

New Hampshire's 2012 Seven to Save

The Preservation Alliance's 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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Town Hall, Kensington

Basement town offices flooded in 2008, and ensuing problems with mold and its remediation have left the building vacant, facing an uncertain future. A new Friends group is working to assist with preservation solutions and rally community support. Contact: Lynne Emerson Monroe, 778-1799, FriendsOfKensingtonTownHall@comcast.net



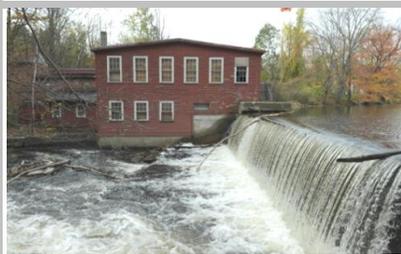
1772 Meetinghouse, New Durham

One of only five surviving pre-Revolutionary era meetinghouses in NH, and birthplace of the Freewill Baptist denomination, this timber framed structure was long neglected and faced possible demolition when a few committed townspeople stepped up to begin its restoration in the 1980's. Now stabilized, it awaits full rehabilitation. Contact: Cathy Allyn, 859-3322, prosody@hotmail.com



Community House, Littleton

This elegant Queen Anne house and carriage barn in downtown Littleton has served as a community center since just after World War I. Its elegant period interiors are largely intact, but it needs help with a large backlog of maintenance issues to retain its beloved status as a community gathering place. Contact: Roxanne Bowker, 440-2050, roxbow@yahoo.com



Drew Mill and Dam, Union (Wakefield)

This 1908 water-powered manufacturing facility produced wooden utensils and toys that were shipped via the adjacent railroad until the 1950's. The non-profit Union Village Community Association now

owns the property, and hopes to repair the dam and restore the mill to preserve history and revitalize the village. Contact: Richard House, 473-8398, rhouse@uvca.org



Moultonborough Grange, Moultonborough

Owned by the Historical Society, with the Heritage Commission as leading advocates, this former tavern needs immediate funding for stabilization, and a re-use plan so that it can once again play a key role in the life of the village center.

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Ioka Theater, Exeter

Built in 1915, this once-thriving Vaudeville theater and downtown movie house served generations of seacoast residents before a period of decline forced its sale last year at foreclosure. A Friends group is working with the new owner to revive the theater, possibly as a non-profit, but will have to attract major new investment to stabilize the structure and renovate the historic interior. Contact: Carol P. Bridges, 759-9442, cpbridges@comcast.net



Vilas Bridge, Walpole

Closed since 2009, this is the last remaining double spandrel reinforced concrete arch bridge in the state, and once carried 5000 cars a day over the Connecticut River between Walpole and Bellows Falls. Despite being on the state's Red List, there are currently no funds allocated for much needed decking

repair, and delays will accelerate the nationally-significant bridge's decline and lead to further economic disenfranchisement for the towns on both sides. Contact: Francis D. Walsh, 493-2959, fdwalsh3@gmail.com

