



Preservation Trust of Vermont: Where We Worked in 2016

- Field Service Projects**
- Robert Sincerbeaux Fund Grants**
- Barn Assessment Grants**
- Historic Places Revolving Fund**
- Downtown and Village Center Work**
- Big Box and Sprawl Activity**
- Community Supported Enterprises**
- Easement Program**
- Preservation Grants in Partnership with the Freeman Foundation**
- Grand Isle Lake House Retreats**
- 2016 Preservation Honor Awards**

Numbers within symbols represent number of projects.



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THE PRESERVATION TRUST OF VERMONT

The Preservation Trust of Vermont is a statewide non-profit organization founded in 1980 whose mission is to help communities save and use historic places. Much of our focus is on strengthening downtowns and village centers, supporting local initiatives and helping to build local capacity.

What We Do

- Support local preservation efforts through our **Field Service Program** (247 projects in 2016)
- Provide project development and technical assistance grants through our **Robert Sincerbeaux Fund** (48 in 2016)
- Provide technical assistance to owners of historic barns and condition assessments through our **Barn Assessment Grant Program** (technical assistance to 12 barn owners and 6 grant awards in 2016)
- Provide support for at-risk properties through our **Historic Places Revolving Fund**. This year the revolving fund focused on the Vermont Marble Museum in Proctor, Gilbert's Hill in Woodstock, Fox Hill in Poultney, Watkins School in West Rutland and House II in Hardwick (5 in 2016)
- Provide major grants for preservation-related projects as funds are available (7 new **Preservation Grants** in partnership with the Freeman Foundation in 2016)
- Work with communities to oppose **Sprawl** and encourage the proper scale and location of **Big Box** development in our downtowns (6 in 2016)
- Encourage and help develop **Community Supported Enterprises** such as village stores, cooperatives, restaurants, and community-centered businesses (9 in 2016)
- Steward historically significant properties through our **Historic Preservation Easement Program** (73 easements that cover 112 buildings, 2 structures and 3 archeological sites)
- Host two-day **Preservation Retreats** from May through October at the Grand Isle Lake House (116 individuals from 47 community groups)
- Own and steward four historic properties in VT: the Grand Isle Lake House in Grand Isle, the Left Bank in North Bennington (in partnership with the Fund for North Bennington), Pierce's Store in Shrewsbury, and the Vermont Marble Museum in Proctor

Statewide:

- Partner with the Vermont Downtown Program to support revitalization efforts in designated downtowns and village centers. Co-host annual retreat for downtown managers. (for 24 Designated Downtowns).
- Host an annual historic preservation conference in partnership with the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and the Vermont Downtown Program.
- In 2016, led the effort to create the Vermont Story Lab, a network of non-profit partners and individuals aimed at exploring and supporting storytelling for change.
- Recognize great preservation successes through our biennial awards program (10 projects in 2016)
- Publish Vermont Restoration Directory and offer preservation resources and guidance on our website www.ptvermont.org
- Distribute a free electronic newsletter

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Preservation Retreats 2017

May 22-23: Libraries, Nonprofit-owned & Public Buildings
June 19-20: Fundraising & Project Management
July 17-18: Historic Preservation & Community Development
Sept 21-22: Churches & Sacred Places
Oct 9-10: Accessibility & Maintenance Planning