

Awarded Project Summaries



Arlington, Canfield Farm - \$15,000

Purchased by the Canfield family in 1825, this property was home to Dorothy Canfield Fisher and her brother James Elliott in the 1940s while tenant farmers ran the farming operation. In the mid-1990s the farm became an equine facility, acting as both a boarding and breeding operation. The barn complex consists of three structures and a matching grant will support work to replace the stone foundation of the Center Barn. Once work is complete, the owners hope to expand their equine operation with additional horse stalls.



Bennington, Green Vail Farm - \$15,000

This 6.6-acre property was once part of a larger farm of 100+ acres known as the North Farm. The property was first subdivided in the 1940s. Local lore states the barn was used to stable horses for the Saratoga racing season in the 1950s and 60s, evidenced by the barn's seven ornate horse stalls with varnished tongue-and-groove pine. The owner would like to expand use to support a hemp-growing operation and possibly future horse boarding. Grant funds will support repair the barn's masonry foundation, jacking the frame back into square and cleaning out rotted floorboards.



Berlin, Glinnis Farm - \$15,000

This 203-acre farm includes an 1850 farmhouse, former 90-cow dairy barn, sugar house, and hen house. The property was acquired by Floyd Maloney in 1932 and owned by his son John until 2010. Today, Glinnis Hill Farm is dedicated to building community through sustainable agriculture, art, and music. This includes growing organic produce and making it available to all on a sliding scale CSA. Grant funds will support work to restore the main barn for public events and to house the farmstand. Phase one includes stabilizing the original post-and-beam structure and its 1930s addition.



Cornwall, The Barnyard - \$15,000

The original house on this property was constructed c. 1816 by the Reverend Jedidiah Bushnell. After his death in 1846 the property was sold to the Potters and then Curtis James, who was responsible for construction of several of the farm's historic barns. The current owners purchased the property in 2006 and have a hobby farm with chickens, Icelandic sheep, and a Jersey Short Horned calf. Recipients of two past barn grants, the owners will use this 2023 grant to make repairs to the farm's East Barn.



Danville, Cary Sugar House - \$15,000

In the late 1800s George Cary founded Cary Maple Sugar Co. in St. Johnsbury, which was the largest sugaring operation in the world for a time. In neighboring Danville, 25 acres of mature sugar bush owned by Cary and used for production of maple syrup is the home of Maple Sugar House #136 and a small cabin that Cary lived in during sugaring season. The current owner plans to return the property to a productive commercial maple sugar operation and will use the historic cabin and sugarhouse as a museum and tourist attraction as well as an educational lab for students in partnership with St Johnsbury Academy. Grant funds will support a sensitive restoration the sugarhouse to its original footprint and appearance.



Danville, Heart's Ease Farm – \$15,000

Originally known as the Old Hartshorn Place, this property belonged to Captain Israel Putnam Dana, whose house still stands across Hill Street. The barn was reportedly built by Abel Hartshorn in 1882. Until the mid-1950s it was an active dairy farm, last run by Ernest Hartshorn. The current owner plans to use the property for farm incubation, sharing the farmhouse, land and barn with individuals who want to start farming but do not have access to land. Grant funds will support important repairs needed to the barn's lower level, including framing repairs and installing new concrete footings.

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East Montpelier, Templeton Farm - \$15,000

Templeton Farm was settled in 1810 and has been in continuous family ownership since then. Now an 8th generation family farm, the property was conserved in 1993 with assistance from the Vermont Land Trust and Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. Today the owners have 60 grass-fed beef cows and 3,500-tap maple sugaring operation. A matching grant will provide funds to repair the connected dairy and horse barns, both constructed around 1877. Work includes replacement of the failing metal roof of the horse barn, repair of the dairy barn's cupola, and repair to the north end foundation and sill.



Fletcher, Black Mountain Farm - \$13,720

This dairy farm is one of the last three working dairy farms in Fletcher. Originally a small subsistence farm that successive generations expanded, the farm now totals 225 acres. The large gambrel barn from 1927 still supports an active dairy operation. The current owners also host local daycares, preschool, and elementary school field trips to provide education about farming practices. They will receive grant funding to address several areas of deterioration focused on the southwest gable and elevated north entrance of the gambrel barn.



Hinesburg, Texas Hill Farm - \$15,000

This property is the final core parcel of a larger farm founded in the 1790s. The Cassidy family farmed the land for most of the 19th century. The property's hand-hewn square rule English-style barn with dropped tie beams was likely built for housing sheep. The current owners purchased the house and adjacent 8.95 acres of fallow fields and forest in 2017. With grant support the owners will invest in significant repairs to replace the barn's failing fieldstone foundation, with the goal of using the farm as a model homestead and student project site with the UVM Farmer Training Program.



Newbury, George House Barn/Daylilly Acres - \$15,000

This property was owned by the George family for seven generations before the current owners recently acquired it. Now called Daylilly Acres, the property includes multiple agricultural buildings, including two dairy barns, a milk house, and a horse/heifer barn that will be rehabilitated with the support of a VDHP grant. Work will focus on repair/replacement of the lower level supports and foundation. Once complete, the building will be used to house Dexter cattle, Ayam Cemani chickens, and serve visitors to the owner's extensive daylilly gardens.



Pawlet, Walnut Hill Farm - \$15,000

The Balzano family acquired Walnut Hill Farm from Tim and Nancy Bryant in 2017; the Bryants operated a 120-cow dairy on the 170-acre property until 2015. A matching grant will allow the new owners to complete critical structural repairs to the farm's main dairy barn, which was constructed in sections with the oldest part dating to c. 1800. They operate a dried flower and organic vegetable farm. Investing in the barn will allow them to expand the farm's dried flower business with space for drying of flowers and cold storage.



Peacham, Will-Bren Farm - \$15,000

The known history of this farm stretches back to 1820 with the Partridge family. It was operated as a dairy farm by Kenneth McPhee from the 1940s until the current owners acquired the property in 1967. They continued the dairy operation until 2003 when the farm was converted into a beef cattle operation, also growing crops, and harvesting maple. Matching grant funds will be directed to the c. 1880 main barn to complete structural and foundation repairs at the west elevation and replacement of the west roof slope.

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Pittsford, Buzzell Farm - \$15,000

Situated on Kendall Road in Pittsford, the Buzzell Farm Barn is a large, c. 1880s timber-framed queen post truss barn. It was lifted onto a concrete foundation in the 1930-40s to allow for cows to be housed on the ground level. A pair of historic glazed tile silos flank the high drive on the east gable. Today, the farm is owned and operated by Jimmy Buzzell, a third-generation farmer. He raises beef cattle, poultry, and hay, and the barn is used to house beef cattle and chickens. A matching grant will help him shore up the building, removing old concrete, pouring a new frost wall, and building a new timber frame stem wall across south and east elevations.



Pomfret, Moore Farm - \$15,000

The Moore Farm has been operated by the same family for over 247 years. In 1975, it received a bicentennial award. Agricultural activities have included dairy and beef herds, an apple orchard, maple sugar operation and hay production. The dairy operation was phased out in the latter part of the 20th century, but the farm continues to support an Angus beef herd, an apple orchard, and maple syrup operation. A portion of the barn is now also being used to store pipe organs as part of an organ repair business. Grant funds will support replacement of the barn's north roof slope.



Randolph, Wayside Farm - \$15,000

The current owners of Wayside Farm have operated a dairy farm on this property for the past 25 years. It was used as a draft horse stock farm at the turn of the 20th century and there are multiple historic agricultural buildings on the property. The c. 1790 barn with late 19th century modifications is the focus of this grant-funded project. Work will include framing repairs, installation of an attic truss rod, jacking and shoring of basement framing, and exterior siding repair/replacement and painting.



Rockingham, Leach Road Barn - \$5,000

This property on Leach Road has been owned by the Freedman Family since 1961 and includes an apple orchard and beautifully preserved c. 1900 timber-framed barn. This modest matching grant award will allow the family to repair a section of the barn's original fieldstone foundation.



Royalton, Royalton Town Farm - \$15,000

The Royalton Town Farm was established in 1783 to care for those with significant needs in the town. In 1841 a residence was built on the property and the barn was added in 1857. In the mid-1900s the town transitioned the farm to private ownership and the current owner purchased the property 10 years ago. Grant funds will be used to address failures along the northeast side of the barn caused by poor drainage and exacerbated by a nearby chicken coop. Work will include repairs to the stone foundation and structure, repair of the barn's milking parlor roof, and drainage work.



Shaftsbury, Cold Spring Road Barn - \$4,850

This historic property includes a farmhouse that is presumed to have been constructed in 1798, three agricultural structures, a hybrid Dutch barn dating to c. 1850, a milking shed, and a larger barn that may have once housed pigs. The new owners will use matching grant funds to repair the main barn, which will then house horses. Work will include framing repairs, sill work, and replacement of a section of the barn's foundation.

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Shaftsbury, Robert Frost Stone House Barn - \$5,500

Known historically as the Peleg Cole Farm or Half Stone House, this historic property was home to poet Robert Frost between 1920 and 1928. The Frosts grew apples, vegetables, and flowers, planted red pine, and raised farm animals and honeybees on the farm that features a late English Bank Barn. The property is open seasonally to the public as the Robert Frost Stone House Museum. The museum hopes expand use of the barn, which is not currently open to the public, for programming and events such as concerts, art installations, workshops, and a Holiday Makers' Market. Grant funding will support these efforts with funding to replace the barn's failing metal roof.



Sharon, Maple Vale Farm - \$15,000

The current owners recently purchased 10 acres subdivided from an abutting 800-acre farm. A house on the property was built in 1820 and the main barn was built c. 1870, likely on the foundation of an earlier structure. Maple Vale Farm was an active dairy farm until the early 1970s. The owners hope to work with nearby Balla Machree Farm to provide space in the barn for wintertime shelter for ewes. Before this can happen, they will use a VDHP grant to replace the barn's leaking roof.



St. Johnsbury, Stark Farm - \$15,000

This 81-acre farm sits on land farmed by Robert Stark, nephew of General John Stark. The main barn on the property was constructed between 1811 and 1820. In 1985 the current owners acquired the property. They raise sheep, chickens, pigs, have a large vegetable garden, and lease open fields to a neighboring dairy farm. Aside from active agricultural use, the farm frequently hosts school groups who learn about the Northern Forest, as well as farming practices. Grant funds will support several aspects of repair to the main barn, including foundation and framing repairs at the south gable and west elevation.



Stannard, Winchester Farm/Black Dirt Farm - \$8,250

This property was likely a sheep farm before the Winchester family began a dairy operation on the property in 1912. The current barn was constructed on the foundation of an earlier structure lost to fire and was designed for milking 21 cows. The dairy operation ceased in the 1960s. The current owners purchased the property in 2014 and now run an integrated, diversified farm, raising laying hens, making compost and worm castings, and growing crops. The barn is used to house livestock and the farm's poultry infirmary, as well as for storing hay and farm equipment. The farm also runs a small farm stand, public food scrap drop-off, and a community library connected to the barn. The owners received a VDHP grant in 2015 and will use a second grant award to tackle additional structural repairs.



Thetford, Cambridge House Barn - \$15,000

This barn is in Thetford's Union Village across the Main Street from the Ompompanoosuc River. During the 1800s, three mills and a general store stood just downstream. An original 1820 I-frame house on the property was recently restored by the owners who are now focused on rehabilitation of the property's barn. Matching grant funds will support sill replacement, reconstruction of the drive doors, replacement of the drive floor, and re-grading along the east elevation, allowing them to put the barn back into productive use housing animals.



Topsham, Frost Farm - \$15,000

Frost Farm has been owned by the Frost/Carruth family for nearly 200 years; the current owner is the 6th generation of the family. It was a thriving hill farm for many years and includes several historic agricultural buildings, including the main barn, blacksmith shop, milk house, sugar house, hen house, and truck barn. Milking and syrup production ceased in the late 1960s or early 1970s and sadly, the agricultural buildings fell into disrepair. Grant funding will now seed efforts to revive use of these historic buildings for educational purposes, such as adapting the former blacksmith shop for glass blowing.

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Tunbridge, Howe Brothers Farm - \$15,000

The Holstein Stock Barn is one of several agricultural buildings on the Howe Farm, marked by twin houses and barns historically owned by Howe brothers, Sylvester and Walter. The Howe family ran an active dairy operation until 1999. The Vermont Land Trust acquired the property in 2021 and the non-profit White River Land Collaborative is now subleasing it to a pasture-based organic farm business, Flying Dog Farm, as part of their vision to use of the property to support both educational programming and regenerative agricultural. Once repaired, the Stock Barn will house an upper-level community gathering space and lower-level food processing and storage space. A matching grant funds will help address foundation repairs and drainage improvements.



Waitsfield, Smith Barn - \$15,000

This 62-acre property sits in the heart of Waitsfield. It was owned by the Smith family for roughly 150 years and supported cows, horses, pigs, and chickens. The Smiths also harvested and delivered ice locally. A matching grant will be directed to replacement of the barn's failing foundation so that the new owners can use the barn to house livestock as well as an office and meeting space for educational workshops to develop place-based and outdoor experiences in local schools.



Westford, Center Farm Barn - \$15,000

This large gambrel barn was originally part of the 600-acre Center Farm and was constructed c. 1940. In the 1970s about 200 acres and the barn was purchased by Lonnie and Corrine Butler, who had a small dairy operation with 40 milk cows. The current owners purchased the property in 1982 and raised 50 ewes and 60-80 lambs per year. The barn has been used for beef cattle and now houses the family horse. A matching grant will allow the owners to invest in work to address poor drainage and the failing foundation of the barn along Cambridge Road, where the rising road grade has caused deterioration.



Weston, Old County Road Barn - \$5,668

This 28-acre property includes a c. 1800 barn, farmhouse, and two-seater outhouse (now used as a chicken house). The new owners have owned the property for three years and have revived the garden, growing flowers and vegetables. They plan to add livestock to the farm and the barn will be used to house these animals and for hay storage. A matching grant will be used to replace the barn's rotted posts and flooring, along with siding and window repairs, and to construct a stair to the barn's loft.

