

Preservation-in-Progress

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Preservation isn't about pickling the past, it's about preserving a future where neighbors and friends can come together in the places that have served them for generations. We thought you would enjoy learning about some interesting projects in progress right now in central Vermont. Friends like you supported 362 preservation projects in 155 communities this past year.

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1 Brewster Uplands Barn, Cambridge

PTV is working with the Vermont Land Trust, which owns this modest early 18th century hand-hewn English bank barn, to have a condition assessment completed. The barn contains a unique all-wood hoist in its rafters that was used to lift heavy loads. This assessment will help VLT plan for the barn's preservation, which, when completed, will provide needed dry storage and workspace.



2 Noyes House Museum, Morrisville

The Noyes House is a beautifully preserved in-town homestead with an 1820s federal brick house, rear ell, and attached barn, which has served as a museum since 1952. The town and Historical Society have steadily repaired the building over the past decade and are



ready to look ahead to future phases of work. A 2022 Robert Sincerbeaux Fund general assessment laid the groundwork, and now PTV is working with the town to update the recommendations and explore funding sources to support the repairs.



4 Aldrich Public Library, Barre

The Aldrich Public Library, 1907-08, has served as a resource for learning and community gathering in the heart of downtown Barre for over a century. A 1772 Foundation and a Vermont Historic Preservation Grant are supporting the restoration of the library's original paired front doors so they may continue to welcome visitors for generations to come. The project will be completed in time for the Barre Heritage Festival.

3 Wolcott Schoolhouse

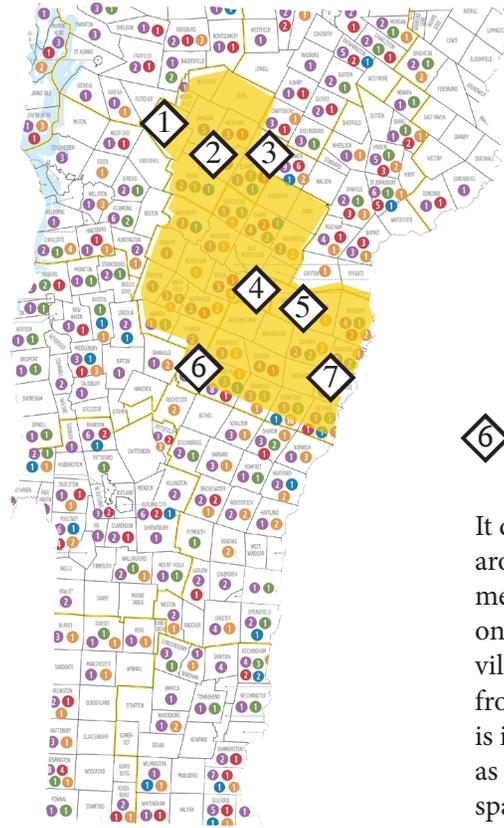
The community of Wolcott has been wondering what to do with the former schoolhouse for over a decade. Involvement with PTV's Village Trust Initiative has helped the community to quickly realize that the schoolhouse building could provide a brighter, larger space for their library and free up the current library space to become a community café adjacent to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. PTV will continue to work with the community for the coming years.





5 West Topsham Community Hall

A Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grant has helped the Town of Topsham hire an architect and engineer to complete general assessments of this once-hopping community space. Built by volunteers in 1953, the West Topsham Community Hall was the site of countless dances, honky-tonks, and community suppers until its use declined in the 1980s and 1990s. Today a strong effort is underway to make the hall hop once again, and PTV is providing support along the way.



6 Snowville Community Trust, Braintree

It doesn't take much to get a whole community rallying around a project. Initiated by two stalwart community members, the Snowville Community Trust has taken on the mission of revitalizing this small unincorporated village in Braintree. With the help of technical assistance from PTV's Village Trust Initiative, the Community Trust is investigating several buildings as potential sites — such as the Snowville Hotel pictured above — for a community space, café, potential housing development, and overall economic development in the village.



7 Bean Hall, West Fairlee

The three-story Bean Hall commands attention and makes you wonder what is next for this very large structure in the middle of the village. Built in 1845, it functioned as a hotel until 1926, after which it changed hands many times and was mostly used for housing. In the early 2000s the building went up for tax sale and has sat vacant except for use as storage space. The West Fairlee Community Trust is working to shape the future uses of this building, as a Village Trust Initiative project, and develop a scope of work for taking on a project of this size. No matter which way the project goes, bringing life back to this building will bring vitality to this village.



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