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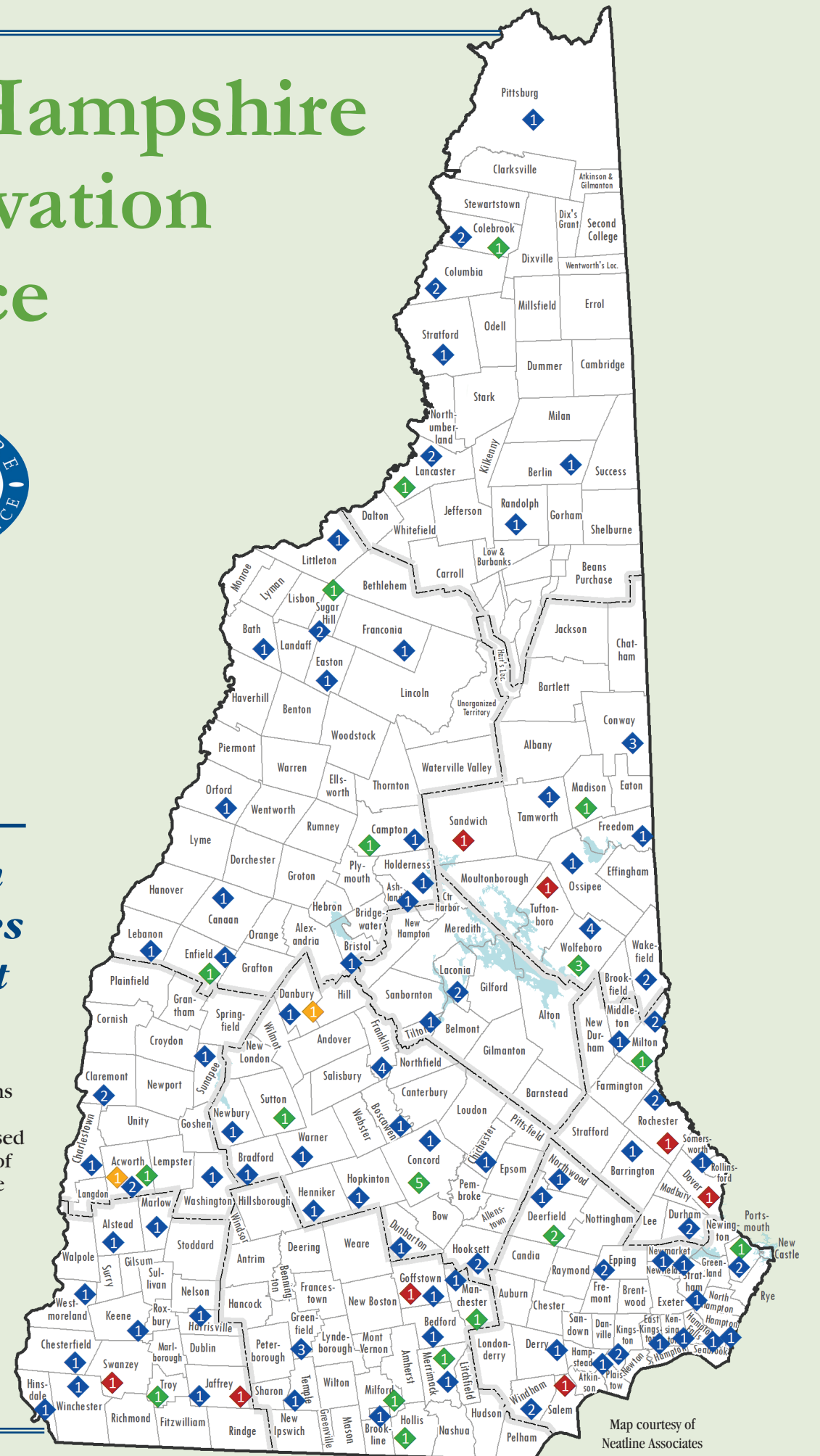


## 2015 Annual Report

### Working in Communities throughout the State

With members in 225 towns and constituent networks across the state, we are pleased to have helped thousands of people and provided these direct services this year:

- ◆ Project Assistance
- ◆ Program or Event
- ◆ Barn Grant
- ◆ Assessment Mini-Grant



Map courtesy of Neatline Associates



## Dear Friends,

The N.H. Preservation Alliance's past year was full of successes in saving special places, advancing public policy, and expanding our base of support. We heard the refrain "We couldn't have done it without you" from families protecting long-held properties, community leaders reviving iconic landmarks, and advocates for historic places concerned about the proposed Northern Pass and other development projects.

**Saving special places:** Nearly half of our 63 Seven to Save endangered properties around the state are now considered saved. As shown on our map, we also served over 120 projects through site visits and planning grants, and helped hundreds of property owners through our phone assistance and internet-based resources. Our biennial conference and well-received programs reached new and returning participants including homeowners, community leaders, and professional planners, architects and realtors. We were pleased to feature and support a new generation of emerging preservationists, gratified that many constituents reported that they gained inspiration to do more, with the useful new information and tools we offered.

**Strengthening preservation policy:** We have worked hard with partners to build legislative support for the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program, and our goal was realized with a vote for full funding in the current state budget. We also recommended improvements to the state site evaluation process for approving new energy projects, and advocated for protection of historic resources that would be affected by the proposed Northern Pass transmission project. With our help, gains were also made in the use of several existing tools including the barn preservation tax incentive.

We have adopted a new three-year strategic plan that builds on our solid base of existing programs, credibility and sound management over time. Our goals are increasing investment in landmarks, downtown and historic landscapes by providing new and continuing resources, improving preservation policies, and doubling our constituent base.

Please renew your support and offer your suggestions as we build on our past success and work to meet new preservation challenges. We pledge to continue to respond to the preservation needs of this state, to invest in its people and communities, and to build strong and effective partnerships that help preserve and protect the past for a vibrant future.

Sincerely,

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## ~ WHAT WE DO ~



Our Seven to Save program attracts attention and resources to threatened or endangered historic properties, and continues to provide essential support to advocates. Volunteer project leaders rely on the Alliance for guidance on a range of topics that will help them keep community landmarks viable and appreciated. A mentoring retreat this winter convened groups who are working on repurposing historic libraries as study centers and community meeting space. Town Halls in Kensington, Langdon, Middleton and Wolfeboro all made significant advances. Photo: Wolfeboro Town Hall undergoing restoration. Courtesy: BG Hodges.



This year the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) received more legislative support than in any previous year of the funding program's 14-year history. With full funding, LCHIP made grants to 25 outstanding preservation projects. The Alliance serves as a major advocate for the program, and also provides LCHIP applicants with a range of technical services. Of the 25 preservation projects selected in the last round, the Alliance had provided coaching to eighteen, planning grants to nine, and Seven to Save designation to five. Other preservation redevelopment tools played a role in the award-winning redevelopment by the Stabile Companies of an old cotton storehouse in Nasbua, and AHEAD's re-use of Notre Dame High School in Berlin for housing. Photo: LCHIP grant recipient, Pillsbury Library in Warner.

Families that have owned and enjoyed historic properties for multiple generations are turning to the Preservation Alliance in increasing numbers for help protecting these beloved places. Our preservation easement program and other stewardship strategies can help them find the right solution for keeping the property in the family or protecting its transition to a new owner. Properties include homes associated with one of New Hampshire's earliest settlers and a well-known

New Hampshire patriot as well as a 200-year old farm still in active use. The Preservation Alliance also assisted non-profits and municipalities with new business models for their historic property. Photo: A Preservation Alliance workshop at Strawberry Banke provided attendees with weatherization strategies and information on the museum's program to restore, renovate and rent underutilized buildings.



Barn preservation was a continued priority this past year. Constituent inquiries were at an all-time high. Our new research and engagement survey work yielded some valuable data: the total estimated number of barns in New Hampshire is 15,000-20,000, about 50 percent of those need repair, and barn needs and preservation interest varies by region. Results also emphasized the effectiveness of our barn assessment grants and other assistance opportunities. The barn tax incentive program, for example, now protects over 480 agricultural buildings statewide, thanks to help the Alliance provides to both barn owners and municipalities who administer the program. Photo: Preservation Alliance Workshop at N.H. Farm Museum, Milton.



We continue to encourage and assist the next generation of preservationists. Students from the Southwick School in Northfield helped celebrate History Week at the New Hampshire State House. A recent Plymouth State University graduate presented his work on Lancaster's Township Legacy Project at our statewide conference, and the Preservation Alliance supported two student-led barn surveys. Students in an engineering class at UNH worked with their professor to devise solutions to stabilize the foundation supports of Watson Academy in Epping (Seven to Save, 2014). And a group of fourth-graders raised money for the town of Hopkinton's Kimball Lake Cabins (Seven to Save, 2014), helping to fund needed repairs which, along with other donations and volunteer labor, will refurbish the complex and revive a community asset. Photo: History Week with Southwick School class at State House. Courtesy: Dr. Judith Moyer.

Historic landscapes and resources have come to epitomize our state's image and are a vital part of our state's economic future. The landscapes that drew 19th century writers and artists to the White Mountains, our villages and town centers, mountain views, and the rural working landscape all stand to be impacted by the proposed Northern Pass transmission line project. Through on-going

advocacy efforts, and a series of workshops around the state, the Alliance and its partners, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, are speaking out and encouraging citizens to get involved and share their concerns about places that matter to them. Photo: View from Weeks State Park, Lancaster.

## Financial Report FY 2015

Independent account's review and more at [www.nhpreservation.org](http://www.nhpreservation.org)

### OPERATING REVENUE:

Contributions Individuals.....	\$ 128,545
Contributions Business.....	24,700
Contributions Foundation.....	129,877
Special Events.....	37,069
Program Fees.....	22,788
Draw from Endowment.....	24,802
Other.....	2,530

**TOTAL REVENUE..... \$370,311**

### OPERATING EXPENSES:

Administrative.....	\$45,820
Development.....	60,495
Preservation Services.....	212,302
Preservation Policy.....	31,560
Event Expenses.....	12,390

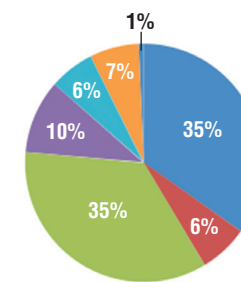
**TOTAL EXPENSES..... \$362,567**

### CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS.....

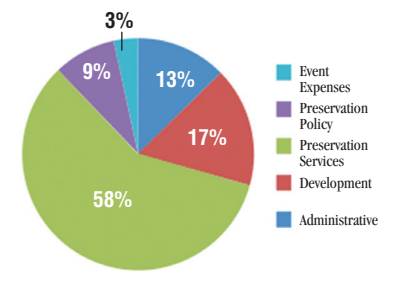
Use of Endowment Funds.....	\$(24,802)
Capital Endowment Contributions.....	\$25,075
Net Investment Return.....	\$27,380
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$35,397</b>

**NET ASSETS - BEGINNING..... \$932,966**  
**NET ASSETS - ENDING..... \$968,363**

### Income FY 2015



### Expenses FY 2015



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Board members, staff and friends explored preservation projects and issues in Wolfeboro and surrounding towns in November.