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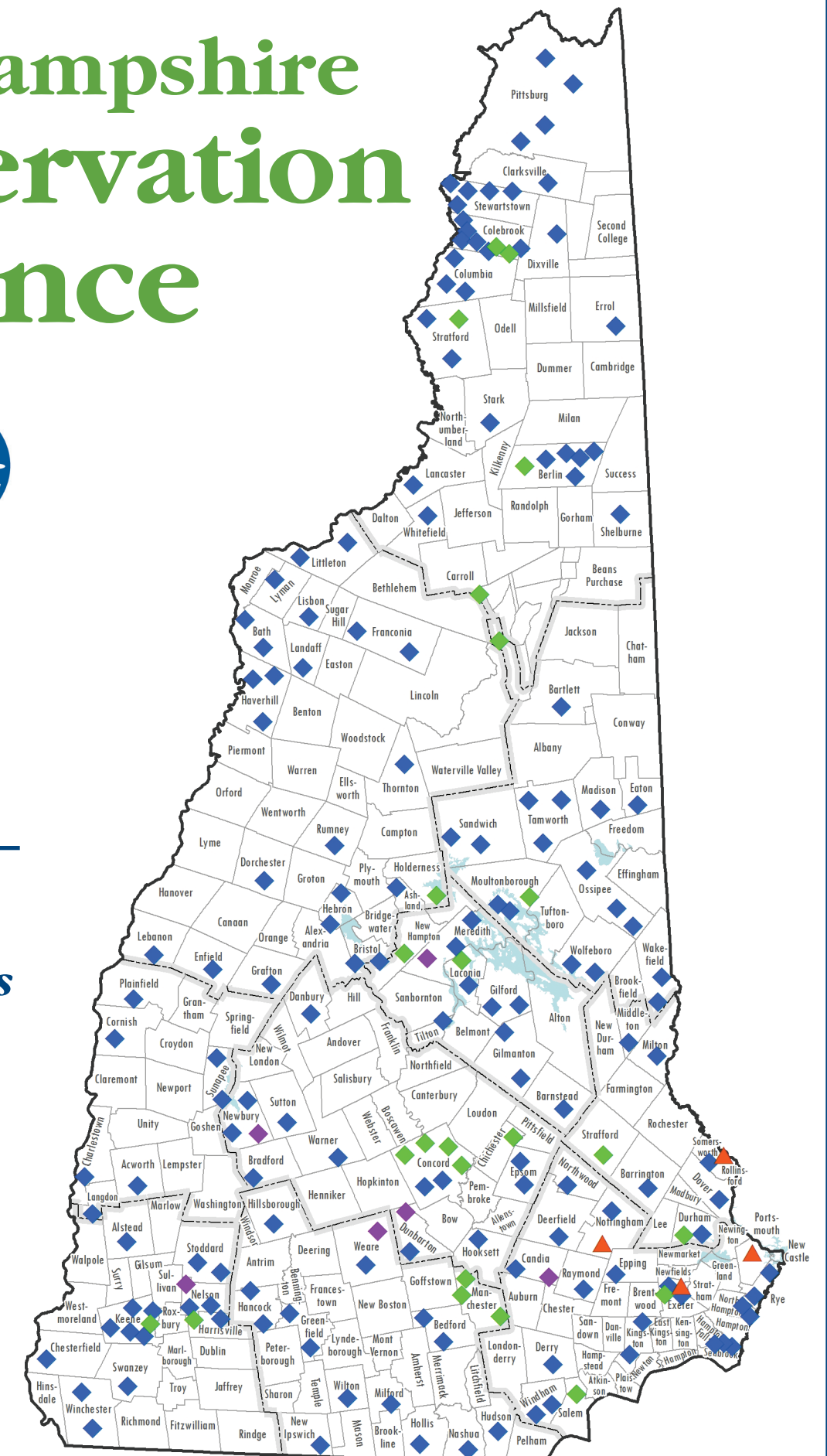
# New Hampshire Preservation Alliance



## 2012 Annual Report

*Working in Communities throughout the State*

- ◆ On-Site Field Service
- ◆ Program or Event
- ▲ Barn Grant
- ◆ Assessment Grant (LCHIP-Funded)



Map courtesy of Neatline Associates



## Dear Friends,

The N.H. Preservation Alliance is very pleased to share this summary of our FY 2012 success in saving special places, advancing public policy, and serving as a convener for new and long-time constituents. We expanded our base of support and posted strong financial results as well.

This report highlights our accomplishments as catalysts for community leaders getting to "yes" on heritage projects, advisors helping homeowners make sound investments in their homes, and mentors for activists who are embracing the preservation of local heritage.

We were honored to receive the Citizens Bank New Hampshire and WMUR-TV 2012 Champion in Action® award for Neighborhood Development. It recognizes our effectiveness in finding new uses for historic properties, stimulating local investment, creating jobs, bringing people together and inspiring ongoing community development activities and provides support and outreach opportunities.

Our recently updated strategic plan reminds us that we have many opportunities ahead. Requests for assistance continue to grow with individuals and groups seeking help with the impacts of large and small-scale development proposals on historic places, stewardship solutions for owners of long-held properties, effective weatherization strategies and many other issues. Our 2013-15 plan builds on our solid base of existing programs, credibility and sound management over time and sets goals of increasing investment in landmarks, downtown and historic landscapes by enhancing our resources, improving preservation policies, and expanding our membership base 30% by 2015.

Your renewed your support and on-going suggestions are important to us as we face these new preservation challenges together. We pledge to continue to be responsive to the preservation needs of this state, to invest in people and communities, and to build strong and effective partnerships that help preserve and protect New Hampshire's special places for the future.

Sincerely,

**Michael D. Bruss**  
Chairman of the Board

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Executive Director

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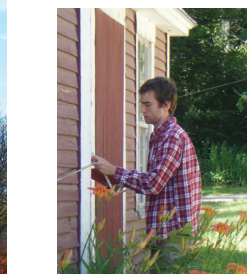
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**O**ur investment in policy improvements, like the new International Existing Building Code, will aid the redevelopment of big and small projects across the state. Pictured here is the revived Pandora Mill in Manchester, a 2008 Seven to Save listee. Manchester was an early adopter of the code. Photo: Stephanie Lowry.



**E**vents like our 2011 Old House and Barn Expo provide practical information for preservation projects. Over 60% of our approximately 2,500 attendees at the two-day Manchester event were first-timers, and visitors gave high marks to the help provided by the over 100 vendors and lecturers (many pictured here). Photo: Steve Booth Photography.



**T**he Preservation Alliance expands the preservation community's strength with initiatives like our Young Preservationists. Andrew Cusbing (pictured here) and 14 other individuals and student groups, ages 25 and younger, were recognized for their efforts to investigate, preserve and promote the state's heritage on the occasion of our 25th anniversary. Andrew is on a mission to help "underdog" towns recognize their assets, and his hometown of Grafton is benefiting. Six state register nominations and a rural mill district are on his work plan.



**AUCTION**  
Saturday  
June 16<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m.  
Historic Hobbs Farm  
Home and Barn on 5.4 Acres  
Plus Two  
6.4 & 16 Acre Parcels  
603.964.6103  
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**O**ur intervention can help save vulnerable properties such as historic farms, inns, and waterfront cottages. The Alliance is pleased that the new owners of the historic Hobbs Farms in North Hampton have preservation and conservation plans.

## What We Do

### Saving Special Places

Our Seven to Save endangered properties program, and town meeting results provide two benchmarks by which to measure preservation success. Despite the continuing tough economic climate, this year saw significant progress at nearly a dozen Seven to Save sites including Durham's Millpond Dam, the Langdon Meetinghouse, and Upper Village Hall in East Derry, and positive town meeting votes in Sandwich, Wolfeboro and Belmont.

In the past year we assisted over 128 public or non-profit projects and hundreds of homeowners. In addition to answering technical questions and sharing information, referrals, and resource materials, we conducted coaching sessions and provided formal training opportunities. Again this year, with thanks to LGHIP, we were able to provide grants to help preservation advocates develop solid plans for a building's rehabilitation. Grants from the 1772 Foundation and others enabled us to develop resources to assist with re-use studies and match-making for endangered properties, an area of need throughout the state.



**T**he Preservation Alliance is a strong proponent of repair rather than replacement of old windows. Here board member Rick Monabon and other staff and board members learn about window restoration with Fred O'Connor (right) at Historic Harrisville. High profile window repair projects are currently underway at the c. 1896 Columbia Town Hall and the Strafford Historical Society's building. Photo: Steve Booth Photography.

### Strengthening Preservation Policy

The Preservation Alliance was as vital leader and partner in three coalitions that successfully advocated for our statewide policy priorities. A bill that proposed to abolish the Department of Cultural Resources was rejected, and the Legislature adopted the International Existing Building Code which will add predictability to the process of redeveloping old buildings. The popular State Register of Historic Places program was also codified in law, an important "housekeeping" measure. Since the State Register program's inception in 2001, close to 250 properties have been listed.

### Convening Preservationists, Expanding the Base and Engaging the Next Generation

Constituents offered us positive feedback on our clearinghouse and convening roles this past year welcoming more use of our web-site and social media. Thanks to support from the Tillotson Fund, our assistance in the North County is meeting a critical need, and our constituent base in Coos County has increased four-fold since 2009. We offered a varied set of programs that included our annual awards celebration, Old House and Barn Expo, mentoring sessions for leaders of municipal preservation projects, weatherization help for homeowners in Berlin, and barn repair workshops.

## Financial Report FY 2012

Independent account's review and more on 25th Anniversary Fund at [www.nhpreservation.org](http://www.nhpreservation.org)

### OPERATING REVENUE:

Contributions Individuals.....	\$ 96,871
Contributions Business.....	35,551
Contributions Foundation.....	147,680
Contributions State.....	4,623
Special Events.....	70,817
Program Fees.....	12,493
25th anniversary fund.....	49,858
Draw from Endowment.....	15,000
Other.....	7,461
<b>TOTAL REVENUE .....</b>	<b>\$440,354</b>

### OPERATING EXPENSES:

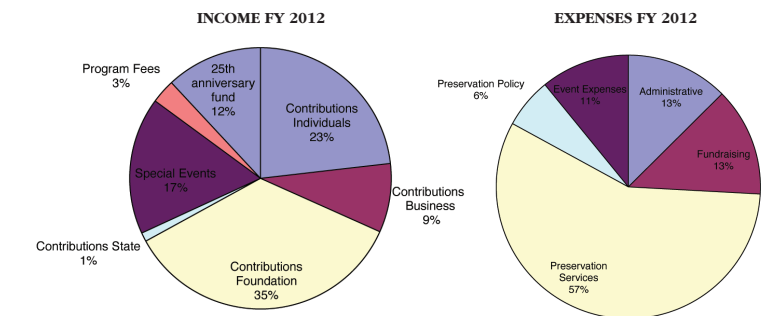
Administrative.....	\$51,881
Fundraising.....	55,222
Preservation Services.....	236,472
Preservation Policy.....	25,471
Event Expenses.....	45,010
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$414,056</b>

### CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

<b>FROM OPERATIONS .....</b>	<b>\$26,298</b>
Use of Endowment Funds.....	\$(15,000)
Net Investment Return .....	\$13,062

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS .....** **\$24,360**

**NET ASSETS - BEGINNING.....** **\$745,167**  
**NET ASSETS - ENDING.....** **769,527**



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