

## Awarded Project Summaries



### **Andover, Joshua Jaquith Farm – \$20,000**

Founded in 1787, the Jaquith Farm remained in the same family until 1904. The current owners received a matching grant to undertake repairs to the farm's oldest building, a large English threshing barn built with scribe-rule techniques. The repairs will address the stone foundation, drive bay and drive bay doors, and roof, with installation of new siding and new flooring system in the haymow. This work will allow the barn to be used for community cultural activities.



### **Brattleboro, Cotter Farm – \$19,075**

In continuous agricultural use since the 1780s, Cotter Farm encompasses 30 acres of open pasture and 67 acres of managed woodlot. The primary structure is a significant composite barn, featuring an original circa 1780 English barn joined end-to-end with a circa 1850 Yankee barn. A matching grant will facilitate critical stabilization of the failing stone foundation and the installation of a perimeter drainage system to protect the historic timber frame from moisture-related deterioration.



### **Bristol, Smith-Lathrop Farm – \$20,000**

After 150 years under the Hewitt and Lathrop families, this historic farm was purchased by its current owner in 2016. Throughout its history, the property has operated as a dairy, sheep, grain, and sugaring farm. The new owner is launching an organic vegetable operation, utilizing the barn for support, and is repairing the historic "Trout House" foundation and flooring with the help of a state matching grant.



### **Danville, Hill View Farm – \$20,000**

Now managed by the third generation of the Pearl family, this 200-acre dairy farm is undergoing a period of structural transition. Following the loss of the main barn to a lightning strike in 1994, preservation efforts are now centered on the circa 1880 shop building. Grant funding will facilitate the conversion of this historic structure into a woodworking shop, specifically supporting the replacement of its failing stone foundation and the restoration of the pier system.

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### **East Montpelier, Sibley Farm – \$9,750**

The Sibley Farm has remained within the family for five generations, dating back to 1836. While the land is currently leased to Fairmont Farm for cropping and the structures serve as equipment storage, critical preservation is needed for the historic horse barn. Grant funds will address a 25-foot section of the north wall's stone foundation, which has tilted inward due to hydrostatic pressure and freeze-thaw cycles. The restoration will involve jacking the structure to repair the masonry and any framing impacted by the foundation's shift.



### **Hyde Park, Birdsong Flora – \$20,000**

Dating to circa 1850, this historic 75-acre dairy farm features a prominent gambrel barn currently undergoing a comprehensive restoration. After a period of dormancy, the new owners are revitalizing the property for active agricultural use. Building upon a 2024 grant that successfully funded framing repairs on two elevations, this second phase of funding will complete the structural restoration of the north and west walls below the plate level.



### **Morristown, Priest Farm – \$20,000**

Originally constructed for dairy operations, this versatile barn has served as a cornerstone for several community eras, including a tenure with the Samoset Colony Club as a hub for golf and skiing. It later housed an onsite live-in theater program under the ownership of Mabel Grim. Today, the new owners are transitioning the structure back toward its agricultural roots by establishing a collaborative farm stand for local artisans. Grant funding will support this revitalization by securing the building's envelope through critical metal roof repairs.



### **Newfane, L. E. Stratton Market Barn – \$20,000**

Built circa 1850, this square-rule timber frame structure is the former L. E. Stratton Market butcher shop, featuring a rare intact shop interior and meat cooler. Historically, the building served a dual purpose, with the lower level used for livestock housing. State matching grant funds will be utilized to replace compromised structural piers and sills, facilitating the leveling of the barn. Additional work will include framing repairs and targeted window restoration to secure the building envelope.

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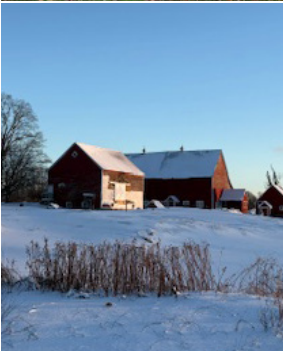
### **Pownal, Bastion Diel Barn – \$20,000**

The Diel Homestead is situated on land originally settled under a mid-18th-century Dutch tenancy, with Bastiane (Bastian) Diel recognized as one of the earliest tenant farmers in the area later incorporated as Pownal. While the existing 1830s barn has fallen into disrepair, the current owners intend to revitalize the structure for use as a farm store to market onsite produce. Initial restoration efforts, supported by awarded grant funding, will focus on a first phase of work including essential foundation repairs and site grading to ensure proper drainage.



### **Putney, Blood Farm – \$20,000**

Constructed in the mid-19th century, this square-rule, gable-entry bank barn sits on a property stewarded by the Blood family for nearly 140 years. The current owner is rehabilitating the structure to support a multi-use agricultural operation, including livestock housing, equipment storage, and a woodworking shop. Matching grant funds will facilitate critical structural stabilization, specifically jacking the barn to install new concrete support piers along the eaves. The project also includes the installation of tie-rods to reinforce the frame and comprehensive roof repairs.



### **Randolph, Wayside Farm – \$20,000**

Wayside Farm has been an active dairy operation under its current ownership for 25 years, following a historic tenure as a turn-of-the-century draft horse stock farm. The property features a circa 1790 English barn—a rare example of early scribe-rule timber framing—which was later modified in the late 19th century to include a lower level. Building on a 2023 grant that addressed structural stabilization, this second phase of funding will focus on the building envelope, installing new wood clapboard siding to match the historic profile.



### **Ryegate, Whitehill Stone House Barn – \$10,000**

Constructed in 1798 by Scottish immigrant James Whitehill, this historic property remained in the Whitehill family for three generations before being acquired by the Whitehill Home and Library Association (WHLA) in 1929. The attached barn, added prior to 1850 for stabling oxen and horses, is now being reimagined as a versatile community hub for meetings and education. Grant funds will address critical structural issues, specifically remediating a heaving floor through drainage improvements, frame stabilization, and comprehensive floor repairs.

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### **Ryegate, Scotch Burn Farm – \$18,900**

Constructed in 1875 by John H. Nelson, this historic structure serves as one of four foundational Nelson farms in Ryegate Corner and was recently honored as the 2024 Vermont Dairy Farm of the Year. While traditionally operated as a dairy for generations, the barn currently supports a diversified operation for raising pigs and storing dry hay. Grant funding will be directed toward a critical stabilization project to replace approximately 80 linear feet of the building's failed foundation.



### **Shoreham, Douglas Orchards – \$20,000**

Douglas Orchards spans 184 acres of diverse fruit and berry production, offering seasonal pick-your-own experiences for strawberries, cherries, and apples. Beyond its annual output of 500 gallons of syrup and 300 gallons of cider, the farm is revitalizing its historic c. 1800 dairy barn. Following initial structural work funded by a 2022 grant, a second phase of restoration will focus on roof repairs and siding replacement. These improvements are designed to prepare the barn's main level for future public programming and community events.



### **Weathersfield, Henry Gould Farm – \$20,000**

The Henry Gould homestead features a farmhouse and barn both dating to circa 1790. Originally constructed as a ground-level English barn, the structure was significantly modified in the mid-19th century into a gable-entry bank barn. The property supported an extensive dairy operation under Gould's tenure from the 1930s through the 1970s and currently serves as an equestrian facility. Grant funding will facilitate the reconstruction of the front wall foundation and the integral stone retaining walls that provide critical structural support to the barn's gable end.



### **Weathersfield, Oscar Johnson Farm – \$20,000**

Acquired in 1925 by Oscar Johnson, this farm was a prosperous dairy operation for decades. Mr. Johnson's daughter, Emily, continues to reside in the farmhouse at 99 years of age, representing a century of family history on the land. The property transitioned to new ownership last spring, with plans to repurpose the historic barn for a modern grass-fed beef operation. Grant funding will support critical timber-frame restoration, including the replacement of previously removed tie beams and repairs to the drive bay's framing, decking, and stone abutments.

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### **West Haven, Ladd-Shedrick House Barn – \$20,000**

Under the new name of Deer Meadow Farm, this property continues a legacy of agricultural production dating back to the early 19th century. Since acquiring the farm in 2025, the current owners have already executed several preservation projects on the circa 1900 livestock barn. This phase of grant-funded work will target the building's south elevation, replacing a failing rubblestone and concrete foundation with modern structural supports to stabilize the timber frame.



### **Whitingham, Sadawga Lake House Barn – \$20,000**

For 186 years, the historic Winn Tavern—later known as the Sadawga Lake House—functioned as a vital community hub, serving as a tavern, general store, and inn. The property's circa 1889 hay barn underwent its own evolution in the 1950s when it was repurposed into a woodworking shop. A matching grant will now facilitate essential structural preservation, specifically targeting the replacement of a failing concrete block foundation and the remediation of minor framing deficiencies.



### **Woodstock, Barnes Gilbert House Barn – \$7,625**

Acquired in the mid-1990s, this property has successfully utilized two previous barn grants to maintain its historic infrastructure. Today, the barn serves as the clinical hub for MoonRise Therapeutics, a farm-based mental health non-profit that delivered over 3,200 hours of service to 390 community members in 2024 alone. This new grant will fund essential repairs to the high drive—the primary access point to the former hayloft—alongside targeted structural reinforcements on the building's lower level.



### **Woodstock, King Farm – \$20,000**

Jabez King bought this farm in 1807 and worked on the land for nearly 30 years. His great-granddaughter Francisca King Thomas bequeathed the farm to the Ottauquechee Regional Land Trust (now the Vermont Land Trust) to ensure it was used for agriculture, forestry and offered public educational opportunities. The farm includes several historic agricultural buildings, including a sheep barn, corn crib, milk house and sugar house. Grant funds will focus on structural roof repairs of the farm's attached hay and dairy barn complex, which includes a rare 1790s English Barn.