

Awarded Project Summaries



Arlington, Canfield Farm — \$8,950

Purchased by the Canfield family in 1825, the property was home to Dorothy Canfield Fisher and her brother James Elliott Canfield in the 1940s. Fisher was an educational activist, social reformer, and best-selling author. In the mid-1990s the farm became an equine facility. Today, the barn complex consists of three historic buildings. A matching grant will support work re-point the stone foundation of the Center Barn and construct new equipment doors for the lower level. Once work is complete, the owners hope to expand their equine operation.



Bennington, Green Vail Farm — \$20,000

This 6.6-acre property was once part of a larger farm consisting of 100+ acres known as the North Farm. It 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 1960s, suggested by the barn's ornate horse stalls with varnished tongue-and-groove pine. Now, the owner plans to use the barn to support a hemp-growing operation. Grant funds will support repairing the barn's masonry foundation, and replacement of a deteriorated sill beam.



Cornwall, Glen Dale Farm — \$15,750

Solomon Linsley settled the land that Glen Dale Farm occupies in 1774 and probably built the existing English barn around 1775. The farm's stock barn and other buildings in the complex were built by Milo B. Williamson about 1870. Glen Dale Farm is currently used to provide space for educational programming and events and hosts occasional weddings. Grant funds will focus on repairs to the stock barn's failing stone foundation.



Cornwall, The Barnyard — \$20,000

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. The 2025 grant will be used to repair a failing plate beam and replace the roof of the complex's East Barn.

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Danville, Brook Hill Farm — \$20,000

The historic barn at Brook Hill Farm was constructed c. 1840 by the Morse family and was originally part of a 400-acre dairy operation. Farming operations ceased in the early 1990s; new owners recently acquired the barn with 27 acres and plan to return the property to agricultural use. A matching grant will help fund the first steps in the rehabilitation of the barn, including removal of a later addition, making framing repairs, and installing new sheathing and siding.



Danville, Sunday Bell Farm — \$15,000

This 12-acre property was established in 1814 and was owned by two brothers who operated a sawmill. The bank barn was built in 1865. After the turn of the 20th century, the property was abandoned for 50 years. In the mid-1990s, renowned timber framer Paul Ide acquired the property and restored the barn. More recently the current owners upon acquiring the property began Sunday Bell Farm, a dairy and diversified livestock farm. The barn grant will be used to replace the barn's metal roof, which is at the end of its life.



Fairfield, Kupersmith House Barn — \$20,000

The Kupersmith House and Horse Barn were owned by the Soule family, who settled in the area during Fairfield's early development. A.G. Soule served as a state senator for Franklin County and was responsible for the barn's construction c. 1880. The building was utilized as a dairy barn through the mid- to late 1900s and then converted into a storage facility when the cows were sold. A matching grant will allow the current owner to complete comprehensive framing repairs of this local landmark.



Franklin, Bouchard Family Dairy — \$9,300

This farm was purchased c. 1911 by the Bouchard Family. Today Bouchard Family Dairy LLC has 542.6 acres in agricultural production. The farm's English Barn was constructed in 1874 and is used to store farm equipment used each season by several local farmers. This includes a manure injector that services ~1,500 acres across both Franklin and Grand Isle counties. Grant-funded work will include installing truss rods, replacing roofing nails, and completing framing repairs.

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Glover, Bread & Puppet Theater Barn — \$17,075

Four generations of the Sherburne family owned this property beginning in 1846. John and Maria Scott purchased the farm in 1969, which was then given to their daughter Elka Schumann and Bread and Puppet Theater around 1971. Since 1974, Bread and Puppet Theater, a non-profit organization, has hosted annual summer programs drawing thousands of visitors to the farm from around the world. Grant funds will complete the replacement of the failing concrete foundation with traditional stonework on the Museum Barn.



Granville, Bagley Farm/Clearfield Farm — \$20,000

Eugene Bagley operated a dairy farm here in the mid-20th century and in his later years worked to conserve the property. It was one of the first to be conserved with the Vermont Land Trust in the 1990s. The current owners acquired the farm in 2016. They operate a wholesale vegetable farm, growing root vegetables and grains. In 2024 the farm harvested over 100,000 pounds of produce. A matching grant will fund the first phase of rehabilitation of the farm's barn, focusing on jacking and straightening the timber frame and patching the leaking roof.



Hancock, Hancock Mountain Farm — \$15,000

The current owner's family purchased this property in 1970. The early-19th-century barn has served a myriad of evolving uses since its construction—first as mixed livestock housing with exterior and interior silos. During the past five decades it has been used as a woodworking workshop, an antique and collectibles retail outlet, storage for season tractor and farming implements, and dry storage for lumber. A matching grant will support work to repair the barn's stone foundation along the north elevation and northwest corner, grading work, and restoring the high drive bridge.



Huntington, Remington-Williamson Farm — \$17,650

This property includes ~30 acres spanning Main Road in Huntington Center. A local landmark, the 70' high white barn was built in 1895. The current owner bought the property in 1995 and started Jubilee Farm, growing mixed organic vegetables, cut flowers and herbs, and farming eggs. The barn supports these operations and houses a farmstand. The second floor is rented to Vermont Heavy Timber for storage and workshop space. Grant funds will focus on repairs to the barn's distinctive cupola and slate roof.

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Jamaica, Allen Farm — \$20,000

This 180-acre property has been continuously farmed since the early 1800s. It was purchased by the current owner's grandfather Philip Allen in 1952. Allen formed a gentleman's agreement with his neighbor Lawrence Coleman that is still honored today—the property is now managed by nine of Allen's grandchildren in partnership with the Coleman family, who farm the land and their own abutting acreage as one fully functioning farm. The main historic agricultural complex includes multiple structures used for storing hay, machinery, and sawdust, and housing cows. A matching grant will support site work, foundation, framing, and siding repairs, and window replacement.



Newbury, Daylily Acres — \$7,235

This property was owned by the George family for seven generations before the current owners acquired it. Now called Daylily 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 this grant. Work would include replacing deteriorated windows with appropriate barn sash, replacing two sliding barn doors, and installing new siding. The barn is used to house Dexter cattle, rare breed chickens, and apiary equipment.



Orwell, Valley Ridge Farm — \$20,000

Valley Ridge Farm was established c. 1850 as a sheep farm and transitioned to a dairy in the early to mid-1900s. It was owned by the Buell/Phelps family until 2023 when the current owners acquired the property and began work to address years of deferred maintenance. They have converted the north barn into a workshop. The middle barn will be used as a sheep/goat barn and the south barn will be used to house beef cows. The owners received grant funding for slate roof repairs on multiple barns, installing cables in the Cow Barn, and cupola repairs on the Horse Barn.



Plainfield, Gale-Bancroft Barn — \$17,039

This c. 1840 barn was once part of a small farm that consisted of a two-acre house and an orchard lot in the lower village of Plainfield, along with a 15-acre pasture sold off in the early 1900s. A 2022 grant allowed the owner to complete important foundation and drainage work around the barn. Unfortunately, it was then impacted by flooding in July of 2024. With previously grant-funded work holding up well, the owner will use a second grant to make repairs to the barn's damaged west wall, framing repairs, and installation of additional drainage to protect the barn from future flood events.

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Richmond, Nathan M. Fay Farm — \$17,500

The Nathan M. Fay farm consists of a farmhouse, barn, and sugarhouse on 28 acres and was the site of a 19th-century sawmill. The current owner purchased the farm in 1994. Today the agricultural fields are active hay fields cut by a local farmer, and the sugar bush is being utilized by a commercial maple syrup producer. A grant award will allow the owners to tackle important stabilization work at the barn complex, stabilizing a failing section of the foundation, tightening existing truss rods, and adding shoring and bracing to support failing portions of the roof and walls.



Royalton, Butternut Bridge Farm — \$20,000

The house on this property was built in 1799 by Nehemiah Leavitt as a Methodist Meetinghouse. In 1844 Amasa Royce bought the property, and the barn was constructed c. 1850. It was part of a working dairy farm that operated through the 1940s. The current owner purchased the property in 2017. The barn currently houses farm equipment for the owner's uncles, who own and maintain approximately 56 adjacent acres of property. A matching grant will help fund foundation and framing repairs along the barn's east elevation, as well as new siding, windows, and doors.



Sharon, MapleVale Farm — \$18,772

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. A previous Barn Preservation grant enabled replacement of a section of the barn's main roof, removal of a later shed addition and associated framing repairs. Now a second grant will focus on additional framing repairs at the barn's main level and replacement/repair of deteriorated siding on the south elevation.



South Hero, Phelps Farm — \$3,750

The original Phelps Farm barn was built c. 1830 as a side-hill English barn. Perhaps a century later, a gambrel roof was attached to the south end. The barn supported a working dairy owned by the Wright family. In the 1990s, it was then known as Farnham's Horse Exchange and then as Willey Farm. The Vermont Land Trust and South Hero Land Trust conserved the farm in 2012. The current owners renamed the property Health Hero Farm, and the barns support the farm's production and sale of 100% grass fed beef. It is located along the recreational bike Island Line Trail with its signature bike ferry. A modest grant will help address the leaking metal roof of the gambrel barn.

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Troy, Douglas Farm — \$20,000

This property was in continuous operation as a dairy from c. 1840 through 1987, run by five generations of the Douglas family. The barn was most recently used to house heifers with hay storage above. In 1987, when the property changed hands, space in the barn was rented to a local dairy until 1993. It is now used as a workshop. The owners received a grant award to replace the barn's failing corrugated metal roof, along with associated carpentry repairs.



Tunbridge, Drew Road Barn — \$19,475

The property along Drew Road includes a historic farmhouse built in 1832 and a barn (originally a carriage barn) built in 1882. Early stewards were sheep, then dairy farmers. In the 1980s, owner Dr. Mike Roberts added horse stalls to accommodate his animals. Jeffrey Lent wrote the bestselling novel *In the Fall* from the barn where he still has an office. The current owners will use a matching grant to complete several small projects, including repairs to the barn's cupola, replacement of the addition's roof, siding repairs, and grading work.



Woodbury, Flywheel Farm — \$10,530

The property consists of approximately six tillable acres of what was originally a small dairy operation. It stopped being actively farmed in the 1970s or 1980s until 2013, when the current owners began leasing the land for their diversified fruit vegetable farm known as Flywheel Farm. In 2024 they acquired the property. A grant will allow for the first phase of repairs to the c. 1875 barn, which includes critical framing repairs along the south and east walls.