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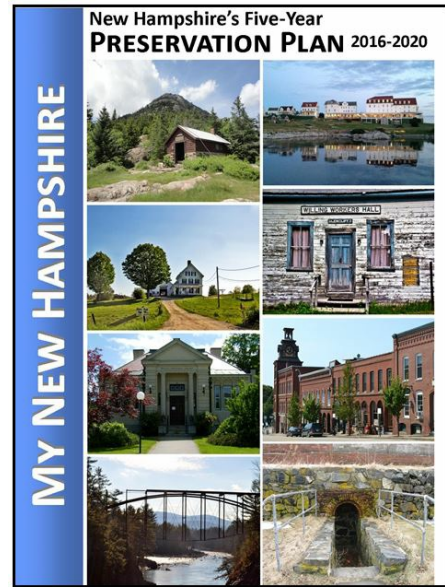
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**EXTRA, EXTRA: New Hampshire's
Five-Year Preservation Plan, 2016-
2020 is ready to go**

What did it take to build New Hampshire's 2016-2020 Preservation Plan?

- 350+ respondents to the online plan questionnaire
- 171 photos from **My New Hampshire**
- 100+ attendees at listening sessions in Randolph, Portsmouth and Peterborough
- 63 strategies, 14 objectives, 6 goals and 1 vision
- 21 success stories
- 11 emerging preservation trends, opportunities and challenges
- 2 energetic and hardworking editors
- 1 final approval letter from the National Park Service!



New Hampshire's new preservation plan is a snapshot of the current shape of historic preservation in the state. It looks back at what has been happening over the last five years and looks ahead toward a vision vital to preserving New Hampshire's identity. Readers are urged to find inspiration from the 21 success stories profiled and from the suggested strategies to meet the state's collective preservation goals over the next five years.

Illustrated with photos collected through the **My New Hampshire** online photosharing campaign, the plan highlights the work of many people, organizations and communities from around the state. You are New Hampshire's preservation movement, and this plan is yours! So, how can you use it?

- Read and download the plan. It's available [here](#).
- Browse the success stories and be inspired by what is going on across the state.
- Explore the vision and goals for 2016-2020 and use them as a framework for preservation in your community or organization.
- Share the plan with anyone who is interested in the state's historic places, is actively involved with historic preservation activities, or simply enjoys the landscapes, buildings and neighborhoods that make New Hampshire unique
- Share your own preservation stories and goals on social media, with the hashtag **#MyNewHampshire**.

It's not too soon to start thinking about the 2021 plan. Let's get started today!

Celebrate historic preservation in April and May -- and throughout 2016

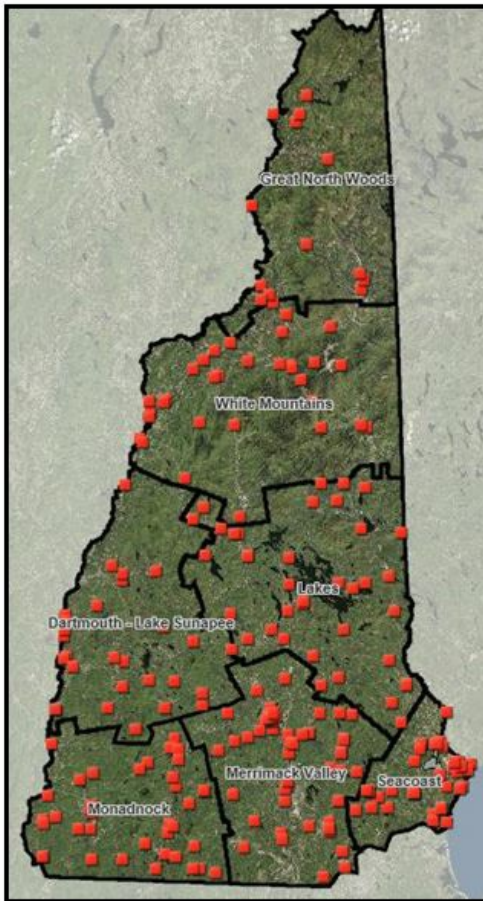
April and May are always special months for historic preservation in New Hampshire, and this year is no exception. In fact, there's a special reason to celebrate throughout 2016.

This year's "April is Archeology Month" activities take place across the state and will interest both long-time archaeologists and those who are just beginning to learn about this wide-ranging field. A variety of hands-on archaeology experiences, as well as lectures, exhibits and celebrations, take place throughout the month. Learn more at nhas.org.

In May, the N.H. Division of Historical Resources is calling on all of you to join in as we celebrate "May is Preservation Month." There are several ways you can participate:

- Keep adding to the **My New Hampshire** photosharing campaign, a popular way to share your favorite historic places with others ([see story below](#)).
- Use social media. When you're on your favorite social media site, add **#MyNewHampshire** to any posts about historic preservation. Pretty soon, it could be trending!
- Back in the real world, join the NHDHR for "**Dig Days II**" at our office, formerly part of the Margaret Pillsbury Hospital complex. Stop by 19 Pillsbury Street in Concord on May 2-3, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. for a mini-field school focusing on the Foster Ward site.

Nationally, 2016 is the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. Since its signing in 1966, the NHPA has raised awareness of the importance of historic places and played an important role in preserving thousands of properties. This year's anniversary is a great opportunity to help raise awareness about how historic preservation helps us define who we are, anchors economic revitalization, and ensures a more sustainable future. Learn more at preservation50.org.



New online map makes it even more fun to visit NH's Historical Highway Markers

As spring arrives and people begin planning trips around the Granite State, the NHDHR has released a new version of its popular online N.H. Historical Highway Markers map.

Designed for both mobile and desktop use, the updated historical highway marker website features an overview map of the state that shows the locations of each marker. Users can click on any marker to find out its subject and location, learn which number marker it is -- there are currently 244 -- and see a photo of it.

The new website also divides the state into geographic regions; tabs at the top of the page bring users to maps of each region, with images of all markers located there. Clicking on any of the markers brings up a larger image.

Driving directions using Google maps are also available, as are zoom and pan capabilities on the map itself.

New Hampshire's Historical Highway Markers serve as signposts of the state's history and the people who made it. Subjects range from Abenaki Native Americans to poets, painters and contemporary sports figures; from meeting houses to stone arch bridges and long-lost villages; and from factories and cemeteries to places where international history was made.

The program began in 1958, when the first marker, "Republic of Indian Stream" was installed in Pittsburg. The most recently installed marker, "Revolutionary War Drummer William Diamond," is in Peterborough.

The New Hampshire Historical Highway Marker Program is jointly managed by the N.H. Division of Historical Resources and N.H. Department of Transportation.

To learn more about New Hampshire Historical Highway Marker Map program and to access the map, visit nh.gov/nhdhr and click on the "N.H. Historical Highway Markers" logo on the right.

Summer SCRAP 2016: Two locations, two time periods



This year's annual archaeology field schools run by the NHDHR will take place in two locations: a Native American site that is 1,000 to 4,000 years old near Squam Lake in Holderness, and the site of the 19th century Livermore Hollow community in Holderness and Campton.

At the first site, research will focus on studying different periods of occupation and on isolating specific activity areas. The Livermore Hollow field school, located on the Pemigewasset River at the Holderness and Campton town line, will work to identify building foundations and conduct testing to determine areas with intact archaeological deposits.

Coordinated through the NHDHR's New Hampshire State Conservation and Rescue Archaeology Program (SCRAP), the field schools will conform to archaeology standards set by the National Park Service. State Archaeologist Dr. Richard Boisvert will direct fieldwork and instruction in Holderness. Edna Feighner, historic archaeologist at the NHDHR, will direct the Livermore Hollow investigations.

Participants will have hands-on instruction in site documentation, artifact identification and data recovery techniques. Although most SCRAP field school

participants are volunteers, graduate and undergraduate credit through Plymouth State University is available. Volunteers receive the same instruction as credit students.

There is no fee to participate as a volunteer, however, a \$40 donation to defray the cost of supplies and instructional materials is suggested.

The Holderness sessions take place June 19 - July 1 and July 5 - July 15; Livermore Hollow is July 18 - July 29. Fieldwork will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. Background readings and evening lectures are part of the experience.

Advance registration for the field school is required. For more information and to register, visit nh.gov/nhdhr/SCRAP.htm and click on "Upcoming Events & Opportunities," then "SCRAP Field School 2016," or contact the NHDHR at 603-271-6433.

Properties in several small towns added to NH State Register of Historic Places

The State Historical Resources Council has added several buildings in Hebron Village, the village store in Freedom and a summer home in Springfield to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.



The Hebron Village Historic District is an excellent example of a small village center built around a town common. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985; seven of the district's properties have now also been placed on the State Register:

- Eliot House, a pre-1860 Colonial Revival house with connected barn;
- The Grange Hall and Memorial Chapel, formerly two separate buildings dating from 1915 and 1909 that are now connected and used for town services;
- The Hebron Academy Building, an 1840 Greek Revival school building that is used as a town hall today;
- Meadow Wind, a circa 1830 Colonial Revival connected farmhouse;
- Noyes House, a circa 1820 connected farmhouse;

- The Parsonage, a circa 1840 house with attached wing and barn; and
- Powers House, a circa 1830 Colonial Revival connected farmhouse.

The Village Store in Freedom was built as a small town general store around the time of the Civil War. It is a high-style example of the Second Empire architectural style, with a tall mansard roof, bay windows and colorful carved wooden details. Today, it still serves the community as a local gathering place, with several businesses using its carriage house as a retail space.

Springfield's Wonderwell is a Shingle-style summer residence originally built in 1911-1912 for Joseph and Nellie Stoddard of Washington, D.C. So many wealthy Washingtonians summered in the Springfield area in the late-19th and early-20th centuries that it was referred to in the local newspaper as "Little Washington." Wonderwell is the first property in Springfield to be listed on the State Register.

For more information about the New Hampshire State Register program and to see photos of listed properties, visit nh.gov/nhdhr/programs/state_register.html or contact State Register Coordinator Mary Kate Ryan, marykate.ryan@dcr.nh.gov, 603-271-6435.



Members of the project team assess reuse options in an addition to Mill #1

Nashua mill complex named to National Register of Historic Places

The NHDHR is proud to announce that the Nashua Gummed and Coated Paper Company Historic District has been honored by the United States Secretary of the Interior with placement on the National Register of Historic

Places.

The building is significant both for its varied architecture and for being an intact industrial complex in a city where manufacturing was one of the most successful and long-standing businesses. Plans are underway to rehabilitate the entire complex for use as apartments, using the federal Preservation Tax Incentive Program.

Located on 10 acres on the north side of the Nashua River, the complex's six buildings date from 1889 to 1967. They include distinctive architectural styles and details from those years, chronicling the continued expansion and success of a company that survived in part because of its ability to adapt to changing markets. The complex is the later counterpart to the nearby Nashua Manufacturing Company Historic District, listed on the National Register in 1987.

Initially founded by three partners who wanted to manufacture playing cards for gold rush miners but ended up making cardboard instead, the Nashua Gummed and Coated Paper Company changed ownership, names and product lines for more than a century.

Its first products were cardboard and glazed paper. The company expanded operations to include a wide variety of products, including sealing tape, wax paper and printed cellophane. During World War II, it began making raincoats, ponchos and bomb fuse adaptors. In the latter half of the 20th century, computer diskettes, thermal labels used by supermarkets and remanufactured laser cartridges were part of the company's product line.

The complex's main building, Mill #1, was called "the largest and most perfectly equipped plant of its kind in the world" in 1897. Originally three stories with elements that made it look like a castle, it underwent several additions and alterations before World War I and again prior to World War II.

A clear example of post-WWII industrial architecture, Mill #2 was built in 1946 and made of reinforced concrete with brick exterior and metal-framed windows without ornamental details.

Other buildings in the complex include a brick boiler house (1908), an eight-story red brick storehouse of post-and-beam construction (1910), a glazed yellow brick office building (1938) and the Nashua Corporation Technical Center (1967), a modern style yellow and tan brick building.

Nashua Corporation, which had 6,000 employees worldwide in the 1980s, closed its Nashua operations in 2005.

For more information about the National Register program in New Hampshire, visit nh.gov/nhdhr/programs/national_register or contact National Register Coordinator Peter Michaud, peter.michaud@dcr.nh.gov, 603-271-3583.

Help preserve a fire tower and cabin

The White Mountain National Forest is coordinating a project to rehabilitate the historic [Smarts Mountain fire lookout](#) and [fire warden's cabin](#) on the Appalachian National Scenic Trail in Lyme, N.H. The U.S. Forest Service project is part of the Preservation50 initiative, celebrating 50 years of the [National Historic Preservation Act](#).



WMNF is looking for individuals to volunteer for one week sessions in June, with the option to camp at the cabin or nearby (it is an approximately 2 mile hike to reach the site). Volunteers will learn and share hands-on experiences, including historic preservation, carpentry and building skills, and resource management. Anyone with carpentry and construction skills or experience are also welcome and will be especially helpful on this challenging project.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Rebecca Curry from HistoriCorps at rcurry@historicorps.org. If you would like more information about the tower or the project, please contact Sarah Jordan from the White Mountain National Forest at scjordan@fs.fed.us.

My New Hampshire: Sit back and enjoy the show

Last spring, we asked people to visit our **My New Hampshire** website and post photos of their favorite historical places. We were thrilled with the response -- 171 photos -- and despite a technical glitch that sent many of the entries into the ether, thanks to you the site again has more than 100 entries and we're hoping for more! Each entry includes a photo, description of the site and its location, including GPS coordinates.

To view the map, visit nh.gov/nhdhr and click on the "View Map" button in the Quick Links box on the right. To share your favorite historic places, visit nh.gov/nhdhr and click on the "Submit Photo" button.

Looking for some inspiration? Click [here](#) to see a few of the places folks posted last year.

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Stay involved in historic preservation

Between issues of **Old Stone Wall**, you can remain active in New Hampshire's preservation community. Good places to start are the [NH Preservation Alliance website](#), nh365.org (search on the word "history") and your local community's historic and preservation organizations.



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