



## **Certified Local Government Program**

### **2025 CLG Grant Application**

**FFY 2025 grant funding provided by the  
National Park Service/Historic Preservation Fund**

**Grant Period: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2027**

**Vermont Certified Local Government Program  
2025 Grant Application Form**

**Application Deadline:** On or before 4:30 PM, Monday, December 16, 2024.

**What to Submit:** All application materials must be submitted prior to the application deadline. A complete application consists of the following items, in the following electronic formats:

- Application Form, signed by the applicant, the Chair of the CLG Commission, and the Chief Elected Local Official (or designee). Submit a scanned PDF of the complete application with all signatures.
- Proposed Budget Form, signed by the Chief Elected Local Official (or designee). Submit the following:
  - a scanned PDF of the signed Proposed Budget Form, and
  - an MS Word version of the Proposed Budget Form.
- Any supporting materials, such as photographs, reports, assessments, etc. that support and inform the proposed project. Submit these materials as PDFs.

**How to Submit the Application:** Please submit all the above items as attachments to an email message, identified as follows:

Email Subject Line: *Bennington Historic Preservation Commission – 2025 CLG Grant Application*

Attachments: *Bennington Historic Preservation Commission–Application Form (PDF)*  
*Bennington Historic Preservation Commission – Proposed Budget Form (PDF & Word)*  
*Bennington Historic Preservation Commission– Supporting Materials (PDF)*

**Where to Submit:** All application materials should be submitted electronically via email to [Lindsay.Pacheco@vermont.gov](mailto:Lindsay.Pacheco@vermont.gov)

**If you have any questions about the application process, please contact  
Laura V. Trieschmann at 802-505-3579 or [laura.trieschmann@vermont.gov](mailto:laura.trieschmann@vermont.gov)**

**Vermont Certified Local Government Program  
2025 Grant Application Form**

To complete this Grant Application, simply click in the gray text boxes and type your responses. Please keep your responses as concise as possible and specific to the proposed project.

**Name of CLG Community:** Bennington Historic Preservation Commission

**Name of CLG Coordinator:** Shannon Barsotti

**Telephone:** 802-445-1330

**Email:** sbarsotti@benningtonvt.org

**Mailing Address:** 205 South Street, Bennington, VT 05201

**Name of Municipal Treasurer:** Joan Pinsonneault

**Telephone:** 802-442-1037

**Email:** treasurer@benningtonvt.org

**Project Name:** Pleasant Street Historic District

**Will this project be administered by a designated third party?**  Yes or  No

If yes, name of organization: N/A

**Project Category:** Please check the appropriate category below and provide the requested information as indicated or on a separate page.

**Priority I Projects**

*Top priority in the selection of projects and award of grant funds is given to Priority I projects.*

**Survey Project.** *Please describe in Project Summary:*

- purpose of the project;
- area to be surveyed (indicate on map);
- estimated number of properties to be surveyed;
- estimated number of acres to be surveyed;
- status of completion of town-wide or city-wide survey; and
- plans for completion of survey.

**National Register Project.** *Please describe in Project Summary:*

- purpose of the project;
- building or historic district to be nominated (indicate on map);
- property type or theme for Multiple Property nomination;
- for a historic district, the number of contributing properties within the district;
- status of completion of town-wide or city-wide survey;
- plans for completion of survey; and
- status of survey through the National Register process.

**Preservation Planning Project.** *Please describe in Project Summary:*

- purpose of the project;
- area to be covered by the plan (describe and indicate on map);
- status of completion of town-wide or city-wide survey, and plans for completion of survey; and
- status of survey through the National Register process.

- Information and Education Project.** *Please describe in Project Summary:*
  - purpose of the project;
  - audience, methods and products;
  - status of completion of town-wide or city-wide survey, and plans for completion of survey;
  - status of survey through the National Register process; and
  - status of historic preservation planning.
  
- Pre-Development Project.** *Please describe in Project Summary:*
  - purpose of the project;
  - property or area to be covered by the plan (describe and indicate on map);
  - scope of work and products;
  - status of completion of town-wide or city-wide survey, and plans for completion of survey;
  - status of survey through the National Register process; and
  - status of historic preservation planning.

**Priority II Projects**

*Awarded only if grant funds remain after all Priority I projects have been selected.*

- Development Project.** *Please describe in Project Summary:*
  - purpose of the project;
  - property or area to be covered by the plan (describe and indicate on map);
  - scope of work and products;
  - status of completion of town-wide or city-wide survey, and plans for completion of survey;
  - status of survey through the National Register process; and
  - status of historic preservation planning.
  - Please include a location map showing the footprint of the building, the parcel boundaries, and any areas of possible ground disturbance resulting from the project.

**Project Summary** (please address the items noted in the Project Category selected above):

The purpose of the Pleasant Street Historic District project is to designate Bennington's Pleasant Street as a National Register of Historic Places District with the Secretary of the Interior. Although three properties on the street are already on the National Register, the entire street is historic and an important part of Bennington's industrial history. Pleasant Street ranks among the most significant streets in Bennington village principally for its high-style residential architecture and its historic association with several important 19th-century industrial enterprises. Pleasant Street was the first east-west street opened after Main Street in the developing Bennington Center. The street lies one block north of and parallel to Main Street. It extends from North Street eastward to a point where it curves abruptly southward to intersect East Main Street opposite the similar approach of Union Street from the south. The Walloomsac River flows parallel to Pleasant Street on the north side of the neighborhood, providing sites for the water-powered industry that emerged during the early 19th century. Several owners of these enterprises built imposing houses on Pleasant Street next to their riverside mills and shops. Workers occupied additional housing along the street. These existing homes continue to define the predominant character of the street. The attached proposal to the Preservation Trust of Vermont contains a map of Pleasant Street, and the location of the 32 contributing structures along the street. A member of the Bennington Historic Preservation Commission has compiled

an extensive history of Pleasant Street, and this research can inform the work of the Historic Preservation consultant who is hired to produce the National Register application materials.

**Please Answer the Following Questions:**

1. How will the public be informed about the purpose of this project and the value of historic preservation? (note: public information and education is a required component of *all* CLG grant projects)

The Bennington Historic Preservation Commission took the initial step of leading a well-attended walking tour highlighting the architecture and story of Pleasant Street. It is fortunate that many of the physical components of its significant past remain, two of which are recent additions to the National Register. They are surrounded by equally significant buildings that would comprise an intact National Register District. The Commission's next step involved compiling an extensive history of the neighborhood from existing records and surveys which will serve as a basis for the documentation required to achieve National Register recognition. The public will be informed about the Pleasant Street Historic District through press releases in the local paper, the *Bennington Banner*, which will also be shared on the Town's Facebook page and the Historic Preservation Commission's website page. The HPC will also put together an online walking tour for Pleasant Street that will be linked to the Town's website, as well as in the visitor center of the Better Bennington Corporation, our designated downtown organization. The Town's HPC website explains the value of historic preservation and lists other historic sites and structures and popular walking tours in Old Bennington and downtown.

2. Describe the impact that this project will have on historic resources. Will it be significant and long lasting?

The Bennington Historic Preservation Commission has embarked on an effort to highlight and bring due attention to the architecture and history that is Pleasant Street in Downtown Bennington. The history of Pleasant Street includes industry - notably a burgeoning pottery industry which defines Bennington to this day - extant homes of mill owners and workers, and public buildings. It is the intention of the HPC and the Town of Bennington to seek inclusion of Pleasant Street on the National Register of Historic Places. Bennington is proud to be represented by numerous National Register Sites and Districts - Old Bennington village, North Bennington village, Downtown Bennington, and the Bennington Battle Monument among them - both architecturally and historically. A resurgence of preservation and renovation is bringing a new understanding of what Pleasant Street represents. Our intention is to raise awareness of the street through National Register status for residents, the community, and the many visitors who make Bennington a destination.

3. Does this project focus on disaster preparation, mitigation, and resilience? If yes, please explain how.

Yes -or-  No

If yes, please describe:

4. Describe the project schedule assuming starting date of **May 2025** and completion date of **August 1, 2027**. List dates for subcontracting with consultants, on-site meetings, delivery of draft products, such as survey and National Register forms, and public meetings, as applicable. All products, including a final project report and auditable financial

documentation, are due by the completion date.

DATE	Task/Product Completed
1/23/2025	SHPO notifies applicants of grant awards
5/2025	Executed Grant Agreement
5/2025-6/2025	Town publishes a request for proposals for a Historic Preservation Consultant to complete the Historic Register application for Pleasant Street
7/2025 – 11/2025	Historic Preservation consultant will conduct research and write the proposal for a Pleasant Street Historic District nomination (approximately 150 hours).
12/1/2025	First Progress Report Due
1/2026	Draft National Register Forms due
4/1/2026	Second Progress Report Due
12/1/2026	Third Progress Report Due
4/1/2027	Fourth Progress Report Due
8/1/2027	<b>Completion Date:</b> Deadline to submit final project report, final product, and request reimbursement
9/30/2027	<b>Deadline for SHPO to process payment requests and disburse grant funds</b>


- Who will participate in the project and what will they do? Relate the personnel listed in the budget (CLG staff and commissioners, consultants, volunteers) to their role in completing the project.


Upon receiving grant funding, the Bennington Historic Preservation Commission will work with the Town of Bennington’s CLG Coordinator, Shannon Barsotti, to create a request for proposals for a Historic Preservation consultant. The HPC will review all applicants and choose a consultant. The consultant can use the historical documentation compiled by HPC members as well as conducting their own research. The consultant will complete the required reports for a National Historic District application for a Pleasant Street Historic District. HPC members will promote information about the Pleasant Street Historic District through the local newspaper, the Town’s website, and at the Better Bennington Corporation’s downtown visitor center.

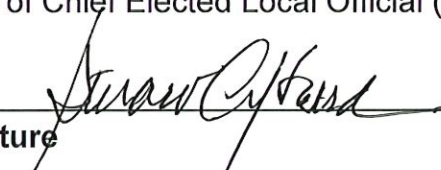
- What are the dates of the local government’s fiscal year? July 1 to June 30
- If applicable, what are the dates of the designated third-party administrator’s fiscal year?  
 not applicable

**Signatures:** After completing the application, print it out and have each of the three signatories sign and date this page. Then scan the complete application as a PDF and email it as an attachment along with the other required application materials.

**THIS APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL ALL REQUIRED SIGNATURES ARE ENTERED BELOW:**

<u>Shannon Barsotti</u> Name of person preparing this application	<u>Community Development Director/CLG Coordinator</u> Title
 Signature	12/13/24 Date

<u>Michael McDonough, Bennington Historic Preservation Commission Chair</u> Name of CLG Commission Chair	
 Signature	12/13/24 Date

<u>Stuart Hurd</u> Name of Chief Elected Local Official (or Designee)	<u>Bennington Town Manager</u> Title
 Signature	12/13/24 Date

Name of CLG Community: Bennington Historic Preservation Commission

Name of CLG Project: Pleasant Street Historic District

Federal Share: \$7,200 + Local Share: \$5,700 (cash & in-kind match) = Total Project Amount: \$12,900

*Note: the Federal Share cannot exceed 60% of the total project amount, and the Local Share must be at least 40% of the total project amount.*

CASH EXPENDITURES 1 (expenses to be reimbursed by the grant)				
Salaried Employees	# Hours & Rate	Proposed	Actual	Variance
<i>Name, Title</i>				
<b>Total Cash Expenditures for Salaried Employees</b>				

CASH EXPENDITURES 2 (expenses to be reimbursed by the grant)				
Contracted Services	Description of Services	Proposed	Actual	Variance
<i>Vendor</i>				
Historic Preservation Consultant	150 hours at \$80/hr to compile research and written application for National Register of Historic Places nomination for Pleasant Street.	\$12,000		
<b>Total Cash Expenditures for Contracted Services</b>		<b>\$12,000</b>		

CASH EXPENDITURES 3 (expenses to be reimbursed by the grant)				
Other Expenses	Description of Costs	Proposed	Actual	Variance
<i>Vendor</i>				



<b>Total Cash Expenditures for Operating Services</b>				
<b>IN-KIND EXPENDITURES 1 (services to serve as match for the grant)</b>				
<b>Donated Time</b>	<b># Hours &amp; Rate</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<i>Historic Preservation Commission members</i>	5 members at 4 hours each at \$30/hour	\$600		
	1 member/coordinator at 10 hours at \$30/hr	\$300		
<b>Total In-Kind Expenditures for Donated Time</b>		<b>\$900</b>		

<b>IN-KIND EXPENDITURES 2 (services to serve as match for the grant)</b>				
<b>Donated Services</b>	<b>Description of Costs</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<i>Vendor</i>				
<b>Total Cash Expenditures for Donated Services</b>				

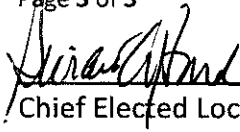
<b>LOCAL CASH MATCH (cash to serve as match for the grant)</b>				
<b>Cash Match</b>	<b>Description of Match</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<i>Preservation Trust of Vermont</i>	Cash grant committed	\$4800		

	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Total of All Cash &amp; In-Kind Expenditures</b>	<b>\$12,900</b>		

**Certification:** I certify that the matching share proposed for this project does not include funding from other Federal sources, and that these funds are not being used as match against any other Federal grant application.

2025 CLG GRANT APPLICATION BUDGET FORM

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 Bennington Town Manager  
Chief Elected Local Official or Designee

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CFDA #15.904

1/9/2024

Date



**Request for Financial Assistance  
from  
The Vermont Preservation Trust  
for  
Pleasant Street National Register Historic District Nomination**



**Town of Bennington, Vermont**



**Bennington Historic Preservation Commission**



## **Bennington Historic Preservation Commission**

### **Request for Financial Support from the Preservation Trust of Vermont Application for National Register of Historic Places Pleasant Street, Bennington, Vermont**

The Town of Bennington and the Bennington Historic Preservation Commission, a Certified Local Government (CLG), are seeking funds for the preparation of an application to the Secretary of the Interior for designation of Pleasant Street in the Town of Bennington as a National Register of Historic Places District. Primary Certified Local Government funding is being sought as an eligible activity for the preparation of nominations to the National Register. The CLG funding would be at 60% of the total cost. A preliminary estimate for preparation of the application is \$12,000. We are requesting Preservation Trust of Vermont funds in the amount of \$4,800 for the remaining 40% of the application cost. A draft budget is included. Application to the CLG is due December 16, 2024,

#### **Basis of Seeking National Trust Recognition of Pleasant Street**

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## **Pleasant Street Statement of Significance**

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It is worthy to note that Pleasant Street is a living neighborhood comprised of these magnificent homes and vernacular housing stock, many refurbished or in process under HPC review. An historic well-preserved English Gothic style church serving a vibrant community anchors an important Pleasant Street intersection, a nineteenth century fire house remains, repurposed for housing, and a surviving mill building with current business tenants all add to the life of the street.

Today's Pleasant Street represents the transformation of an 18<sup>th</sup> century agrarian National Register village on a hill to a prosperous business, manufacturing, and residential valley town along the banks of the Walloomsac and its waterpower. It survives as a unique neighbor to Bennington's National Register Downtown District.

**Preliminary Budget Estimate for Completing National Register Nomination for the  
Pleasant Street Corridor in Bennington, VT.**  
Prepared by Brian Knight, Brian Knight Research

<b>Task</b>	<b>Hours</b>	
Meetings/ Administration	10	
Site Visits and Photo Documentation	15	
Literature Review/ Archival Research	30	
Section 7 Writing	25	
Section 8 Writing	50	
Remaining <u>NRHP</u> form sections	10	
Revisions	10	
<b>Total Hours</b>	150	
	\$80/Hour	<b>\$12,000</b>

## Preliminary Inventory of Extant Pleasant Street Structures



100 Pleasant St., c. 1925

Non-contributing due to alteration. 2-story, 3x3-bay, gable-front, vernacular house converted to restaurant and bar.



102 Pleasant St., 1851, c. 1890

Stark Hose Co. No. 1 .

2-story fire station consists of 2x2-bay, vernacular French Second Empire main block (c. 1890)



104 Pleasant St., c. 1860

1 1/2-story, 3x2-bay, gable-front, vernacular house.



106 Pleasant St., c. 1860

1 1/2-story, 3x2-bay, gable-front, vernacular house with 1-story, 3x3-bay, shed-roofed wing on east side.



124 Pleasant St., c. 1875, moved 1979

Non-contributing due to alteration. 2 1/2-story, 2x11-bay, gable-front former storehouse.



119-121 Pleasant St., c. 1880

2 1/2-story, 4x3-bay, gable-roofed, eaves-front, vernacular duplex.



123-125 Pleasant St., c. 1880

2 1/2-story, 6x2-bay, gable-roofed, vernacular duplex.



126 Pleasant St., 1948

New England Telephone and Telegraph Building.



127 Pleasant St., c. 1860, 1890

2 1/2-story, 5x2-bay, gable-roofed, eaves-front, eclectic house reworked c. 1890 from Greek Revival Classic Cottage.



200 Pleasant St., c. 1910, c. 1940.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Late Gothic Revival, stone church of cruciform plan with cross-gabled roof and low, flat-roofed, square tower at crossing.

## Preliminary Inventory of Extant Pleasant Street Structures



204-206-208 Pleasant St., c. 1840

2 1/2-story, 10x3-bay, gable-roofed, eaves-front, high-style, Greek Revival duplex.



212 Pleasant St., c. 1890

C. Welling Thatcher House

Elaborate 2 1/2-story, 4x5-bay, hip-roofed, eclectic house showing Stick Style, Queen Anne, and Richardsonian Romanesque influences.



215 Pleasant St. c. 1820

2 1/2-story, 5x2-bay, gable-roofed, eaves-front, Federal house.



219 Pleasant St., c. 1850, 1910

William Bull House, William C. Bull, Bennington, Architect



300 Pleasant St., 1846

Julius Norton House

2 1/2-story, 3x4-bay, temple-front, high-style, Greek Revival house.

A. Carriage Barn, c. 1846



301 Pleasant St., c. 1890

Former Baptist Parsonage



302 Pleasant St., c. 1850

Valentine House

2 1/2-story, 6x3-bay, gable-roofed, eaves-front vernacular house.



302 1/2 Pleasant St., c. 1870

1-story, 3x4-bay, brick, French Second Empire carriage barn with full mansard roof.



303 Pleasant St., c. 1870

1 1/2-story, 3x2-bay, gable-front, vernacular house.



304 Pleasant St., c. 1865

Park House 2-story, 3x3-bay, gable-front, brick-veneered, Italianate house.



## Preliminary Inventory of Extant Pleasant Street Structures



307 Pleasant St., c. 1870  
1 1/2-story, 3x3-bay, gable-front, vernacular Italianate house.



308 Pleasant St., c. 1850  
1 1/2-story, 5x2-bay, gable-roofed, eaves-front Classic Cottage that was significantly reworked with Italianate features.  
A. Carriage Barn, c. 1870



309 Pleasant St., c. 1860  
2-story, 3x2-bay, gable-roofed, eaves-front vernacular house.



311-313 Pleasant St., c. 1830  
Non-contributing due to alteration. 2-story, 3x1-bay, gable-roofed, eaves-front house.



312 Pleasant St., c. 1825  
2 1/2-story, 3x3-bay, gable-front, transitional Federal-Greek Revival house. A. Barn, c. 1880



314 Pleasant St., c. 1870  
2 1/2-story, 3x3-bay, gable-front, vernacular Italianate.  
A. Carriage Barn, c. 1870



315 Pleasant St., c. 1890  
1 1/2-story, 3x3-bay, gable-front, vernacular house.



317 Pleasant St., c. 1890  
1 1/2-story, 3x3-bay, gable-front, vernacular Italianate house.  
A. Garage, c. 1930



318 Pleasant St., c. 1850  
1 1/2-story, 3x2-bay, gable-front, Greek Revival house.



319 Pleasant St., c. 1870  
2-story, 3x5 bay, gable-front vernacular house.

## Preliminary Inventory of Extant Pleasant Street Structures



320 Pleasant St., c. 1970  
Non-contributing due to age.



321 Pleasant St., c. 1870  
1 1/2-story, 3x3-bay, gable-front, vernacular house.



323 Pleasant St., c. 1865, moved c. 1913  
2-story, 3x3-bay, gable-front, Italianate house.  
This house originally stood on East Main Street where the former Bennington High School (#642) is now located. To clear the site for construction of the school in 1913, the house was moved to face Pleasant Street.  
A. Garage, c. 1925



324 Pleasant St., 1887  
Olin Scott House  
Elaborate, 2 1/2-story, 3x3-bay, hip-roofed, transitional Italianate-Stick Style house with several projections.



326 Pleasant St., c. 1970  
Non-contributing due to age.



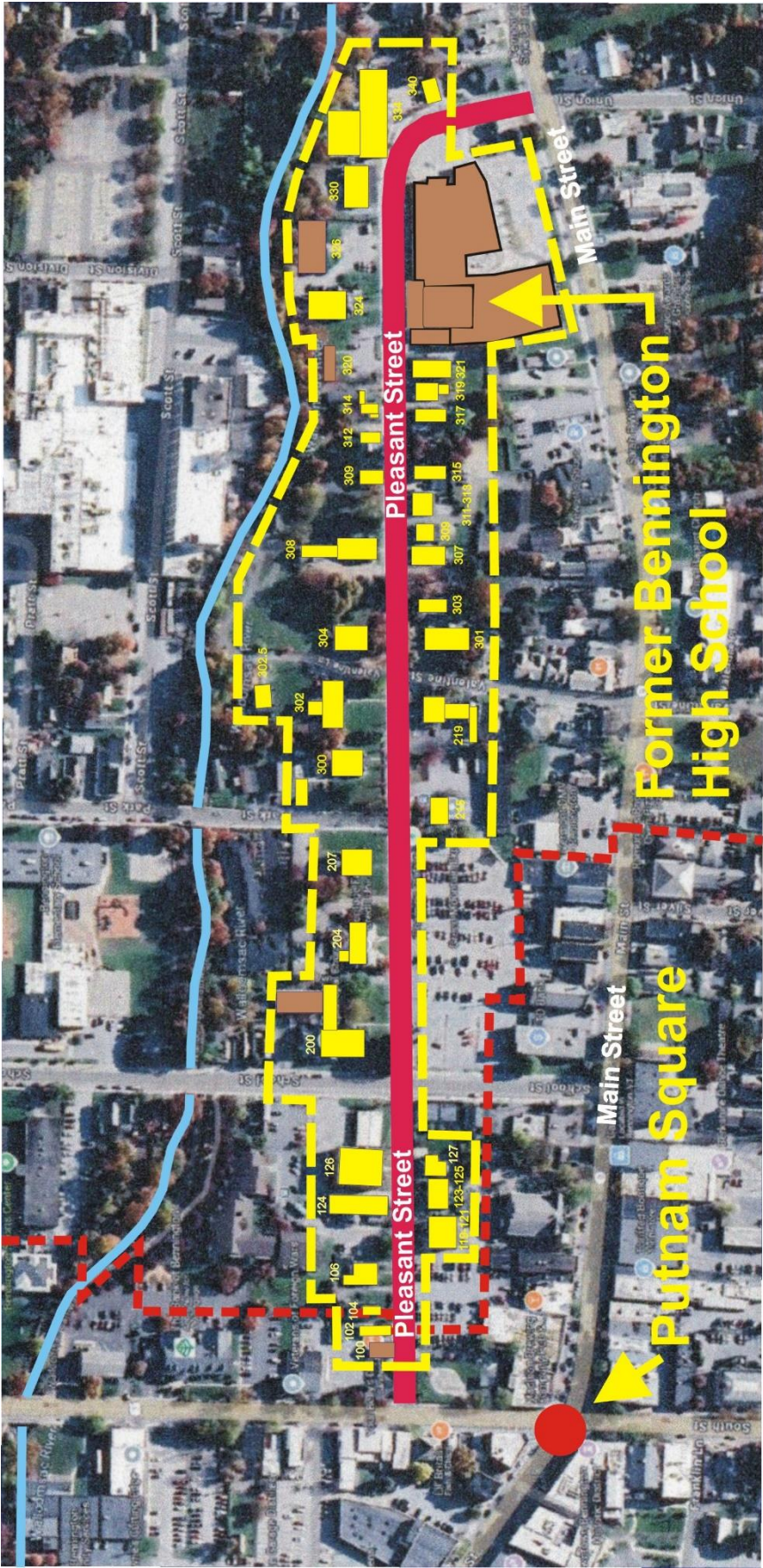
330 Pleasant St., 1865  
ex-Bennington Machine Works Office, offices of Olin Scott Bennington Machine Works.  
A. Garage, c. 1970  
Non-contributing.



334 Pleasant St., 1865  
ex-Bennington Machine Works Foundry, Olin Scott Bennington Machine Works



340 Pleasant St., c. 1870  
1 1/2-Story, 3x3-bay, gable-front, vernacular house. A. Garage, c. 1920. Non-contributing.



**Conceptual Pleasant Street District**

- Preliminary Pleasant Street District Boundary ---
- Existing Partial Downtown Bennington District Boundary ---
- Preliminary Contributing Structures
- Points of Interest ➔

