

# New Hampshire's 2010 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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## Colonial Theater, Laconia

This 1914 theater had been converted into several smaller cinemas before it closed altogether in 2003, but its elaborate interior of marble, frescos and gilt work is still intact. The City of Laconia now has an 18-month option to purchase the property and is seeking a workable strategy to restore it and bring new vibrancy to the downtown.  
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## Mill Pond Dam, Durham

Built in 1913, this is the oldest Ambursen-type dam in N.H. Structural deficiencies mean the dam must be repaired or it will be removed. Advocates argue that a dam has stood here since the 1670's, is a key part of the historic district, and should be preserved, while opponents favor a restored free-flowing river ecosystem. *Contact: Andrea Bodo, Durham Heritage Commission, 603-868-5571, afbodo@comcast.net*



## Odd Fellows Hall, Warner

This towering Victorian structure was built in 1893 by the Odd Fellows fraternal organization. The building has also housed classrooms, a pharmacy, and newspaper offices. Now vacant, the structure needs significant investment to be usable again. While several town meeting votes favored preservation, redevelopment costs may be prohibitive. *Contact: David E. Hartman, Selectman, 603-456-2298, selectboard@warner.nh.us*



## Pulpit Rock Tower, Rye

Pulpit Rock Tower was built during World War II to support the Portsmouth Harbor Defense Command's coastal fortifications system. It was the only N.E. post built in cylindrical form. Owned by N.H. Fish & Game, the long-neglected tower is now being cared for a friends group who hope to raise funding to permanently protect it. *Contact: Patricia Weathersby, Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower, 603-373-0646, pattyandbobw@msn.com*



## Print Shop, Mt. Washington Hotel, Bretton Woods

The Print Shop, built when the hotel opened in 1902, was the only water-powered printing press in N.H. It produced the hotel's daily menus, signs, golf scorecards, and a short-lived newspaper, "The Bugle of Bretton Woods." Neglected for many years, it survives with its interior equipment almost totally intact. Local advocates are working with the hotel and printing buffs to explore restoration and re-use. *Contact: Barry Sondern, Gen. Mgr, Omni Mt. Washington Hotel, 603-278-1000*



## Historic Windows, Statewide

Original windows are one of the most visible and important features of historic buildings, yet consumers are replacing them in record numbers because of misinformation about energy savings and "new-is-better"



## Brown Company, R&D Buildings, Berlin

This commercial complex was one of the earliest privately-owned industrial research and development facilities in the U.S. The building opened in 1915, and over the next 50 years pioneered kraft paper and other innovations in the wood pulp and paper industries. Brown Company abandoned the building in 1968; some portions were rehabilitated by James River Corporation. Recent EPA grants are funding environmental cleanup. *Contact: Jim Wagner, 603-723-3720, JamesTWagner@yahoo.com*

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attitudes. With repair, weather-stripping, and effective storm window protection, old windows can serve well beyond the 15-20 year expected lifespan of most vinyl replacement windows and be comparable to new windows in energy costs and insulating value. *Contact: NH Preservation Alliance, 603-224-2281, ms@nhpreservation.org*

