Preservation Trust of Vermont

2024 Annual Report

East Calais General Store

"Vermont's iconic landscape is dependent on thriving villages surrounded by rural landscape. PTV understands that general stores are the single most important thing to save in a village."

Marc Mihaly, volunteer with the East Calais Community Trust

When the East Calais General Store closed in December 2019, community members had already gathered their concerns and acted upon them. Earlier in the year they formed the East Calais Community Trust, a nonprofit with a mission to revitalize their small village north of Montpelier. Their first step was to get a $50,000 loan from Northfield Savings Bank for acquisition. "There is a moment when you need to take a risk," says Marc Mihaly. "One way or the other, we figured we would pay it off. We did."

Continuously operating since 1850, the East Calais General Store building had a decent roof but the systems were antiquated, the overall condition of the interior was rough, and the underground fuel tanks were in need of remediation. Initially, PTV served as a fiscal sponsor for the project, allowing them to jump-start their fundraising. Following acquisition, the group raised $2.7 million, including a Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grant and Community Supported Enterprise/HUD grant, both administered by PTV.

The project involved extensive restoration, deep energy retrofits, and ADA upgrades, resulting in the state's first all-electric, fossil fuel-free general store. The three attached affordable housing units are managed by Downstreet Housing, and now the store is once again serving as a hub for the community.

"The people of Calais, Woodbury, and, to some extent, East Montpelier want a local store. People come in and sit down, or grab and go," says Marc Mihaly. "It's a drop in the bucket for the need for affordable housing. Are we revitalizing our village? It's a step. When you create a Community Trust, you create a group of people who want to think about what is coming next. Now we are asking: what is our next project?"

HOW WE HELP

Facilitate Community Supported Enterprises

With the support of a Congressional Directed Spending award, we have helped communities form the necessary business structure to raise funds so that they can purchase real estate and equipment, and lease their place to an operator. It may be for a general store, a restaurant, a cafe, a pub, or something else the community needs to thrive. From July 2023 through June 2024, PTV supported 11 **Community Supported Enterprise** projects.

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One spring day when I was teenager, a friend and I paddled down the Passumpsic River from Burke to Lyndon. When we reached the Sanborn Covered Bridge, the snow melt had raised the river so high that we needed to lie down in the canoe to make it under the bridge. The high water was thrilling.

Times have changed. This summer, two separate floods wracked the Sanborn Bridge, one of the last remaining Paddleford Truss bridges in the state. These floods nearly sank a multi-year effort (supported by the Preservation Trust and others) to save and restore the bridge for community use. When the water level dropped, PTV's staff jumped into action. In partnership with state and federal entities, we accelerated the pace of the project to boom the bridge off the river so it could be saved. Our next step is to ensure that the restored bridge can return to the river and that the restored floodplain directs water away from the village. To do so will require that we find a balance point between a past that defines who we are as Vermonters and a future shaped by climate change.

Projects like this are what we do. Every day. PTV doesn't just restore bridges, we build them — between what was and what can be. Between diverse (but not mutually exclusive) interests. Between neighbors. Between generations. The following pages share stories of this work, and the connections made. It's just a sampling: PTV worked on 264 projects in 152 communities last year!

When you support PTV, you shore up the abutments and strengthen the timbers of Vermont's historic built environment. You affirm our collective commitment to resiliency and community. You, too, build the bridge.

Thank you for your interest in PTV's work and your support in making it happen.

Ben Doyle

Ben Doyle, President

Burlington Friends Meeting House

"We want our building and property to continue to serve not only us in the future, but all those we invite in to share this space. There is a lot of wonderful work that happens here."

Helen Head, volunteer

On Friday afternoons at the Burlington Friends Meeting House, the Small Potatoes program prepares sandwiches that will be served the next day at the First Congregational Church, filling a critical gap when the food shelf is closed. On Thursdays during the school year, the Freedom Finders Collective, a group of parents and loved ones of Black children, gather to learn and play. On other days, there are therapy and climate action groups, nonprofit retreats, Narcotics Anonymous meetings, Ward One Neighborhood Planning Assembly meetings, and more. All use the spaces in the c. 1850 house and carriage barn owned and operated by the Burlington Friends.

Located on North Prospect Street, the buildings were constructed by the family of Mary Martha Fletcher, one of Burlington's early philanthropists, and acquired a century later by Society of Friends member and Vermont historian Thomas Seymour Bassett. The Friends group has been meeting in the carriage barn ever since, actively practicing the Quaker testimonies of integrity, equality, simplicity, community, stewardship of the Earth, and peace.

"People rent indoor and outdoor spaces for weddings, memorial services, bat and bar mitzvahs, and family reunions," says Helen Head, Co-Presiding Clerk of Burlington Friends Meeting. "It's important not only to sustain the historical property of the building, but also to strengthen the space that is so dear to us."

A recent grant from PTV's Robert Sincerbeaux Fund provided matching funds for a building condition assessment, which determined that the beloved house and carriage barn are well taken care of on the surface but suffer from deferred maintenance. The assessment will help with the strategy and fundraising necessary to make repairs and develop a maintenance plan for this valuable community resource.

HOW WE HELP

Provide Technical Assistance and Encouragement

Named for our first benefactor, the **Robert Sincerbeaux Fund** grants provide a little seed money and a lot of encouragement to help projects get off the ground. The RSF grants are used for conditions assessments or any other technical assistance, such as fundraising consultation, feasibility assessments, and other project development activities. Our **Flood Relief Fund** supports projects in need of post-flood assessments or related work. From July 2023 through June 2024, PTV supported 40 projects with RSF grants and 18 projects with flood relief grants.

Walker Memorial Building & Maclure Library, Pittsford

HOW WE HELP

Preserve Historic Exteriors

The **1772 Foundation**, based in Providence, RI, plays a leading role in promoting historic preservation nationwide. From July 2023 through June 2024, the 1772 Foundation worked with the Preservation Trust of Vermont to award and administer new grants totaling $125,000 to 14 nonprofit organizations for exterior historic preservation projects.

"Taking care of this library is a huge personal priority for me. I want it to be as perfect as it was when I was a kid. A safe space for kids. I want to continue to provide that."

Liz Soulia, Assistant Librarian

It's hard not to notice that Pittsford's Walker Memorial Building is a gem. For more than a century, the 1895 Romanesque Revival building, which houses the Maclure Library, has served patrons in Brandon, Florence, and North Chittenden.

Today, it isn't all just about books: librarians all over the state spend time helping lower-income patrons fill out housing applications, teaching older patrons how to use technology, and helping all ages navigate a myriad of social services. Additional programs in Pittsford include yoga, a cookbook club, Audubon Society birding activities, summer reading programs for kids and adults, and more.

Making patrons feel comfortable is a top priority, but having the funds to address energy and sound improvements at this scale is a challenge. Two phased grants from PTV in partnership with the 1772 Foundation, in addition to ARPA and other funds, have enabled the fabrication and installation of 38 custom mahogany exterior storm windows for the original historic windows.

"The energy and heating improvements are obvious," says Assistant Librarian Liz Soulia. "Being right on the side of Route 7 also affects the quality of patrons' time in terms of noise. It's been a huge improvement."

Granville Corner School Resource Center

"We have inherited the legacy of the people who built these buildings—the faith, belief, pride, and public resources. If we ignore it, all that love just runs away. By putting the same commitment into our public spaces as they did, we keep a community together investing in each other."

Kate Youngdahl Stuass, volunteer

One of the few Vermont one-room schoolhouses still open to the public, the Granville Corner School was actively used as a classroom until 1948 and then as the town library into the 1990's. This building had fallen into disrepair by the time the nonprofit Corner School Resource Center acquired it from the town in 2012. Initially, stabilization and the structural integrity of the building were the group's top priorities. From clearing out fifty years of library books to patching the roof and shoring up the crumbling foundation, they tackled the unglamorous grunt work, almost entirely through volunteer effort. A PTV Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grant supported a condition assessment, enabling a concrete path forward in the building's rehabilitation. Other grants, including a 1772 Foundation grant administered by PTV, soon followed to help with a new foundation and sills, the restoration of the windows, installation of new entry doors, a heat pump, public high-speed internet, ADA access, upgraded electricity, and custom storms and interior window treatments.

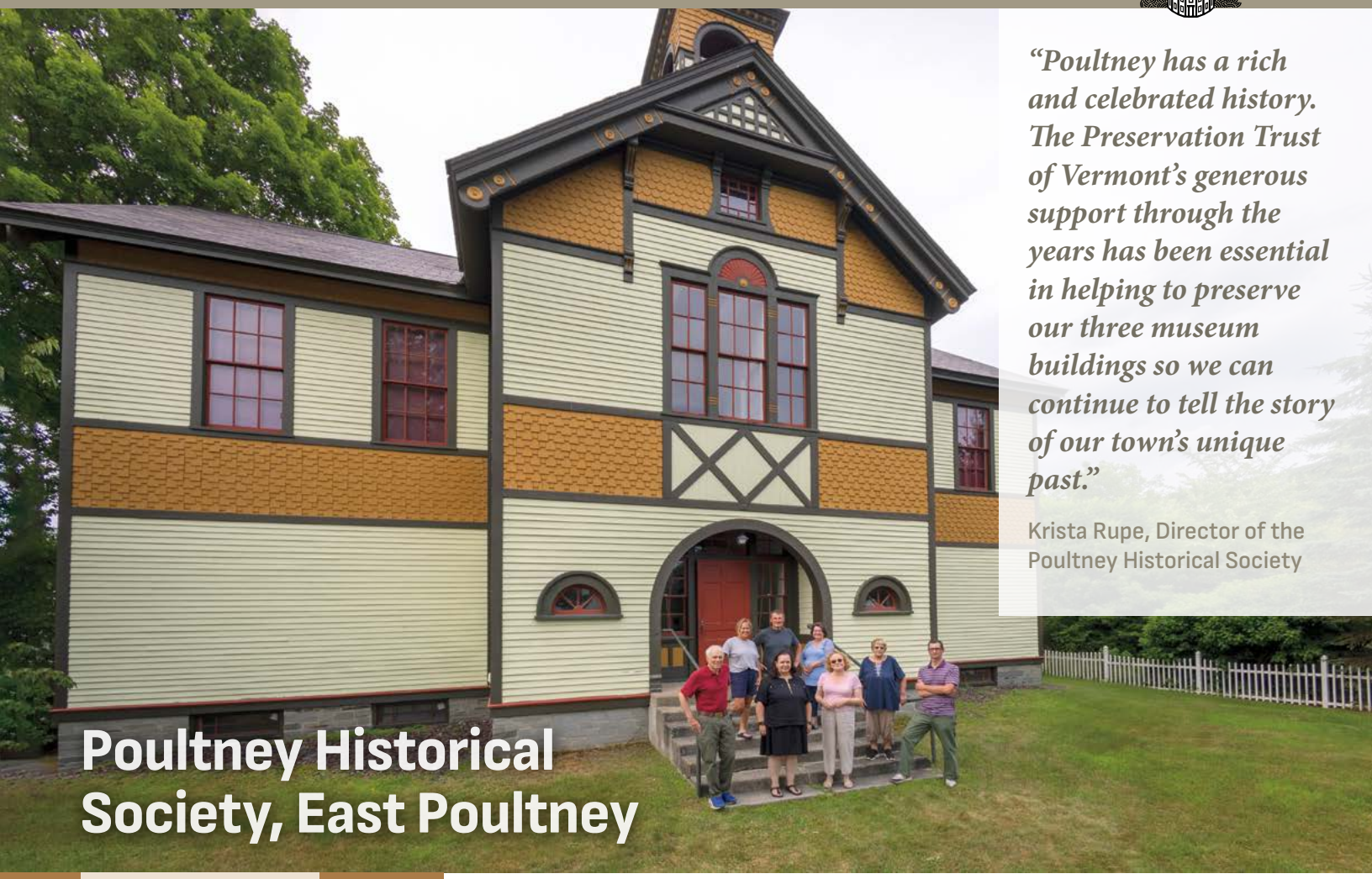
The group now offers dynamic programs that include naturalist workshops, an annual community art show, a popular course in memoir writing, the debut of a documentary about Granville hill farmers, a children's literacy program, summer camps, and more.

"We've worked really hard to build community and get people to understand that it wasn't just about putting a coat of paint on a building," says Kate Youndahl Stauss. "A building by itself is not interesting unless people use it. We honor those people back in the 19th century by renovating it."

HOW WE HELP

Celebrate Excellence in Preservation

Our **Preservation Awards** honor exemplary projects and individuals who have made a major contribution to the preservation of Vermont's historic resources. In 2024, we honored Putnam Block, Bennington; Dinny Hawksworth, Enosburg; Corner School Resource Center, Granville; Broad Brook Community Center, Guilford; Woolson Block, Springfield; Old North End Community Center, Burlington; Fairbanks Museum, St. Johnsbury; and the Community of Calais.



"Poultney has a rich and celebrated history. The Preservation Trust of Vermont's generous support through the years has been essential in helping to preserve our three museum buildings so we can continue to tell the story of our town's unique past."

Krista Rupe, Director of the Poultney Historical Society

Poultney Historical Society, East Poultney

HOW WE HELP

Focus on People AND the Places

With the generous support of the Johnson Family Foundation, the **Essential Character and Service Grant** program funds projects that combine the use of historic buildings with the provision of services that meet essential human needs in the areas of food security, childcare, health, and community engagement. From May 2023 through June 2024, PTV granted $20,000 to three preservation projects.

Who would have guessed that two teenagers in the small town of East Poultney would go on to lead two of the world's most prestigious newspapers? Horace Greeley, an apprentice at Poultney's *Northern Spectator*, founded the *New York Tribune* in 1841, and his friend George Jones would go on to co-found the *New York Times* in 1851.

The Poultney Historical Society keeps important stories and records like this alive. Housed in the large former grade school in East Poultney, the historical society also provides programs for fourth and fifth graders on local history, helps genealogists with their quests, hosts East Poultney Day and Vermont Humanities lectures, partners with other area organizations like Stone Valley Arts, and more.

To offer programs and maintain collections requires upkeep on the shell that houses them, including regular maintenance and repair of its slate roof, polychromatic color scheme, and large original windows. Collections also demand clean, humidity-controlled spaces. When foundation and rear wall instability threatened their building, PTV provided a grant in partnership with the Johnson Family Foundation to address the concerns before things got desperate.

"For everyone who comes through town, this is a place to stop," says Krista Rupe. "Former residents, students who went to school here, even former Green Mountain College students can come see our new archive of materials from the college. We get excited every time we get the opportunity to do something, even little things that people don't see. They are just as important as the big things."

SUSU commUNITY Farm, Newfane

"Everyone says it takes a village, but what does it take to make a village? How do we invest in creating that village? We strive to make every decision from a place of dignity and integrity, moving slowly and intentionally, to build something that can breathe life into our vision."

Naomi Doe Moody, Co-Director of the SUSU commUNITY Farm

Founded in 2020, SUSU commUNITY Farm is a 37-acre farm located along the West River in southeastern Vermont, with a unique mission to create a place for people of the global majority to gather and thrive in safety, dignity, and belonging. Their main program is a CSA that offers free, culturally relevant African diasporic crops, supplemented with foods from local farms, to 60 families of color in Windham County. Additional programs include food-as-medicine cooking classes, a "Grief Garden" program designed to support people of the African diaspora to process grief and racial trauma, and "Unbodying Supremacy, Weaving Connection," which supports self-identified white community members to confront the impacts of racialized trauma.

Essential to their work is building — and rebuilding — a connection to land and the healing powers of food. For this they need dry, rodent-proof, accessible, and safe storage as well as more event space. A recent PTV Barn Grant for their 19th-century timber frame bank barn funded a condition assessment that identified areas of the foundation, framing, and windows that need work. The report will form a road map to raise funds for the barn's restoration.

"We are located here in a super beautiful place on the land, and we get to practice generative conflict, move through trauma, and build the skills we need to transform the things in our culture that cause harm," says Amber Arnold, co-director of the SUSU commUNITY Farm. "I feel passionate about being part of the project, transforming all the things that don't work, and building the world we do want to exist in."

HOW WE HELP

Help Barn Owners Plan

Our **Barn Assessment Grant** program offers small planning grants to help with conditions assessments for historic barns. These grants connect barn owners with barn experts to help understand and prioritize repair and restoration. From July 2023 through June 2024, PTV granted 10 barn assessment grants.

Hale-Brodne House, Chelsea

HOW WE HELP

Revitalize Rural Communities

The **Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant** program was created by Senator Patrick Leahy in 2019 to support rural revitalization of historic properties of national, state, and local significance. The federal grant program aims to restore, protect, and foster economic development in rural villages and downtown areas throughout the country. From July 2023 through June 2024, PTV awarded a total of $625,000 to eight projects in Vermont.

"As a nonprofit, so often we are in a position to choose between program work and building work. It's amazing to have grant funding to go to for building work. We feel really grateful for that."

Jessie Schmidt, Executive Director of the Orange County Restorative Justice Center

Just a few years ago there were plans to have the Hale-Brodne House on the green in Chelsea demolished. The adjacent Orange County Courthouse had acquired the lot for parking. But just prior to the demolition, Assistant Judge Joyce McKeeman reached out to the nonprofit Orange County Diversion Program to see if they had any interest in taking over the care and upkeep of the building in exchange for using the space. The board jumped at the opportunity, and made plans to operate their Restorative Justice Center out of the c. 1850 Greek Revivial-style house.

Facilitating community justice is hard work. Jessie Schmidt, director of the Orange County Restorative Justice Center, leads a team of eight employees and 30 volunteers to work with youth and adults who have been involved with the family or criminal justice system. Some are youth at risk, others have been charged with a crime or delinquency, others are working on repairing harm post-conviction, and still others are transitioning from prison. Volunteers help people understand why they did what they did, and how to make amends. They assist people going through the court process and are actively engaged with mental health and substance abuse programs.

"So many of the people we work with have been caught up in institutions their entire lives," says Jessie. "To have a beautiful, well-maintained place that doesn't feel institutional where they are receiving services makes our job easier."

A recent Bruhn Revitalization Grant has helped with painting and window restoration, and a grant from the Division for Historic Preservation has helped complete the window restoration.

"People feel that this is a different place, and they will be treated differently. We want to know what their goals are. This environment supports that feeling in them."

Squire House, Bennington

HOW WE HELP

Support Transformative Projects

When PTV believes a project will positively transform a town or region, we take action. We readily advocate on a local, state, and national level to leverage other major funding sources to bring the project to completion and put it in service to the community. PTV finds funds or donors, or uses discretionary funding outside our normal grantmaking, for this kind of nimble work.

"Beautiful historic buildings make people feel loved. Everyone deserves to be loved."

John Rogers, Elder at Mission City Church

John Rogers, elder and former pastor of Bennington's Mission City Church, says it plainly: everyone is affected by substance abuse disorder. For those who have gone through recovery programs, providing safe housing with continuing access to recovery resources is essential to staying substance free.

Shires Housing's Director of Housing Development, Kate Cooper, brought the rehabilitation of the 1887 Queen Anne-style Squire House over the finish line to its ribbon cutting in June 2024. With three units and seven bedrooms total, the Squire House will serve up to nine women (and their children) in the process of recovery. The restored building is in the heart of downtown, within walking distance to key amenities like the market, the post office, the recreation center, and more. A grant from PTV's Southern Vermont Fund helped support rehabilitation costs.

"We are providing something that doesn't currently exist in Bennington County. It's a much-needed amenity that will help family members and neighbors get on the right track," says Kate. "And it's not just that apartments were made, the architects and builders have created a safe, beautiful refuge for people who are in crisis. As a community, if we can't take care of those who are most vulnerable, we can't move forward. It's right for us to reinvest in our people and take care of them."

Danville Train Station, Danville

"Re-creating the depot as a hub will support Danville's plans for economic growth and strengthening the ties between its villages. The station is a common good, and as such will be an important catalyst to bringing the residents of Danville together. All boats of Danville will rise!"

Michael Hogue, Train Station Coordinator

Completed in 1872, the Danville Train Station is largely still in its original condition, on what is now the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. One room was the passenger area including the agent's office, and the other was the freight room. When it was first built, the station was key to connecting the villages and supporting the Danville economy, and had a real cultural impact.

Renovation work, supported in part by a PTV Preservation Grant in partnership with the Freeman Foundation, is expected to be completed in the fall of 2024. The station will keep the historic passenger area with its original pine paneling intact and have rotating exhibits from the historical society and an ADA bathroom. The former freight room will also have an ADA bathroom, rental e-bikes, grab-and-go food, and a trail-related gear shop.

"We see this project as an opportunity to capture a position in the recreation economy in Vermont. There are an enormous number of gravel bike roads in Danville," says Michael Hogue. "We feel strongly that the Danville Train Station can have the same economic and cultural impact it had a century ago. As a hub, we are building plans to map out all Danville has to offer, including a map of bike trails, historic sites, and kiosks for where to go and what to do."

HOW WE HELP

Partner with Foundations

Collaboration, respect, and an eye for impact are the focal points for PTV's work with the many foundations that support preservation in Vermont. Through our decades-long partnership with the Freeman Foundation, PTV has been able to grant more than $12 million in **Preservation Grants** to projects in every Vermont county. These projects are part of more than $140 million in total project costs. From July 2023 through June 2024, PTV has granted a total of $350,000 in Preservation Grants for seven projects in the Northeast Kingdom.

Preserving Sacred Places

Vermont's historic villages and downtowns are filled with steeples. Each belongs to a building that has served as a center for community and religious life for generations. Even as practices for worship change in Vermont, churches, synagogues, mosques, and sacred places play a critical role in the health and wellness of Vermont communities. They often act as overflow shelters for our most vulnerable citizens or as gathering places for cultural performances or events. Architecturally, they can be defining landmarks in a community. At the same time, these buildings are challenging to maintain, especially in light of dwindling church-going populations.

The Preservation Trust has worked successfully for decades with communities to save these sacred places. Sometimes it is helping them get a new roof in place to protect the structure while they figure out what is next, like the Fox Memorial Chapel in Lunenberg. Other times it is supporting interior renovations like those at the Peacham Congregational Church, which recently added an expanded day care center to their community offerings. Sometimes it is reinvention, like the Arlington Common, which is in the process of repurposing the former Catholic Church into a cultural center. In each case, our goal is to help communities put these structures in service to the people of their area, whether it be as a church, an art gallery, a food shelf, a concert hall, a day care center, or something communities have yet to imagine.

We also recognize that the issue of underutilized sacred spaces will only become more acute in the coming years. PTV is on-the-ground listening, having new conversations, building partnerships, and seeking out opportunities that can help bring renewed life to Vermont's important yet at-risk sacred places.

Immediate, On-Site Assistance

Our Field Staff regularly responds to calls from churches and other sacred places needing help with their aging structures. A conversation with a preservationist can help clarify next steps, result in a

referral to expert carpenters, engineers, or steeplejacks, or help identify funding sources to help address immediate needs. Often, a site visit leads to a small matching grant for a condition assessment to help the church leadership understand and prioritize necessary work. Over the last year, our Field Staff helped more than 20 sacred places with technical assistance.

Strategic Guidance

For many years, the Preservation Trust has hosted a two-day retreat at the Grand Isle Lake House specifically for sacred places. In 2024, with support from the Adelard A. and Valeda Lea Roy Foundation, we took the Sacred Places retreat on the road to southern Vermont. PTV staff, along with assistance providers from the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, Vermont Interfaith Power & Light, and Partners for Sacred Places, met in Bennington with 15 individuals from nearby counties for a day-long retreat to dive in, explore partnerships for sacred places, and envision new uses for underutilized buildings.

Finding the Funds

Over the last year, we awarded nine Robert Sincerbeaux Fund Condition Assessment grants to church buildings. Once the building's condition is known, our Field Staff helps groups think through the next steps and potential funding. We also awarded three major Preservation Grants to sacred places in the Northeast Kingdom through our partnership with the Freeman Foundation.

Advocating for the Long View

There are occasions when a few passionate individuals are not quite enough to save a threatened sacred place. In such situations, PTV steps in to help advocate for saving the building through strategic conversation, providing testimony at municipal or state review meetings, or helping with legal or other fees. Over the past year, we helped stop the planned demolition of St. Stephen's Church in Winooski by supporting a community group's legal fees through the Paul A. Bruhn Fund.

In April 2019, the Benson Village Store burned down. A committed group of citizens is working to rebuild their community hub. They are among the first cohort of seven to be selected to participate in the Village Trust Initiative.

The Village Trust Initiative Update

With support of a Congressionally Directed Spending award made possible by Senator Leahy, the Village Trust Initiative (VTI) is a new collaboration among PTV, the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD), and the Vermont Community Foundation (VCF). Our collective goal is to strengthen rural communities by helping identify and implement revitalization projects in historic villages. This will be achieved through the creation of individual "community trusts," structured to own and rehabilitate real estate immediately and complete any number of revitalization projects into the future.

When the program launched in May 2024, a whopping 70 communities expressed interest in applying. Project ideas ranged from reopening general stores, to rehabbing village housing, to developing community centers or cafes.

In August, seven communities were selected as the first of three cohorts to receive funding. The communities range in project type, project scale, project readiness, community need, community readiness, and geographical spread. All seven of the projects have the power to transform a village. Communities that were invited to submit a full application, but are not part of the first cohort, will still be supported by PTV and VCRD in other ways to keep moving forward with their work.

At PTV, we know it takes a village. The Village Trust Initiative program will meet each community where it is, helping the working group to develop the community trust as the mechanism through which each project will bloom. When ready, implementation grants of up to $500,000 will be awarded to each project.

More highlights from the year

In-Person Retreats

One of the core programs PTV offers communities is our Preservation Retreats at the Grand Isle Lake House. Preservation Retreats are an immersive adult learning experience designed to support anyone undertaking or considering a community development or historic preservation project. PTV hosted seven retreats from July 2023 through July 2024. Additionally, our Field Staff took the retreat concept on the road to Bennington to help far-afield groups in Bennington, Windham, and Rutland counties. The retreats served 97 individuals from 64 communities and engaged both statewide and national partners.

Immediate Flood Response

Following the July 2023 floods in northern Vermont, Flood Assessment grants were provided to 18 properties in five of the most heavily flood-impacted towns. The match for this type of grant was waived thanks to philanthropic support. These assessments included detailed reporting on the nature of the flooding, how that flooding impacted the building, and recommendations for mitigating future flooding events.

Visit Projects in the Field

Our staff travels year-round to every corner of the state, meeting leaders, groups and individuals on-site to help understand their special places and get them moving in the right direction. In 2023, we worked on 264 projects in 152 communities.

Successful June 2024 Conference

Bellows Falls hosted this year's Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference. Presented by PTV and the Vermont Department of Housing & Community Development in partnership with the Town of Rockingham, Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance, and Vermont Arts Council, the conference included inspiring presentations and local tours of historic, architectural, and cultural sites, plus more than 20 sessions on topics ranging from community resilience, housing, current research on the Kchi Pôntegok Petroglyph Project project, the creative economy, and more. More than 300 people participated.

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Thanks to our generous donors, the Paul A. Bruhn Fund was established in 2020 in honor of PTV's former president. The fund, today valued in excess of $1 million, supports the kind of nimble work that Paul was a pro at: a small grant, strategically given at the right time, to meet an unmet need or nudge an effort in the right direction. Among the 23 efforts we supported in 2023 are renovations of the Abenaki Nation of the Missisquoi Cultural Center, legal support to fight the demolition of St. Stephens Church in Winooski, and pre-development work for the restoration of a commercial building in downtown Newport.

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Serving and Giving

Sarah Muyskens and Michael Green, Burlington

After an early career working for Yale University and the Wilderness Society, Sarah moved to Vermont to join her husband Michael in 1987. While Michael practiced law in Burlington, Sarah immediately began working on fundraising efforts for organizations she believed in. Soon she began a long career of serving on more than 30 boards, including the Vermont Natural Resources Council, ECHO Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, and (in the early days) the Preservation Trust, where she was instrumental in developing PTV's "Founders Circle" level of donors. Recently she has helped both Burlington's Lost Mural Project and Redstone Cottage raise funds for preservation and renovation. "I love history and historic preservation. It's my way of giving back."

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Meg Heisse, Baltimore, MD

The Gift of Philanthropy

John W. Heisse Fund for Historic Preservation

John "Jack" Heisse loved history. At the end of a decades long career as an otolaryngologist in Burlington, Jack actively made plans to set up a fund at the Vermont Community Foundation to support his passions after he was gone. "Dad did this for a few reasons," says his daughter Meg Heisse of Baltimore, who with her late brother Jay Heisse and her cousin Jim Scurlock have acted as co-advisors for the John W. Heisse Fund for Historic Preservation. "Of course he loved history, but he also wanted to give us an opportunity to experience the joy and pleasure of philanthropy." In Vermont, the fund supported the restoration of the Lost Mural at the Ohavi Zedek Synagogue in Burlington, the repatriation of Abeneki artifacts in Franklin County, PTV's work providing flood assessments in 2023, and recently supported a growing PTV fund for Lyndon's covered bridges. "Dad was passionate not just about the when, but the who, how, and why of historic structures. He would be thrilled."

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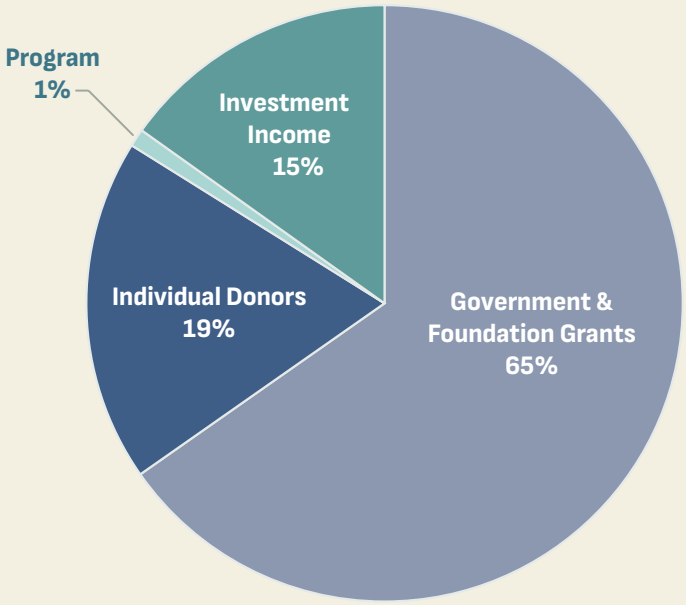

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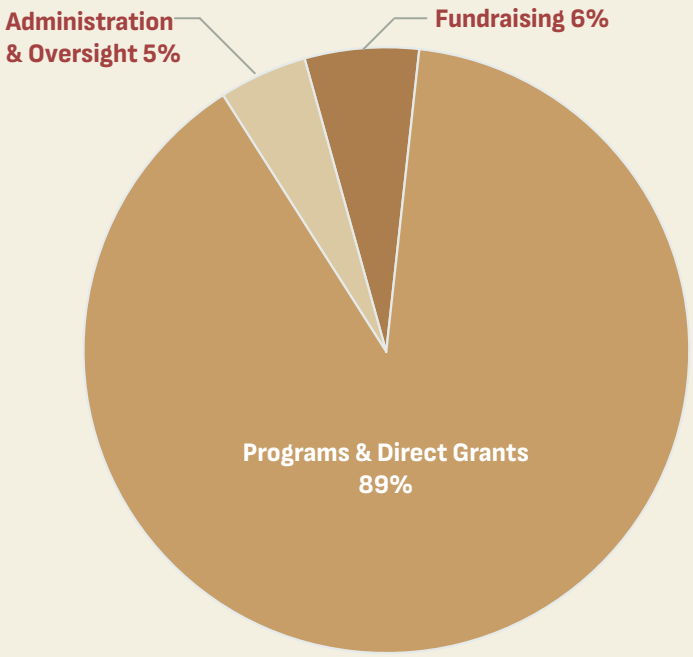

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ASSETS

Cash and money market funds	270,625
Grants and contributions receivable	180,000
Other receivables	62,244
Program-related investments	1,494,064
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trust	135,280
Investments, at fair market value	7,875,008
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	1,367,235
Right of use asset	822,339
TOTAL ASSETS	$12,206,795

LIABILITIES

Notes payable and advances from individuals	142,671
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	31,292
Grants received in advance, refundable	1,474,201
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$1,648,164

NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions	6,178,239
With donor restrictions	4,380,392
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$10,558,631

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	$12,206,795

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Living and Loving Village Life

Vikas Mangipudi and Debbie Krugipudi, Richmond

A loan officer for the Cooperative Fund for the Northeast, Vikas works daily to help worker-owned and community-run businesses succeed. Together with his wife Debbie, a researcher for an international strategic consulting firm, they live in an 1890s fixer-upper in the village of Richmond. When they take their three-year-old son, Johannes, to school, they actively appreciate the beauty and walkability of the town; they pass the hardware store, the grocery store, the village green, the bridge, and the Round Church. "Historic buildings are what give the town character. When you see people actively using these places, a cool thing happens." Their donation to PTV is matched by Debbie's employer, doubling their annual contribution — and their satisfaction!