





## PRESERVATION TRUST OF VERMONT

### What We Do: A Snapshot of 2023

#### FIELD WORK

We are **on the ground** helping communities:

- Support local preservation efforts through our Field Service Program (264 projects in 152 communities)
- Offer technical assistance and support to communities who experienced 2023 July flood damage (32)
- Steward historically significant properties through our Historic Preservation Easement Program (92 easements on 134 buildings, three structures, and three archeological sites)

#### GET PROJECTS STARTED

We offer small **seed grants** to engage experts to get projects started on the right path:

- Provide project development and technical assistance grants through our Robert Sincerbeaux Fund (43)
- Provide technical assistance grants to owners of historic barns through our Barn Assessment Grant Program (26 barn owners)
- Award funding for special projects through the Paul A. Bruhn Fund (16 projects)

#### NIMBLE SUPPORT

Through special **initiatives and advocacy** work, we help efforts to build a more vital Vermont:

- Encourage and help develop Community Supported Enterprises such as village stores, cooperatives, restaurants, and community-centered businesses (9 projects)
- Provide technical assistance and capacity building to Vermont's 24 designated downtowns to preserve historic character, economic vitality, and prevent sprawl.
- Advocate for funding Vermont's Village and Downtown Tax Credit program as well as the Better Places program for "placemaking" projects in designated centers.

#### MAJOR SUPPORT

When resources are available, we provide **major support** for places important to Vermonters:

- Award grants to projects in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom in partnership with the Freeman Foundation (seven)
- Award grants for preservation projects in Rutland County in partnership with the Johnson Family Foundation (three)
- Award grants to rural Vermont communities through Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grant program (seven)
- Award grants for preservation projects in partnership with the 1772 Foundation (14)
- Award grants for preservation projects in Bennington and Rutland counties through the Southern Vermont Fund (five)
- Manage major grants for projects awarded in previous years

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

Through **gatherings and partnerships**, we share knowledge and expertise:

- Co-host the first Village Meet-up in Strafford (106 individuals from 53 communities)
- Host Preservation Retreats from May through October (47 individuals from 37 communities)
- Distribute a monthly newsletter and special e-alerts for urgent issues

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Thank you!

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