

VERMONT WORKING LANDS ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE

Vermont Woodworking School Incubator Space

Cambridge, VT



The Vermont Woodworking School is a small woodworking and furniture-making school in a historic barn turned modern woodworking facility. They offer short classes and workshops, and have thirty benches for students in their long-term education programs. They offer an Immersion Program and host Burlington College's Craftsmanship and Design Degrees and Certificates.



Through a \$50,000 Working Landscape Enterprise Fund Capital and Infrastructure Grant, Vermont Woodworking School has been able to create an incubator wood-shop for four residents starting new wood products businesses; a 12-seat state of the art classroom/computer lab with new computers, current computer design software, a 3-D printer, and LCD projector; and the creation of a gallery space and photo studio. Not only have these resources created the environment for success for start up wood product businesses in Vermont, they are also enhancing the educational offerings to students at the Vermont Woodworking School who are a source of the next generation of wood industry employees in Vermont. Four incubator residents, Matt Ogelby, Tim Peters, Sylas Navar and Pat Ford are operating businesses out of the incubator space and are all securing commissions and sales.

Total Working Lands Grant—\$50,000.00

Total Match provided by VT Woodworking School —\$50,000.00



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“Vermont Woodworking School took a risk by setting aside significant square footage in our operation to be available to grads of the program at a very low dollar amount,” said Carina Driscoll, Co-Founder and Director of Vermont Woodworking School. "It is not something we would have been able to do without the equipment investment made by the state through our WLEF grant. We are seeing that this is a significant value-add to our education program as it shines a light on one possible pathway for our program graduates."

