

Overview

The Historic Roadside Marker program promotes the creation of roadside markers commemorating individuals, events, and sites that have played a significant role in the prehistory and history of Vermont and/or the nation. It is a state-funded program, managed within the Historic Sites Section of the Division for Historic Preservation (Division). Since the creation of the program in 1947, more than 200 roadside markers have been placed throughout the state to draw the attention of the traveling public to our significant historic sites, downtowns, and villages.

During this past year, Vermont Advisory Council for Historic Preservation approved the updated application and procedures manual for requesting an historic marker. Private citizens, legislators, communities, and state agencies prepare the application forms, provide suggested wording with supporting history, and secure locations for marker placements. The Advisory Council approves the applications, with a team of interested individuals, staffs of the state and local historical societies, and/or noted historians reviewing the final text for each sign. Interested Vermonters determined to find all 212 markers now in place assist the Division staff with monitoring the condition of each marker.

Program Financial Status

	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	Totals
Appropriation Amount	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$45,000
Bond Amount	(\$129)	(\$89)	(\$49)	NA
Amount Available	\$14,871	\$14,911	\$14,951	\$44,733
Expenditures to Date	\$14,871	\$7,164.70	\$0	\$22,035.70
Encumbrances Remaining	\$0	\$7,746.30	\$8,453.70	\$16,200
Remaining Balance	\$0	\$0	\$6,497.30	\$6,497.30



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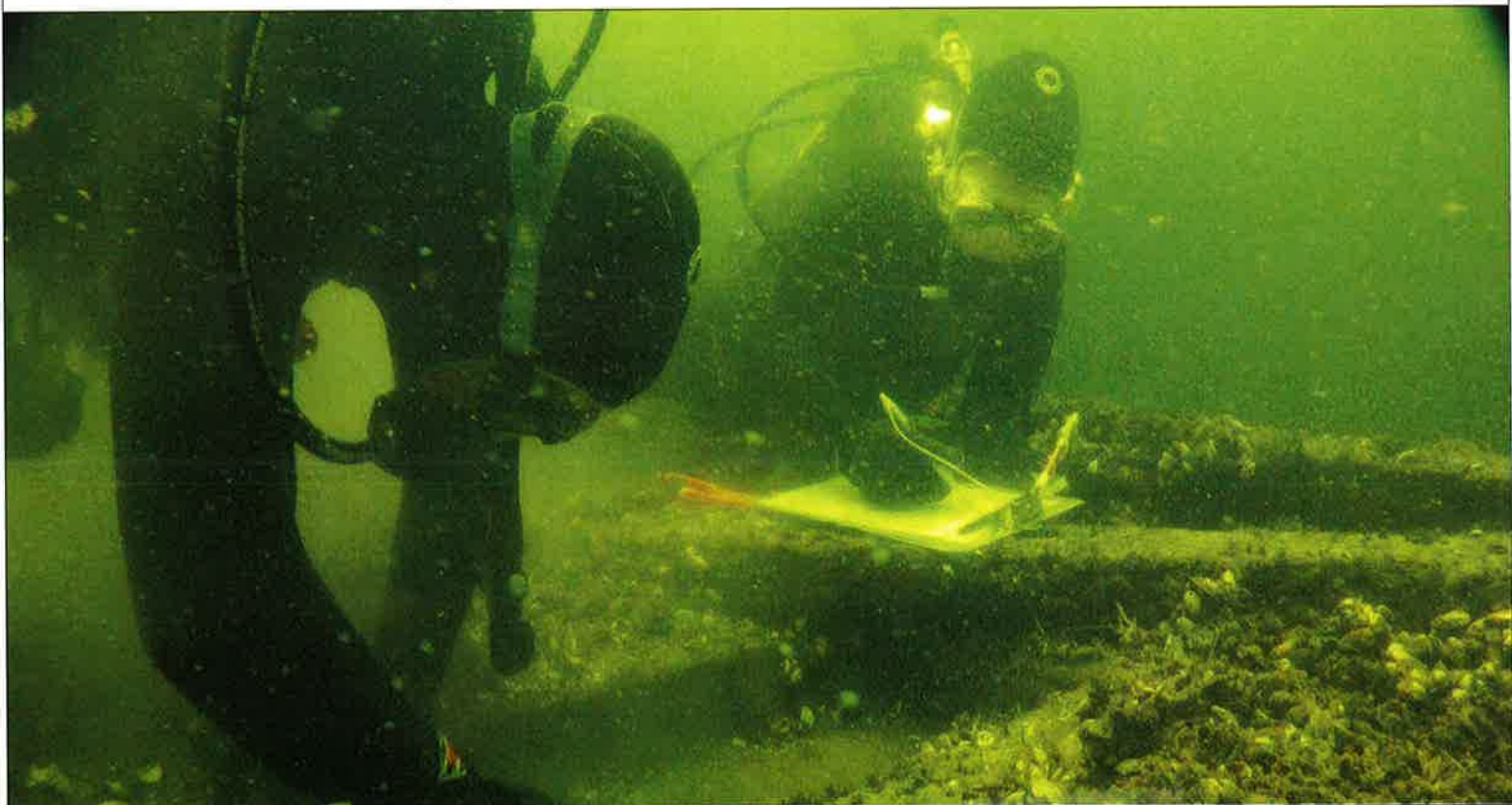
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The Division for Historic Preservation (Division) administers the Lake Champlain Underwater Historic Preserves, founded in 1982. The mission of the program is to protect irreplaceable historic shipwrecks from anchor damage and artifact collecting by fostering awareness and public education. The Division's Survey Archaeologist supervises the program with the aid of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, U.S. Coast Guard, Vermont State Archaeologist, State of New York officials, and a team of dedicated professionals who volunteer their expertise and time. Essential to the success of the program is the public partnership, with registered divers identifying and monitoring these preserves.

The significance of this program is growing rapidly as social media educates and attracts the diving public about our Underwater Historic Preserves, which include the late 19th and early 20th century wreckage of canal boats, steamboats, sailing vessels, a schooner, and a horse ferry. During 2014, the Capital appropriation funds covered the cost of location moorings and identification buoys, underwater signs, and emergency equipment for the response boat provided by the Vermont State Police. The funding also provided for the identification of additional sites that could be opened to the public as preserves, conservation of recovered artifacts, and above-water interpretive displays. Experienced certified divers who travel by boat to the sites perform much of the work, funded by a grant to the Maritime Museum.

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	FY2014	FY2015	Totals
Grant Amount	\$24,851	\$34,886	\$59,737
Expenditures to Date	\$24,851	\$0	\$24,854
Encumbrances Remaining	\$0	\$34,886	\$34,886
Remaining Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0



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