



# Preservation-in-Progress

## Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties

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 northeast 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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### George Carey Sugarhouse, Danville

This historic Danville sugarhouse was built and operated as part of George Cary's maple sugaring enterprise in the early 1900s. Today it serves an educational purpose telling the story of maple in Vermont and can be toured during Maple Open House Weekend. A Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grant supported a condition assessment which in turn helped the owner secure a State of Vermont Barn Grant. Restoration work will begin soon.



### Gilman Methodist Church, Lunenburg

Reverend George Fox, known as one of the "Four Chaplains" who died during World War II saving soldiers on a sinking battleship, served as the minister at the Gilman Methodist Church before joining the war effort. In recent years his former church was set to be sold. A group of concerned citizens, led by members of the local American Legion, organized to purchase the church in order to preserve it as a memorial to this fallen war hero. A Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grant is supporting a conditions assessment which will provide a blueprint for addressing the preservation of the building.

### Caplan's Store, St. Johnsbury

Constructed in 1946, Caplan's Store was a local landmark and well-loved business in the heart of St. Johnsbury. Its 2020 closure left a hole in the downtown and a lot of uncertainty about the future of the building. Northern Counties Health Care purchased the building in 2021. With support from the Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit Program and a Preservation Grant made in partnership with the Freeman Foundation, it has transformed the space into a new Northern Express Care. The walk-in clinic is helping improve health equity in St. Johnsbury and is providing a new life for the former Caplan's building.



## McIndoe Falls Academy, Barnet

Constructed in 1853, the Greek Revival-style academy building has been the focus of village life for nearly 175 years. The building, which served as a school until 1969, has been stewarded by the Academy Trustees for more than 50 years. A 2024 Bruhn Grant will support the rehabilitation of the Academy building, elevating the historic building's functionality and usability, and preserving the vibrant history of the rural community within McIndoe Falls Village for future generations.



## Historical Society, Troy

The Missisquoi Valley Historical Society, formerly the St. Augustine Episcopal Church, was erected in 1883 and was gifted to the Troy Historical Society in 1976. A Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grant supported an assessment that determined that the building's exterior clapboards are in need of attention. A subsequent preservation grant from the Freeman Foundation in partnership with PTV is supporting these repairs.

## Covered Bridge Endowment, Lyndon

A longtime connection to Lyndon and its unique covered-bridge landscape inspired the Dawson family to establish the Lyndon Covered Bridge Endowment at PTV. The endowment will support the ongoing maintenance and repair of all five covered bridges as well as provide a contribution to the Sanborn Covered Bridge project that will be matched by the community. The Sanborn Covered Bridge project is progressing and is expected to head into construction in early 2025, bringing this 1869 structure to the forefront of a riverfront park space. Support from private donors like the Dawson family are helping to make this and future projects possible.



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