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Maine's Most Endangered Historic Places Announced

Yarmouth, ME - October 6, 2021. Maine Preservation announced its annual list of the Most Endangered Historic Places in Maine.

The Most Endangered Historic Places List began in 1996 for the purpose of identifying and raising public awareness about preserving threatened historic properties. Since that time 165 places have been included on the list, of which 60 have been saved, 36 currently are in the process of preservation, and only 20 have been lost.

2021 marks the 25th anniversary of Maine Preservation's *Most Endangered Historic Places* list. To commemorate this significant milestone, this year's list placed endangered sites into three categories: "Currently Endangered," which identifies new sites in Maine that face severe decay or demolition; "Still Endangered," which focuses on sites that have been previously listed and remain in peril; and "Success Stories" which highlights sites that have been saved since being identified as endangered.

"Advocating for the preservation of historic buildings requires an understanding that our work does not happen overnight and often times necessitates a long-term commitment," explained Tara Kelly, Executive Director of Maine Preservation. "We are using this anniversary to call attention to places in imminent jeopardy and those that where are dedicated to finding a solution, while also taking time to celebrate the hard-earned success stories of our colleagues and partners.

This year's list includes the [First Congregational Church, East Machias](#); [the Masonic Hall, Wayne](#); [the Sugarloaf Summit Lodge, Carrabassett Valley](#) which are Currently Endangered; [McCurdy's Smokehouse, Lubec](#); the [Frank J. Wood Bridge, Brunswick/Topsham](#); [the Kennebec Arsenal, Augusta](#) which are Still Endangered; [Maine Downtowns, Statewide](#); [Saco Mill No. 4, Saco](#); and the [Wood Island Life Saving Station, Kittery Point](#); which are Success Stories.

Maine Preservation is the only statewide, nonprofit membership organization promoting and preserving historic places, buildings, downtowns and neighborhoods, and strengthening the cultural and economic vitality of Maine communities.

For more information on each of the listings, please visit: <https://www.mainepreservation.org/most-endangered>.