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**Spring
2026
NEWSLETTER**

SPRING! IT'S A GOOD TIME FOR NEW HOMES FOR HUMANS AND BIRDS

Renovations continued at 3 Carrean throughout this cold winter. The walls are now covered with new dry-wall, waiting for the finishing coats of 'plaster'. Light fixtures, cabinets, and floors must wait for the walls to be painted. Heat pumps have been installed so our volunteers will find far more moderate interior temperatures than greeted them during the winter!



Unit 2's kitchen (second floor) with moisture resistant drywall on the walls. Plenty of sunshine in this room!

We were able to purchase four heat pumps with donations given by our generous families and a grant gratefully received from the **Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston** for this project. WCLT would not have received this grant without the encouraging support of our sponsor, the Bangor office of **The First National Bank of Damariscotta**.

The grant will permit us to provide amenities normally not possible to install in small affordable home projects. These improvements include air-heat exchangers in the bedrooms, heat-island mitigation, landscaping for control of stormwater run-off, and a storage shed for each unit.

We are also grateful to the **city of Waterville** for the loan of \$100,000 that permitted us to repair the exterior, including the installation of vinyl siding. For too many years

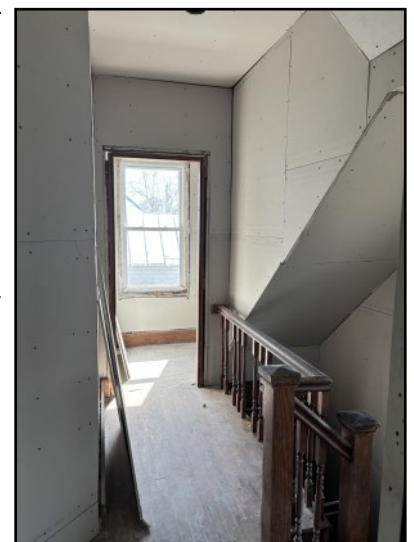
rotting porches and missing clapboards went without repair.

Once cabinets, new floor coverings, and appliances are installed we will announce an **OPEN HOUSE** for all to celebrate the renovation and future sale of this property to two, first time homeowners!

Our homes are sold to families making 80% or less of the local area median income. The duplex will be sold under a condominium association and perpetual affordability will be protected with an easement. Three Carrean Street is WCLT's third property and as a duplex, will be our third and fourth affordable home in the South End. We have also made major repairs to three other homes in the same area.

With growing interest demonstrated by other organizations and individuals that are investing in renovations of these early 20th century structures, we see a brighter future for the South End. Where else within a few blocks in the city do you find three children's parks, a community garden, a community nature park, a ballpark, a picnic area on the Kennebec and two boat ramps?

JOIN US! With any donation over \$5.00 you will become a voting member of WCLT. Join with us to provide affordable alternatives to the high price of housing for first time buyers, ensure perpetually available affordable homes, and help guide the revitalization of the South End. WCLT was formed to work throughout the entire city but we chose to focus on the most challenging section of our city. With your support, so much more can be accomplished. Thank you!



Unit 2's upper hallway leading to the attic with abundant storage



SPRING 2026 at Lashus Park—Always open to the public.

May 9th: Bird Walk Along the Kennebec River

Don't miss our third annual bird walk, beginning at 8:00 AM at Lashus Park at 232 Water Street. Learn about the birds and their habitat along the Kennebec River with expert birders. Wear appropriate clothing for high grass and most likely, ticks and other insects.

Raindate is May 16th.

Email us at watervilleclt@gmail.com with any questions.



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