

New Hampshire's 2015 Seven to Save

The N.H. Preservation Alliance's annual endangered properties list helps to draw attention and resources to irreplaceable New Hampshire landmarks. Listing provides a range of technical and financial support and helps attract roll-up-your-sleeves help for local advocates and their preservation projects.



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Oceanic Hotel, Isles of Shoals, Rye
Opened in 1876 and owned by the non-profit Star Island Corporation since 1915, this conference and retreat center needs much more help to stabilize and upgrade their sprawling facility to meet the needs of thousands of visitors each year. Contact: Pam Smith, Star Island Corporation, psmith@starisland.org, 603-833-3203.



Hall of Flags, NH Statehouse, Concord
Battle flags returned from the Civil War form the nucleus of this memorial hall's collections. Concerns are mounting that the flags are deteriorating and action is needed by legislators to ensure their long-term preservation. Contact: Sen. David Watters, Joint Legislative Historical Committee, david.watters@leg.state.nh.us, 603-271-8567.



Pickering House, Wolfeboro. A gateway to the downtown and at risk from years of deferred maintenance, this well-known landmark was the home of a leading businessman and now contains 5 apartments. Offered at foreclosure, it needs a new preservation-minded developer to assure its future. Contact: David Owen, Town of Wolfeboro, townmanager@wolfeboronh.us, 603-569-8159.



Rye Town Hall
This 1839 Greek Revival meetinghouse has served as the town hall since 1873. Voters in Rye are divided on whether to invest in rehabilitating this landmark to meet current town needs or possibly demolish it. Contact: Mae Bradshaw, Rye Heritage Commission, maebradshaw@comcast.net; 603-964-3928.



St Kieran Community Center for the Arts, Berlin
When this largely Irish neighborhood parish closed, the church faced possible demolition but instead the community rallied and adapted it as a visual and performing arts center. The non-profit is working to develop new strategies to address much-needed repairs. Contact: Monique Lavertu, St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, Monique.lavertu@stkieranarts.org, 603-752-1028.



Chandler House, Manchester
Built by a wealthy industrialist, and most recently used as the St. Hedwig parish convent, the interiors are among the finest in the state. There's an imminent deadline for demolition if a buyer can't be found to move the house from its Walnut Street

location. Contact: Michael Duffy, Manchester Heritage Commission, mduffyji@comcast.net, 603-493-4055.



Lane Homestead, Stratham
This hidden gem within the Stratham traffic circle holds a rich historical legacy of the Samuel Lane family dating back to 1741. The complex is now for sale and the town is exploring purchase of a preservation easement to protect the 4 buildings

and historic landscape. Contact: Rebecca Mitchell, Stratham Heritage Commission, Heritage@strathamnh.gov; 603-778-7979.