

# Preservation-in-Progress

## Windham and Windsor 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 southeast 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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### Stellafane Clubhouse, Springfield

Perched on a rocky outcropping on Breezy Hill, the bright pink c.1923 Stellafane Clubhouse serves as the headquarters for the Springfield Telescope Makers, the oldest amateur group in the country devoted to building and using astronomical telescopes. Together with the nearby c.1930 observatory, the site is a National Historic Landmark. Despite attentive care by members of the group, the clubhouse suffers from deteriorated wood sheathing and sills from exposure to the elements. A Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grant is supporting a conditions assessment which will assist the group in planning for the repairs to this beloved building.



### Upper Valley Community Grange, Norwich

Efforts to preserve the historic Upper Valley Community Grange building in downtown Norwich led to the formation of a new community-centered nonprofit. A Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grant is supporting a conditions assessment that is helping the group plan for needed repairs including the restoration of the building's iconic two-story porch, which serves as the site of an annual holiday pageant.

### Windham Meeting House

For over 220 years, the Meeting House has been the focus of community life in Windham. Use has declined over the years, but the town, in partnership with the Friends of the Meeting House, has been working to engage the community in planning and new programming. Brunch and Brainstorm sessions are helping the Meeting House Committee identify priorities, which focus on preserving the building, expanding its use, and upgrading the kitchen to allow for more shared experiences. A Bruhn Revitalization grant is helping address ADA and code compliance issues, allowing the Meeting House to once again serve as the center of community and collaboration in Windham.



## Bellows Falls Community Bike Project

The Bellows Falls Community Bike Project builds community by providing low-barrier access to bikes and bike repair. The nonprofit is in the process of acquiring the Henry Street space it has rented for nearly a decade. The original late 19<sup>th</sup> century corner lot building burned down and was rebuilt in 1940's. PTV is providing technical assistance to the group as it plans for the continued use of this National Register listed building.

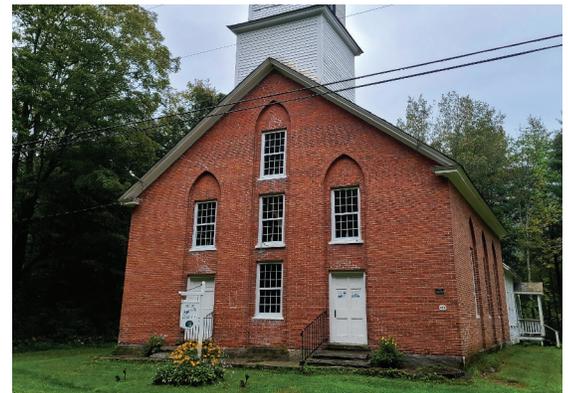


## SUSU Community Farm, Newfane

SUSU Community Farm in Newfane is an Afro-Indigenous stewarded farm committed to centering food and land sovereignty through educational opportunities, land-based relationships, and ancestral healing. A large former dairy barn is central to the farming operation. A barn assessment grant is supporting a conditions assessment, which will help the group plan for the preservation and continued use of the farm's critical infrastructure.

## Brookline Meetinghouse

The 1836 Brookline Meetinghouse has been serving the community for nearly a century and survives today in a terrific state of preservation. Grain-painted doors and pews in the main hall and a large attached community meeting room with a kitchen provide space for a variety of functions. A Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grant is supporting a conditions assessment to help the Meetinghouse Committee plan the next steps in their efforts to preserve the building so that it can serve the community for generations to come.



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