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COMMENTARY

Endangered Vermont: Compromise will Produce a Great Solution

by Paul Bruhn, Executive Director of the Preservation Trust of Vermont

Once again the National Trust for Historic Preservation has given Vermont a wake up call. It's a gift that we should use well. We were put atop the National Trust's list of Eleven Most Endangered Historic Places because of the threat of mega big boxes and Wal-Mart's desire to build seven 150,000 square foot stores around the state.

What's the threat? Disinvestment in downtowns, sprawl, undermining the sense of community and loss of civic discourse that comes with great public places (this issue isn't just about dollars and cents), loss of locally owned businesses, loss of local and regional identity, and undermining the Vermont "brand."

Though we might sometimes take our special place for granted, Vermont is worthy of extraordinary efforts to make sure we grow in ways that do not undermine the essential character of the state. In 2004 Vermont received another designation -- National Geographic Traveler Magazine named Vermont as one of the World's 50 Greatest Destinations. Only nine places in all of North America were included in the list. It would be hard to overstate the ultimate economic value of being one of the World's Greatest Destinations.

That said, we do have a dilemma. Since several Ames Stores closed a few years ago, residents in several communities feel like they do not have places to buy basic goods, close to home, at inexpensive prices. We absolutely understand.

So how can those needs be met in a way that does not undermine the vitality of our downtowns, spoil our countryside, and destroy our locally owned economy?

One answer is within an hour or two from where you live. In Rutland, there is a good compromise and a terrific solution. It's a 70,000 square foot Wal-Mart located in the center of downtown. We actually worked closely with Wal-Mart and local officials to make the project happen in 1997. It's a solution that meets consumer needs, strengthens the downtown, and is small enough so that homegrown businesses can survive. Similar solutions will work in other downtowns.

As special as Vermont is, it is also fragile. Carefully done, we can have growth without spoiling our nest. We can make sure that consumers have what they need, and strengthen our downtowns and community centers. We can support our homegrown, locally owned businesses. It's not easy work, but with some hard work and a collaborative spirit, I bet we can do it!

If we use the National Trust's gift wisely, we can sort out a future for our communities and state which will help us stay on the list of the World's Greatest Destinations.

Other Thoughts on Vermont

Additional commentaries on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's designation of Vermont as an Endangered Place are located on our website www.ptvermont.org. All three commentaries were aired on Vermont Public Radio in the month of June.

[Endangered Vermont?](#)

By Tom Slayton, Editor of Vermont Life Magazine

[A Wake-Up Call on Wal-Mart](#)

By Chester H. Liebs, landscape historian, professor emeritus of history at UVM and founding director of the University's Historic Preservation Program.

[Endangered Places](#)

By Jay Parini, poet, novelist and biographer who teaches at Middlebury College.

VERMONT NEWS

The Argosy Foundation to help the community of Ferrisburg Preserve the Ferrisburg Grange Hall.

The Ferrisburg Select Board is pleased to report that the Argosy Foundation [of Boston, Massachusetts] has awarded a \$75,000 matching grant to the Preservation Trust of Vermont to support the rehabilitation of the Ferrisburg Grange Hall for the town's new Town Offices and Community Center. The Argosy Foundation was very impressed with the community's commitment to the project, and was eager to support this important work.

One hundred and thirty four years ago a beautiful new building was constructed in the center of the town of Ferrisburg. Over the passage of time this building, a symbol of this community, has stood and still stands, square and true, a testament to the skill of the builders. Starting out life as a Congregational Church, we know it today as the Ferrisburg Grange Hall.

Today, the Ferrisburg Grange Hall, like so many of Vermont's historic buildings, is in need of major restoration. At the same time, Ferrisburg town offices are in a desperate need of enlargement. The plan that has evolved, after a decade of significant citizen participation, is to establish a new town office complex within the lower floor of the Grange Hall and construct a new addition on the west end of the building to house the new vault. The second floor would be restored to a multi-use community center. The entire historic building will be restored and continue to serve the town far into the future.

At the 2004 Town Meeting, the citizens of the Ferrisburg voted overwhelmingly to support a bond of \$350,000 toward the projected \$650,000 cost of the project. The State of Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, the Housing and Conservation Fund, The Preservation Trust of Vermont and others have already provided financial support for the project. The Ferrisburg Grange has donated the property to the town to facilitate the preservation of this important landmark.

The Argosy Foundation's challenge grant is a major contribution towards completing the project. Larry Simino, chairman of the Ferrisburg Select Board responded "On behalf of the citizens of Ferrisburg, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to Argosy Foundation and the Preservation Trust of Vermont for your efforts in obtaining this grant for the preservation and renovation of the Grange Hall. Needless to say, this assistance will have a major positive impact on our ability to complete this exciting project."

For More information, contact Paul Danyow at (802) 425-2126.

***Grants Awarded for Historic Agricultural Buildings
Advisory Council Approves \$155,000 to Preserve 19 Historical Structures***

The Division for Historic Preservation has awarded a total of \$155,000 in grants to restore and repair 19 agricultural buildings with historic significance in 19 communities throughout Vermont. Criteria for funding include the building's historic significance and condition, and its value as a local landmark.

"Vermont is recognized internationally for stewardship of both its natural and built environment. Barns are an important part of working landscape and if we can help owners keep them in use it benefits all Vermonters," said Jane Lendway, State Historic Preservation Officer.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation awarded 19 of the 55 applicants in a highly competitive selection process. The awards are as follows:

Thompson-Plunket Barn, Milton: \$10,000
 True-Love Farm Barn , Shaftsbury: \$10,000
 Bread & Puppet Theater, Glover: \$5,000
 Broad Meadow Farm Barn, Westminster: \$10,000
 Knapp-Pyles Barn, Jericho: \$10,000
 Bovin Farm Barn, Johnson: \$1,750
 Kennedy Barn & Silo, Glover: \$10,000
 Hook Barn, Jericho: \$8,000
 Karp Barn, Greensboro: \$10,000
 Elijah Wright Farm Barn, Shoreham: \$10,000
 Clark Granary, Cornwall: \$4,456
 Spotted Dog Farm Barn, Brandon: \$7,500
 Taylor Barn, Essex: \$10,000
 Red Farmhouse English Barn, Westminster: \$10,000
 Starr Farm Beach Barn, Burlington: \$9,663
 Marsh Brook Farm Barn, Rochester: \$10,000
 Boutin Dairy Barn, Williston: \$10,000
 Lyoncrest Farm Barn, Barton: \$7,000
 Robinson Sawmill, Calais: \$2,443

The Great Preservation Trust Travel Raffle

Last year's Great Travel raffle fundraiser was so successful and so much fun, that we're doing it again this year!

For \$100, your name will be put into a drawing to receive an all-expense paid National Trust for Historic Preservation Study Tour or \$10,000 in cash.

Runner-up prizes include a \$500 gift certificate to the Vermont Country Store; a \$250 gift certificate to the Inn at Shelburne Farms; tickets for two to the July 2005 Vermont Mozart Festival concert at the Grand Isle Lake House including dinner and overnight; tickets for two to the August 2005 Sterling Weed Big Band Swing Dance at the Grand Isle Lake House including dinner and overnight.

The drawing will take place Wednesday evening August 11, 2004 at the Sterling Weed Big Band Dance at the Grand Isle Lake House.

To purchase a ticket, contact meg@ptvermont.org or call (802) 442-8951. For more details about the event, visit our website http://www.ptvermont.org/travel_raffle.htm.

2004 Grand Isle Lake House Retreats

The Preservation Trust of Vermont's Lake House retreats are for groups working on an historic preservation or community revitalization project. These retreats are a group mentoring experience where each group is asked to present a 10 to 15 minute case study about a challenge they're facing related to their project, followed by group discussion and brainstorming/cross mentoring. The whole idea is to bring people together from around the state who are working on similar kinds of projects in order to take advantage of the collective experience and thinking. In addition, we have resource people at each retreat to join in the discussion. We try to have about 6-8 groups of 2-4 people representing each project. The goal is to boost projects along their timeline by strategically identifying resources, solving problems, garnering peer support, and generating self-confidence and momentum.

2004 Retreat Dates:

Aug. 10,11

Sept. 13,14 (emphasis on churches)

Oct. 12,13

Check-in at the Lake House is 3:00 and we finish by 2:00 the following afternoon. The Gannett Foundation and Burlington Free Press are generously underwriting the retreats so that the cost to participants for room and three meals is \$75/person for a shared room, \$100 for a single. There are a limited number of single rooms available on a first-come basis. For a preview of the Lake House, please see our web site:

http://www.ptvermont.org/lh_booklet.htm.

The retreats are part of the Preservation Trust's Field Service Program, a partnership of the Preservation Trust of Vermont and National Trust for Historic Preservation.

For more information, please contact our Field Representatives:

Ann Cousins @ 802-434-5014; ann@ptvermont.org or Doug Porter @ 802-644-2815; doug@ptvermont.org

A Letter from A Friend

Dear the Preservation Trust of Vermont,

Four members of the 9-member committee attended the Grand Isle Retreat in May of 2003 to explore ideas on how to structure our fund raising campaign to restore two former historic school buildings. One schoolhouse is now used as the Rupert Town Office; the other

building houses the Rupert Historical Society and the R.K. Kittay Public Library. These uses greatly benefit the community, but are in disrepair. They are both on the State Registry of Historic Sites.

The committee used many ideas gleaned from the Grand Isle Retreat, such as preparing a packet to quietly solicit funds from a selected list of residents (50 people) one on one before 'going public' with any general fund raising. The packet contained a cover letter, biography of each committee member, architect's findings (need for project), cost estimate of each item in need of repair, and a donation page with pledges for future years. We raised approximately \$34,000 before the end of the year. We have since held a bake sale, sold tee-shirts with the logo designed by one of Rupert's young people, prepared several grant applications, (have received a \$5000 grant toward installation of an elevator to the second floor Historical Society), sent out a general solicitation letter that included alumni of the Rupert schools, and have received several in-kind donations of labor and services. A major silent auction is in preparation for the fall of 2004.

The Preservation Trust has done a great service for Vermont by holding the Grand Isle Retreat. It gave us the encouragement we needed to get started. So many small communities with such willing volunteers shared their efforts and results with the retreat group that we went home with eagerness and resolve that has been constant throughout this past year and will continue.

Thank you and the staff of Vermont Preservation Trust.

Thelma Georgeson
Rupert, VT

Vermont State Historic Sites Open for the Season

On Saturday, May 29, the Vermont state-owned historic sites open for the 2004 season. These beautifully preserved gems tell the story of Vermont and our nation-- from the first inhabitants to the Vermonter who became our 30th president. Plan to visit this year and explore our fascinating past. Many special events are scheduled throughout the year.

Vermont's history goes back further than you may think. Exhibits in Addison's c.1780 Chimney Point Tavern on Lake Champlain recount the 12,000-year-old story of Native Americans as well as our French heritage, starting with lakeside settlement in the 1730s.

Did you know Vermont played a key role in American independence? Orwell's Mount Independence, the nation's best-preserved Revolutionary War site, was built in 1776 to protect America against British invasion from the north. When the British captured it in July 1777 American troops retreated to Hubbardton, where Green Mountain Boys fought to enable the main American force to head southward. This scenic Battlefield is hallowed ground, the site of Vermont's only Revolutionary War battle.

On August 16 Americans successfully fought British troops trying to capture desperately needed supplies in Bennington. These battles led to victory that October at Saratoga and to American independence. The 306 foot Bennington Battle Monument, the state's tallest structure, was completed in 1891 and offers glorious views from the top.

Did you know Vermont's Constitution, signed on July 8, 1777, at a Windsor tavern (the Old Constitution House), was the first to prohibit slavery, authorize a public school system, and establish universal manhood suffrage? Did you know the 1783 Hyde Log Cabin in Grand Isle is probably America's oldest log cabin and the 1785-90 Eureka Schoolhouse in Springfield is Vermont's oldest school?

Did you know millions of Americans owe their higher education to Strafford's Justin Smith Morrill, whose acts in the U.S. House and Senate established the land grant colleges? The outstanding 1840s Gothic Revival style homestead Morrill designed looks much as he left it.

Two U.S. presidents were native Vermonters-did you know? Fairfield's Chester Alan Arthur (b.1829) became president upon the fatal shooting of James Garfield and was a champion of civil rights and civil service reform. The Arthur site commemorates his life and career. America's best-preserved presidential site is the rural village of Plymouth Notch. Calvin Coolidge, born here in 1872, also became president here in a dramatic early morning inauguration on August 3, 1923, after President Harding's death.

You're invited to explore this fascinating heritage. For more information about hours of operation or for a calendar of events, contact John Dumville, 802-828-3051, john.dumville@state.vt.us or visit the sites online at www.HistoricVermont.org.

Thank You to All Who Helped with the Conference!

Thank you to all 225+ people who helped with and attended the May 21st Historic Preservation Conference in Bellows Falls. It was a delightful and inspiring day. Special thanks to Conference Coordinator Robert McBride whose capacity for getting one of the most creative conferences off the ground exceeded all expectations!

Two awards were presented at the conference, one to architect Daniel V. Scully for the Bellows Falls Waypoint Interpretive Center. The Waypoint Interpretive Center of the Connecticut River Scenic Byway is exceptional architecture that not only captures the spirit of Bellows Falls – its history and its renewal – but also sets a new standard for contemporary design that respects the past while looking towards the future. Stretching across the building is a powerful symbol of Bellows Falls history. The 145 foot long steel bridge brings back to memory the beloved Walpole Bridge, built in 1905 and destroyed in 1982. Beneath the bridge, the Center – with its railroad station features - surges forward behind the pull of an “engine.” The Waypoint Interpretive Center provides “renewal with a sense of style.”

The second award, the William Pinney Award, was presented to Senator Vince Illuzi for his longstanding and tenacious support of Vermont's historic resources, downtowns, and community-based organizations involved with historic preservation activity, as well as his efforts to minimize sprawl, concentrate state buildings in downtowns, and work for the continued use of historic schools for educational purposes.

The award was created in honor of William Pinney who passed away this spring. Bill was hired in 1967 and appointed Vermont's first SHPO, serving until his retirement in 1983. He started the Vermont state survey of historic resources, Vermont's National Register Program and grants program. He is responsible for construction of the visitor center at the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth, and instrumental in the acquisition of Mt. Independence and Chimney Point, important historic sites. In 1975 he shepherded the Vermont Historic

Preservation Act through the Legislature, creating the Division for Historic Preservation. He was a strong advocate for community preservation in Washington and as a result, Vermont received a proportionately high share of federal funding to state historic preservation offices for preservation projects in the 1970s and 1980s.

In 1976 Vermonters embraced the celebration of the nation's bicentennial, and the Division for Historic Preservation, under Bill's leadership, restored over 100 buildings throughout the state from Bellows Falls to Bennington, to Burlington to Brattleboro with a landmark \$1.2 million grant from the Economic Development Administration. This project put unemployed carpenters and other building trades back to work, demonstrating that rehab is labor intensive and resource conserving. Bill will be remembered for his tenacity in standing up for the laws that will protect our historic barns, houses, theaters, and commercial buildings for many generations to come.

Mark your calendar now for next year's conference to be held on Friday, May 6th, 2005 in Bennington.

Found at the Conference

Did you lose a pair of tortoise shell sunglasses in the downstairs bathroom of the Town Hall theatre -- the one by the Women's Club? If so, contact Scott McArdle to claim them: smcardle@vermontcf.org. 802-388-3355

New Exhibit Opening at American Precision Museum

The American Precision Museum in Windsor, Vermont presents a new exhibit *Building for Invention: The Machine Shops on Mill Brook*. The exhibit traces the history of operations at the Robbins and Lawrence Armory and immediate neighborhood on both sides of the Mill Brook, a hotbed of invention since the early 19th Century.

The exhibit opens on Saturday May 29.

Building for Invention will introduce visitors to the 1846 Armory building that houses the museum, and how the museum's collections came to hold such an important place in our country's industrial history. At this site, Robbins and Lawrence were the first to achieve interchangeability of parts on a fully practical level, providing the basis for all subsequent mass production of machine products. They created systematic improvement and refinement of existing standard and special-purpose machine tools, enabling them to perform with the close-limit precision essential for repeatability and thus interchangeability. This important story will be expanded in the exhibit, using reproductions of historic maps, photographs, advertisements, architectural drawings, and key artifacts from the collection including shop drawings from the museum's archives. The exhibit ties in with the museum's current focus, the restoration of the Armory, a National Historic Landmark.

The Armory is a classic example of a New England mill building, and many of its distinctive features are intact. The exhibit encourages discovery of the Armory's significant architectural elements and why they merit preservation. Last November, the prestigious Save Americas Treasures program awarded the museum a matching grant of \$200,000 to kick off the restoration. The immediate focus is on a new slate roof to match the deteriorated original, and restoration of the Armory's 166 historic windows. Ann Lawless, the Museum's director since March 2003, says We are very close to our \$400,000 goal, needed to complete the roof project in the 2004 construction season. We look forward to opening our doors to share the story of our buildings past, present, and its future with the museum's visitors.

Additional displays in the main exhibit hall feature the largest collection of historically significant machine tools in the nation, tracing their evolutionary

development from the earliest period. See planers, lathes, milling machines, rifles, models, and a working 19th century gun shop. Visit the children's activity area, the gift shop, and relax on the terrace overlooking the historic falls of Mill Brook.

Open daily 10-5 May 29-Oct 31. \$6 adults. PO Box 679, 196 Main St., Windsor VT 05089. On US Route 5, between Exits 8 and 9 off I91, at the south end of Windsors historic village center, just south of the Cornish Windsor Covered Bridge. 802-674-5781.

info@americanprecision.org. www.americanprecision.org.

Northern Forest Partnership Small Grants Program

The North East State Foresters Association and the Northern Forest Center are pleased to announce the first Northern Forest Partnership Small-Grants Program.

The Northern Forest Partnership Program is jointly administered by the North East State Foresters Association and the Northern Forest Center and made possible through a grant from the USDA Forest Service Economic Action Program and support from Senator Judd Gregg of New Hampshire. The Partnership Program grants will support innovative, community-generated projects that work in a forested landscape to promote diverse and sustainable economies.

The Partnership Program has \$70,000 available for grants of up to \$5,000 to support projects that strengthen local economies, communities and the environment. Non-profits, local government entities, and businesses are eligible to apply. Application deadline is June 30th, 2004. Applications and guidelines are available on-line at www.northernforest.org.

It is the intent of the Northern Forest Partnership Program to announce decisions by September 1.

The North East State Foresters Association is the State Foresters of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York cooperating with the US Forest Service State & Private Forestry. NEFA works to encourage sound decisions about the management and use of forest resources across Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York by identifying significant regional trends, broadening awareness of forest health and sustainability issues, providing a regional context for state and local decisions about forest resources, and analyzing the environmental, social, and economic impacts of forest land use.

The Northern Forest Center is a private, non-profit organization that mobilizes people to build healthy communities, economies, and ecosystems by working together across the Northern Forest region.

Questions should be directed to Heather Cowenhoven at 603-229-0679 or hcowenhoven@northernforest.org.

Restoration Begins of Marshfield's Martin Bridge

The Martin Bridge (1890), the state's last agricultural bridge, was recently lifted off its deteriorated abutments with a crane and set on the river bank to await restoration. John Johnson, President of the Marshfield Historical Society, reports that the research, planning and grant writing phases are in place for the principal structural restoration of the bridge and its field stone and granite abutments.

Do you have good news from your town you'd like to share with others around the state? Send your news to meg@ptvermont.org and we'll include it in the next newsletter!

National Register News

The National Park Service has recently listed the following Vermont properties on the National Register of Historic Places.

Alice Lord Goodine House, Groton

This 2 1/2 story, clapboarded, gable roofed building has a mix of Greek Revival, Queen Anne, and Colonial Revival style details. It was built in two distinct sections, a main c. 1840 Greek Revival block with distinctive central entry, set perpendicular to the street and faced with a c. 1920 storefront on the first floor with porch above. The second section is a c. 1877 4 X 3 bay vernacular Queen Anne ell with bay window and a Colonial Revival style porch. A two-story c. 1877 barn is attached to the rear corner of the main block. Located on VT State Route 302, in the center of the village of Groton, the building, which was originally one story and faced the road, was a tavern and inn during the 1840s-1870s. In the 1870s the roof was raised and the building was turned 90 degrees. It then became the home over the years of three prominent local families. The storefront added in the 1920s allowed the residing family to operate a home business. The building and its periods of construction capture the predominant architectural styles, building trends, and periods of economic vitality in Groton Village. The building is being rehabbed for affordable housing and is a Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit project.

J.R. Darling Store, Groton

This is a c.1895 large, two story, gable front, L-plan, mixed-use building with vernacular Victorian influences located on VT Route 302 in the center of Groton. Attached to the main block is a large two-story gable roofed c. 1899 rear ell. In 1914 large storefront windows flanking an entrance, with a hip roofed porch with turned posts above, were installed on the gable end of the main block, facing the street. After the arrival of the railroad in 1873 Groton's population boomed as its lumber and granite industries were able to access new markets and recreational activities at nearby ponds flourished with the arrival of tourists by train. This led to the need for more goods and services and resulted in the construction of this building, which housed the town's third general store. The store continued its historic function under various owners until 2003; the longest continuously operating commercial building in the village of Groton. The building is being rehabbed for affordable housing as well as the reopening of the storefront for commercial activity and is a Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit project.

F.W. Wheeler House, Richford

This house is a wood frame, 2 1/2 story, gable roofed, vernacular Queen Anne style side-by-side duplex built in 1904. It is located in an early 20th century residential neighborhood one block from Main Street in downtown Richford. The interior contains an intact characteristic symmetrical floor plan with original detailing and finishes, doors and windows.

From 1890-1910 Richford's population increased by 40%, a result of thriving wood mills, saw mills, and agricultural plants whose business exploded after the arrival of the railroad in Richford in the 1870s. With the influx of workers came a growing demand for housing and 60 new houses were built in 1903/04. The most popular

style for these dwellings was the Queen Anne. This duplex is representative of the housing constructed for workers during the early 20th century in Richford. This building has been recently rehabbed for use as affordable housing and was an RITC project.

Richford Primary School, Richford

This 1903 school is a 2 story, brick veneer, gable roofed, square plan, vernacular Italianate style building with a modern two story, gable roofed, wood frame wing. The interior is well preserved and retains original finishes. The large entry hall remains intact with original suspended lights, classroom doors, and main staircase. The school's Italianate style, while relatively outdated when the building was constructed, compliments the style of Richford's brick commercial buildings that comprise its downtown district only two blocks away.

The school was built in response to the 1892 Vermont law requiring the abolition of district schools and consolidation of services, as well as the enforcement of compulsory attendance laws. This was also a period when Richford's population was booming as new manufacturing ventures attracted workers and created increased demand for educational services. The building has recently been rehabbed for senior housing and was an RITC project.

Sweat-Comings Company House, Richford

This vernacular, two story, hip roofed Colonial Revival style duplex was built in 1909 and is located on the edge of a residential neighborhood one half block from Main Street in downtown Richford and across the street from the Sweat-Comings Company complex. The building was originally located next door to the Sweat-Comings Company complex for use as a boarding house for employees. In 1924, Sweat-Comings expanded and moved this building across the street to its current site where it was used as a dwelling for the Company watchman. The house was built during a period of rapid industrial growth in Richford and reflects early 20th century housing built in response to this economic growth and associated influx of workers. The building has been rehabbed for use as affordable housing and was an RITC project.

Public Comments Welcome

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) intends to enter into a Programmatic Agreement (PA) with the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) regarding the delegation of reviews of FTA projects under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and invites comment from the public. The PA expands an existing agreement with VTrans to include FTA projects. FTA typically funds eligible capital and operating transit related projects.

Under the proposed PA, historic preservation professionals in VTrans will evaluate FTA projects as they do now for FHWA and VTrans projects, identifying historic and archeological resources, evaluating potential project impacts and recommending actions to eliminate or minimize any potential adverse impacts. The original PA with VTrans has been hailed as a national model of environmental streamlining and historic resource protection. To receive a copy of the proposed PA, please contact Judi Molloy, Transportation Program Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, 55 Broadway, Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02142, or call 617-494-3488. The deadline for receipt of comments to FTA is August 5, 2004.

NATIONAL NEWS

Preservationists Win Big Victory! Ten Percent Tax Credit Saved!

Senator Baucus (D-MT), a key member of the Senate Finance Committee, has succeeded in removing the provision that would have used the 10% tax rehabilitation credit as a revenue raiser from the corporate tax bill (S. 1637) currently on the Senate floor. This is a major victory for historic preservation and could not have been achieved without the support of all preservation advocates who wrote to their Senators in opposition of the provision. Preservationists are confident that the provision will not be an issue again in the 108th Congress, but are remaining vigilant as lawmakers continue to work through a very heavy election year agenda full of tax items.

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES

10 Reasons Why Vermont's Homegrown Economy Matters, And 50 Proven Ways to Revive It

by Stacy Mitchell, Institute for Local Self-Reliance

Published by the Preservation Trust of Vermont

This new 60-page publication is the result of several years of collaboration between the *Institute of Local Self-Reliance* and *The Preservation Trust of Vermont*. Detailed here are specific reasons why locally owned businesses matter and practical ways to plan for a homegrown economy, foster revitalization and unite independent businesses. Mitchell uses practical examples from successful businesses and vibrant communities all across the states to illustrate the point that everyone benefits from keeping Vermont's economy local. The book is available for \$10 from the Preservation Trust of Vermont (802) 658-6647 or as a free download pdf file from the Preservation Trust website:

http://www.ptvermont.org/publications/HomegrownEconomy/sprawl_book.htm

New! Special Places in Vermont Publication

With your help, the Preservation Trust of Vermont is going to build a collection of Special Places in Vermont. Our goal is to publish a series of short paragraphs written by residents describing the off-beat, the undiscovered, and the historic spots that help to make Vermont a special part of our world.

Initially we will publish the collection on our website, and may in the future publish a book. Contributions can be varied -- from a walk through a village district or former marble quarry, to a meal at a restored hotel or breakfast at an historic diner, to the experience of a service in an 1850 church, or a swim in a pond above an historic crib dam. The possibilities are endless, and the more we all enjoy and appreciate these special places, the more we will all work to maintain them.

We welcome contributions of all kinds. If you have some place you'd like to share, please email meg@ptvermont.org. Please describe the site and tell us why it's important to you. Keep in mind that we would like to include your name and the town where you live in the future publications.

Thanks for being a part of our project!

EDUCATION and TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Exploring Architecture Near and Far

Exploring the Rockingham Meeting House With Richard Ewald

Sunday, August 1, 2004, 1 PM

The Rockingham Meeting House has been designated a National Historic Landmark within the National Register of Historic Places. "Landmark" status is only conferred on properties of exceptional historical value that retain an abundance of architectural integrity. Construction on the Meeting House began in 1787. It has served the community of Rockingham ever since for church services, town meetings, weddings and more.

Richard Ewald is an architectural historian and writer. Richard is active in local preservation projects in both professional and volunteer capacities. He serves as Development Director for the Town of Rockingham. Richard authored *Preserving the Cultural Landscape of the Connecticut River Valley* and co-authored the National Register Nomination of the Meeting House and recently co-authored *Proud to Live Here* with Adair D. Mulligan.

Our event precedes the Annual Pilgrimage at the Meeting House with a featured speaker to be announced at a later date. Bring a bag lunch to picnic on the grounds of the Rockingham Meeting House. Tour of the Meeting House and Graveyard. Rockingham, Vermont Cost: \$12.00 HWI/PEI Members: \$10.00

For more information, please contact: histwininc@valley.net, 802-674-6752.

Great Moments in America Tour

Thursday, August 19 to Saturday, August 21, 2004

The Preservation Education Institute and The Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation cordially invite you to experience the glory days of summer at the sites that sheltered presidents.

Tour includes:

- all transportation
- two nights lodging in historic hotels
- two sumptuous breakfasts
- three luncheon buffets
- one dinner, seated and served at the Wentworth
- admission and special tours to President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Franklin Pierce Homestead, White Court, Boston Athenaeum, birthplace of JFK, and John Adams National Historic Site

\$645.00 per person (double occupancy-2 beds per room); \$869.00 single occupancy. Both organizations are nonprofit and the fee includes a tax-deductible donation of \$50 per person to PEI/CCMF.

For more information, contact Cheryl at the Preservation Education Institute, PO Box 1777, Windsor, VT 05089-0021, 802-674-6752.

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Arts Education Coordinator, Vermont Arts Exchange, North Bennington

Part- time position with a growing, non-profit community arts organization. Tasks include coordinating artist residencies, contracts and general administration. Excellent writing skills, experience with mac and excel spreadsheets required. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume, cover letter, three references: VAE, PO Box 725 North Bennington, VT 05257.

Seeking President of The New York State Historical Association

The New York State Historical Association (NYSHA), headquartered at its Fenimore Art Museum, and The Farmers' Museum, Inc., sister institutions located in the picturesque heart of "Leatherstocking Country" in upstate New York, seek a President to lead the institutions. Surrounded by other world-class organizations such as the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Glimmerglass Opera, and the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, these two museums boast outstanding collections and an enviable history of educating, informing, and entertaining generations of visitors.

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The President will bring talent, energy, and intelligence necessary to lead an organization as well as the compelling personal qualities necessary to work with sophisticated, engaged boards and to build relationships with potential donors and institutional partners. Previous engagement with non-profit institutions is strongly preferred.

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