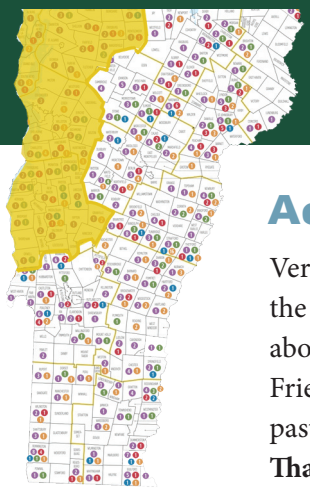

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Vermont's historic built environment helps define who we are. It connects us to the past and positions us for the future. We thought you would enjoy learning about some interesting projects in progress right now in northwest Vermont. Friends like you 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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Old Red Mill, Jericho

One of the most iconic surviving mill buildings in all of Vermont is located on the banks of the Browns River in Jericho. The Old Red Mill served a variety of milling functions over its long lifetime; today it is owned by the Jericho Historical Society, which operates a museum, gift shop, and special displays on local legend Snowflake Bentley. A Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grant is supporting a conditions assessment of the mill to help the Jericho Historical Society plan for the future of the building.

Vergennes Opera House

The historic Vergennes Opera House has been the cultural epicenter of the smallest city in Vermont since it was rehabilitated in the 1990s. A recent grant from PTV has supported plans for the Vergennes Opera House "All Access Project." The project will transform the current alleyway between the City Hall/Opera House and neighboring St. Paul's church into a well-lit, ADA compliant pedestrian courtyard complete with pavers and plantings, to safely welcome all, including those using the new elevator.

Hinesburg Vestry

The Hinesburg Vestry is a modest building with a bright future. Constructed in the 1840s the building served several community purposes before declining use and deferred maintenance caused the building to be abandoned. Recognizing the importance of the building to the streetscape and the community, the Vestry Community Center Inc. wants to create a flexible space that can connect residents to history, the surrounding natural resources, and one another. A Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grant supported an assessment that will serve as the basis for planning and helped the group secure a 1772 Foundation grant for structural stabilization.

St. Stephens Church, Winooski

With the support of the Paul A. Bruhn Fund, PTV provided legal assistance to community members who successfully challenged a demolition permit for St. Stephens church, a 95-year-old landmark in Winooski. PTV is continuing to provide support and strategic guidance to help stakeholders to save the building, which remains at risk of demolition.

Bakersfield Carriage Barn

The c.1890 Bakersfield Carriage Barn, once associated with a large Victorian dwelling, sheltered the carriage and Morgan horse team used by the town physician for house calls in the early 1900s. Located within the town park the building serves as a visual backdrop for local celebrations, concerts, and recreational activities. The town intends to rehabilitate the barn and transform it into a multi-purpose community gathering space. A Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grant is supporting a conditions assessment that will help the town prioritize repairs and plan for its new use.

Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi Tribal Headquarters, Swanton

100 Grand Avenue in Swanton consists of two historic buildings — a cast concrete former auto showroom and an associated multi-bay garage — that now serve as the Abenaki Nation of the Missisquoi's cultural, educational, and social services hub. A 2023 grant from the Paul A. Bruhn fund supported the essential consultation process for the redevelopment of the former garage building. Field service staff continue to provide technical assistance for the rehabilitation of the Community Center, and encouraged a 2024 application to PTV's 1772 Foundation Grant program.

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