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Vermont's historic built environment helps define who we are. It connects us to the past and positions us for the future. We thought you would enjoy learning about some interesting projects in progress right now in central Vermont. Friends like you supported 264 preservation projects in 152 communities this past year. **Your donation today is vitally important to continue our work.** Thank you for considering a gift!



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Ren Dillon's Barn, Berlin

This late 19th century barn, home to a herd of milking goats, has been a visible landmark on the road between Northfield and Montpelier for over 100 years. When the Dog River breached its banks during the July 2023 floods, the basement of the barn was inundated, the foundation undermined, and the adjacent pasture was washed away. Thankfully no goats were harmed. A special flood assessment grant is supporting the creation of a plan to help the barn survive future flooding.

Marshfield General Store

In moments of crisis, communities lean on their general stores. During the July 2023 flooding the Marshfield Village Store operated as an emergency shelter, distributed food, provided hundreds of gallons of drinking water, and coordinated a community support system to assist with repairs, claims processes, and volunteer support. The store, which is owned by a nonprofit and run by a worker-owned cooperative, houses a deli, sells groceries and local crafts, and provides a "third place" for community members to share a cup of coffee and conversations. A 2024 Bruhn Revitalization Grant will support exterior repairs and repainting, providing a boost to a building and a business that is the heart of the Marshfield community.



Warren United Church

Built in 1839, the Warren United Church was once shared by several denominations and used for town meetings, and musical and theatrical performances. Its active congregation is eager to be good stewards of the building. Concerned about the belfry, which had been stabilized in the 1940s but retained a slight lean, the church wanted to be sure the building was structurally sound. A Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grant is supporting a conditions assessment to reassure the church that the early 20th century repair was stable if not perfect.



Bethany Church, Montpelier

The Bethany Church on Main Street in Montpelier has been an important community resource for many years. Serving as a cultural and spiritual center as well as providing meals for the community, the church was heavily impacted by the July 2023 flooding. PTV began working with church leadership soon after the flood. A special flood assessment grant is providing a roadmap for resiliency as they continue to find ways to serve the community.



Socialist Labor Party Hall, Barre

Following the flooding of Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 the Socialist Labor Party Hall, a National Historic Landmark, invested in flood mitigation improvements. These were put to the test during the July 2023 flooding. A special flood assessment grant is supporting the review of how the existing systems performed and is making additional recommendations for improving those systems in the event of future flooding.

Johnson Public Library

The Johnson Public Library sustained significant damage during the July 2023 flood, but thanks to the quick action of staff and volunteers, most of the books and the original beadboard wainscoting were salvaged. Constructed in the 100-year flood plain, the early 20th century Georgian Revival building is no stranger to flood damage from the nearby Gihon River. A special flood assessment grant is supporting an evaluation of the 2023 damage and making recommendations for flood mitigation measures.



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