

# Preservation-in-Progress

## Windham and Windsor Counties SPRING 2025



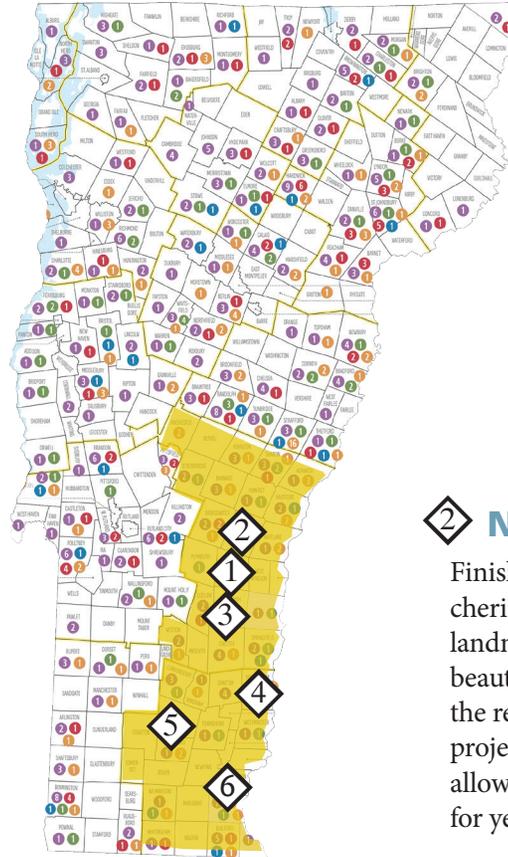
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Preservation isn't about pickling the past, it's about preserving a future where neighbors and friends can come together in the places that have served them for generations. We thought you would enjoy learning about some interesting projects in progress right now in southeast Vermont. Friends like you supported 362 preservation projects in 155 communities this past year. **Your donation today is vitally important to continue our work. Thank you for considering a gift!**



### 1 Reading Community Trust

The Reading Community Trust formed with the mission to improve the village through investment in its built environment. PTV's Village Trust Initiative is helping this group revitalize several empty buildings in the village for the future home of a general store and community space, and gather community ideas and input about the project.



### 2 Norman Williams Library, Woodstock

Finished in 1884, this iconic pink sandstone library is a cherished public resource and a National Register-listed landmark, named one of America's twenty-five most beautiful libraries. A 1772 Foundation grant is supporting the repointing and resetting of the library's stonework. This project will help maintain the library's historic integrity, allowing it to continue serving the Woodstock community for years to come.

### 3 Stone House Farm Snecked Ashlar Barn, Cavendish

This large barn in Proctorsville (a village in Cavendish) is unique for its snecked ashlar veneer at the ground level. A Barn Assessment Grant connected the owner with a timber frame restoration professional in southern Vermont who completed an in-depth assessment. Comprised of two barns of differing ages, the structure requires significant restoration, and PTV is supporting the owner's efforts to phase that work in a manageable way.

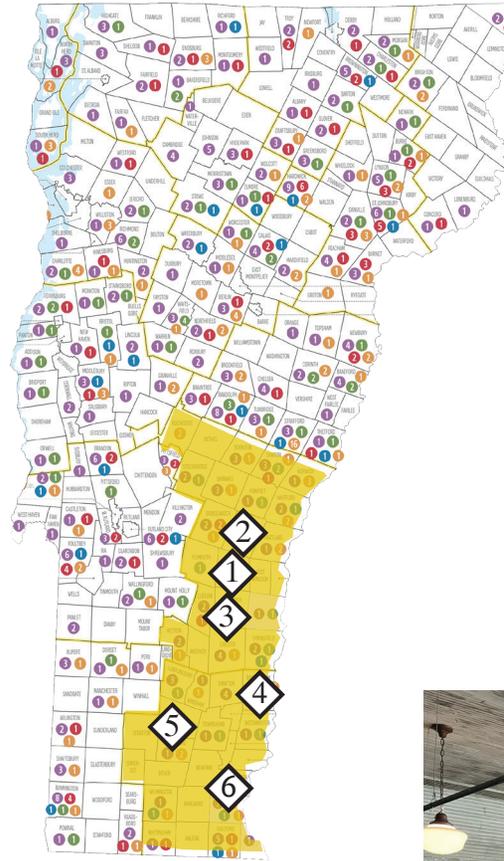
#### 4 Miss Bellows Falls, Rockingham

Miss Bellows Falls Diner, built by the Worcester Lunch Car Company in 1941, is a rare example of a pre-streamlined diner. It is the second diner in the US to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The community group Rockingham for Progress purchased the building in 2023 and is spearheading its restoration. A Bruhn Grant from PTV is supporting essential restoration efforts to revive this cherished piece of American diner history.



#### 6 Naulakha, Dummerston

A National Historic Landmark, Naulakha was built for Rudyard Kipling in 1892 and is currently operated as one of a handful of short- and long-term rentals owned by the Landmark Trust. This project was a recipient of a USDA Rural Business Development Grant to help explore innovative historic preservation stewardship models. PTV is supporting the project with grant management services.



#### 5 Rawsonville School House, Jamaica

The long shuttered Rawsonville School House in Jamaica survives in a remarkable state of preservation, with little changed from its 1870s construction date, including boys and girls privies! The Town of Jamaica, owner of the building, is working with the local historical society to plan for the future. A Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grant has helped hire a preservation carpenter from southern Vermont to complete a condition assessment that will guide preservation priorities.



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