Relocation & Restoration of the 1895 Reard-Freed House
Sammamish, Washington
Built by German immigrant, Jacob Reard and his wife Emma.

Part of a larger farmstead with multiple agricultural buildings, near the lumber mill community of Monohon, the Reards were only there ten years. Ultimately the Freed family acquired the property and remained there for more than 50 years.
The farm was sold and subdivided for houses, with all the buildings removed but the house. The house was moved a few blocks away and sat on cribbing for several years until the Sammamish Heritage Society took control of the project, found a new location for the house, and raised funds to move it. Its new location would become a city park, and the house would be used for community events and as a home base for the society. This was the first of several historic houses slated for demolition that the Society tried to save in this rapidly growing community.
Sammamish Heritage Society has been a strong force for preservation in the community.

They have done comprehensive survey work, submitted landmark nominations for threatened historic resources, provided heritage artwork for various locations around the community, and have been recognized with the prestigious Spellman Award for their historic preservation advocacy work. Check out their website at https://sammamishheritage.org/.
Reard-Freed House has been the primary effort of SHS, with the end goal of community use.

Where they could use volunteers, they did. When they needed contractors they raised funds or sought grants. In the end SHS secured more than $200,000 in state and local grants, $68,000 from the city as council line items or mitigation, and $22,000 from their own fundraising efforts. Total project cost to date is just over $290,000.
The next phase is the addition of a new kitchen wing, a replica of the original.

Funding has been secured for the new kitchen wing, which will allow the house to serve as a community amenity for a variety of events and activities.