



Village School

Unity, Maine

*National Register Nomination**

Sutherland Conservation & Consulting researched and wrote the National Register Nomination for the Unity Village School in 2014. The three-room schoolhouse was constructed in 1898 to plans drawn by local landowner James R. Taber.

The Unity Village School incorporates several architectural trends. Most noticeably, Queen Anne and Neo-Classical styles from the end of the 19th century. The pediment over the front entry features a decorative wood diaper on the tympanum. Panels over the windows have simple floral reliefs, reflecting an Eastlake sensibility. However, the symmetry of the building, as well as paired windows and

modillions under the cornice suggests a Neo-Classical style.

The school was constructed in a central location as smaller, dispersed, rural districts were being consolidated. The school remained the largest grade school in the town until 1953 when a new school was constructed to alleviate the overcrowded conditions of the Village School. The school represents an intermediate step between the often autonomous nineteenth century district system and the mid-twentieth century full consolidation of town and regional schools.

*SCC prepared the National Register Nomination of this property in conjunction with a certified historic tax credit rehabilitation project.

