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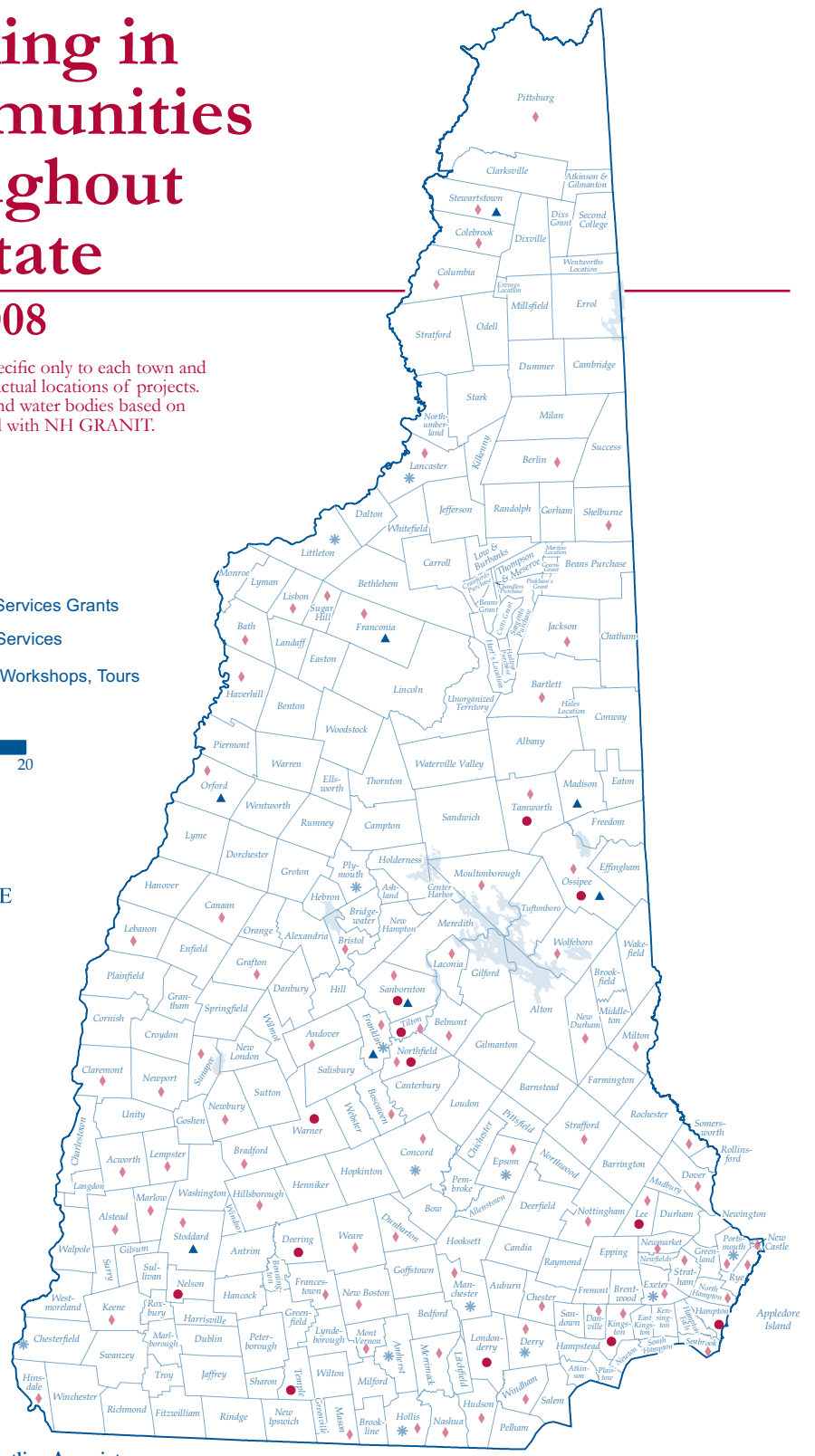
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2007 -2008

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- LEGEND**
- Barn Grants
 - ▲ Preservation Services Grants
 - ◆ On-site Field Services
 - * Conferences, Workshops, Tours



Map courtesy of Neatline Associates

Thank you to the contributors to our Irreplaceable Assets Campaign

Our Irreplaceable Assets Campaign, which spanned the past two fiscal years, successfully established endowment funds to provide a reliable income source to supplement annual funding of our core programs. This will help the Preservation Alliance respond more quickly to our state's immediate needs and build the capacity of the Alliance for future years. The endowed funds (Preservation Services Fund, Preservation Policy Fund and New Ventures Fund) were created to address the primary preservation needs of Granite Staters. Thank you for your generous contributions!

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A Year of Growth

Thanks to your support and encouragement, 2007-08 was a period of tremendous growth of Preservation Alliance services and a time of strong results. Our board and staff positioned the organization to sustain these advances with thoughtful strategic planning and improved communication strategies.

Our work is focused in two areas. Preservation services, which includes on-site coaching, small grants, workshops and publications, gives homeowners and the leaders of community efforts the resources and support they need to advance preservation projects. Public policy activities secure and promote tax incentives, grants and sustainability policies, among other tools, to help those constituents accomplish their goals.

We enjoyed big "saves" this past year and increased preservation activity throughout the state, thanks to our expanded field services, in conjunction with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and other tremendous partners. More communities were served and more structures were awarded preservation services grants this year than ever before. We exceeded our goals, as municipalities adopted the state's new downtown tax incentive and demolition delay ordinances, and the N.H. Legislature established a new, more reliable funding source for the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program.

We expect that you believe, as we do, that historic preservation activity provides stability and hope in this time of economic and environmental unrest. The re-use of buildings and investment in downtowns and villages can assist local economies and help reduce our consumption of natural resources. Connections to special places and our history can guide us and inspire us forward.

Please contact us with your questions and suggestions, and thank you for your commitment and support.

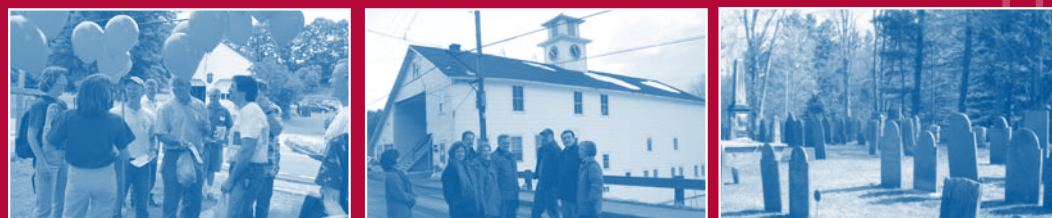
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Jennifer Goodman
Executive Director



Cover photos, top to bottom: Maplewood Farm in Sanbornton, New Castle Historical Society, Indian Stream Schoolhouse in Pittsburg.

Page one photos, left to right: Sanbornton Barn Tour, Sunapee Town Hall, The Old Burying Ground in Jaffrey.

Meeting the Preservation Needs of New Hampshire

Field Service Program

In 2007-08, we provided on-site and phone consultations to over a hundred preservation projects that included town halls, churches, mills, granges, and railroad buildings. Our shared field service representative, working in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, visited 78 towns and covered all ten counties. She helped groups clarify their objectives and develop effective fund-raising and communication strategies. In addition, she addressed critical needs by providing programs on specific topics for specific regions. These included:

- **Training sessions for Historic District Commissioners in Franklin, Exeter and Hollis**
- **A year-long curriculum developed by Partners for Sacred Places to assist historic churches in raising funds for building preservation**
- **Three public lectures at State Historic Sites, co-sponsored by the N.H. Humanities Council, helping to draw attention to their value as a public resource.**

Services for Old House and Barn Owners

Our Old House and Barn program offered assistance to antique home and barn owners by answering technical questions, supplying lists of contractors and providing resource materials. Our on-site lectures, workshops and tours continue to attract eager audiences. The owners of Water Run Farm in West Chesterfield hosted a summer tour of the extensive renovations underway on their three historic barns. Participants in a barn program last fall in Concord explored drainage and foundation issues in bank barns. This past spring, homeowners learned about the importance of preserving and maintaining original wood windows through the program "Windows of the Past: History & Preservation of Wood Windows." The session included a visit to see the 200 year-old windows in the Colonel Robert Means House on the Amherst Village Green.

Small Grants

Two matching grant programs helped us work effectively on behalf of specific properties. Preservation Services Grants focus on saving

important community landmarks by helping projects in the early stages of their development. We provided 10 local organizations with funding to obtain specialized assistance from one or more preservation professionals in areas such as architectural assessments, engineering or re-use studies, or developing fund-raising programs.

Barn Assessment Grants provide funding for a barn restoration professional to visit and assess privately-owned barns. Consultants prepared reports on 13 barns this year which summarized the barn's age, construction features and condition, and recommended strategies and estimated costs for repairs.

Preservation Policy

Our public policy work advocates for favorable preservation decision-making at the state and local levels. Through our board, staff and consultants, we identify needs and opportunities and help influence public opinion. We were pleased to note increasing use of preservation planning and investment tools this year.

- **Sixty-seven towns have now adopted barn preservation easements through the RSA 79-D Historic Barn Tax Incentive Program.**
- **Nine communities have now adopted RSA 79-E, a tax incentive program that encourages re-investment in historic downtowns.**
- **Five additional towns have adopted demolition delay ordinances that help prevent the loss of historic resources.**
- **The Alliance is working with land trusts around the state to encourage property owners to consider both conservation and preservation goals. The National Trust for Historic Preservation featured the Alliance's work on this topic in their January issue of *Forum*.**
- **Secure funding for the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) continues to be a priority for the Alliance in the face of decreasing state revenues.**
- **We filed an Amicus Curiae brief in a case heard by the N.H. Supreme Court supporting the authority of Historic District Commissions.**

The Acworth Meetinghouse

The emergency removal of the Acworth Meetinghouse's steeple mobilized a community-wide restoration effort for one of the finest Federal-period meetinghouses in the state. The Alliance assisted by providing two grants, naming the structure to the 2007 Seven to Save list, and accepting the church into the Partners for Sacred Places intensive training program.



"Support from the Preservation Alliance, along with LCHIP funding, really made a difference in moving this project forward."

Kathi Bradt, Acworth Meetinghouse Restoration Committee



The Ivory Paul House

The Ivory Paul House, built in Dover in 1832, is a classic brick-end home of elegant proportions and design. A neighbor called the Alliance when it appeared the derelict building might be demolished. We made two field service visits, collaborated with other advocates to promote the house's history and significance, negotiated with the owner and helped locate a preservation-minded buyer. The new owner wasted no time in securing the house against squirrels and raccoons and replacing rotten sills. He was excited to discover that the spiral staircase, mantels, and doorways were copied directly from Asher Benjamin designs.



Seven to Save

The Seven to Save program helps attract resources and attention to the most threatened historic properties in the state. All of the listings, announced in October, 2007, made significant progress in their rehabilitation efforts. Listees included the Acworth Meetinghouse, Ashland's Historic School, Burley-DeMeritt Farmhouse in Lee (shown at right), Whittier Covered Bridge in Ossipee, Manchester's First High School, Upper Village Hall in East Derry, and St. Anne Church in Manchester.

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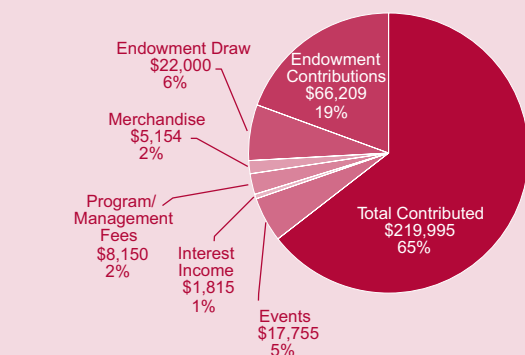
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Independent Accountants' Review
at www.nhpreservation.org

REVENUE:

Total Contributed.....	\$219,995
Events	\$17,755
Interest Income	\$1,815
Program/Management Fees.....	\$8,150
Merchandise.....	\$5,154
Endowment Draw	\$22,000
Endowment Contributions.....	\$66,209
TOTAL REVENUE	\$341,078

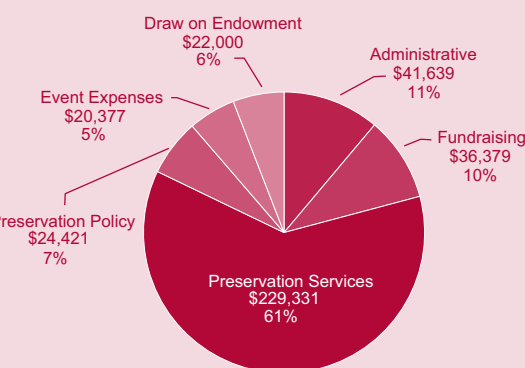
REVENUE FY08 WITH ENDOWMENT



EXPENSES:

Administrative.....	\$41,639
Fundraising.....	\$36,379
Preservation Services.....	\$229,331
Preservation Policy.....	\$24,421
Event Expenses.....	\$20,377
Draw on Endowment.....	\$22,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$374,147

EXPENSES FY08



CHANGE IN NET ASSETS (\$33,069)

NET ASSETS - BEGINNING ... \$800,205
NET ASSETS - ENDING \$767,136

NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted	\$100,961
Temporarily Restricted.....	\$137,917
Permanently Restricted.....	\$528,258
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$767,136