museum in Proctor.

### **Statewide:**

With support from the Vermont Community Foundation, the Preservation Trust oversaw the installation of Whale Dance, a new iconic sculpture by Jim Sardonis. The installation is the culmination of a fundraising effort which conserved the land and supports new community and agricultural investment. Preservation Trust's late President Paul Bruhn had long dreamed of the time when the whale's tails would once again grace the landscape at Exit 4 in Randolph. As Paul so fittingly expressed "You can just imagine the whales underwater, snuggling up and dancing."

Secured nearly \$2 million in new funding through the National Park Service Historic Restoration Subgrant Program and from the Northern Borders Regional Commission. These programs will provide funding to communities for village revitalization and economic development.

Made our first Local Investment Impact investment in the Putnam Block in Downton Bennington. The Local Investment Impact program aims to invest in local enterprises that support downtown and regional economic development.

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### **2020 Preservation Retreats**

**May 18 -19**, Fundraising and Project Management

**June 22-23**, Churches and Sacred Places

**July 14-15**, Historic Preservation and Community Development

**Sept 21-22**, Arts and Cultural Heritage

**Oct 12-13**, Libraries, Non-profit owned, public buildings