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## Hampshire First Bank: Success Made Simple

**H**ampshire First Bank in Londonderry, N.H., is our latest project for the strong and thriving community banking sector serving New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

At a location in the Captain's Shoppes Plaza originally designed to accommodate a new Starbucks as the cornerstone tenant, the Londonderry office will be the fourth Hampshire First branch in the state, joining offices in Manchester, Keene and Nashua.

Founded and incorporated in November 2006 as a state-chartered commercial community bank, the initial Hampshire First Bank is headquartered in Manchester. Founded by two childhood friends, each retired from successful banking careers, they recognized the success of the community banking concept in other areas and saw the opportunity to bring that same community concept to New Hampshire.

According to Jim Dunphy, president and CEO of Hampshire First Bank, when the Londonderry location became available, "We saw the opportunity as an ideal fit for our customers' needs and felt Londonderry was a great location for our expansion purposes."

As the focal point of the plaza, the 2,000-square-foot building was originally built with support beams from a barn



Inside Hampshire First Bank. Note the support structure of salvaged local barn, and accenting soffits, lighting and color-matched millwork comprising the teller line, doors and furnishings.

razed to make way for the expansion of a local health center. The glass front doors, resembling double barn doors, open into a renovated barn interior designed to remind customers of its historic features.

Exterior modifications were required to accommodate both the night deposit vault, as well as the 24-hour ATM and drive-up services. In keeping with the original exterior, all modifications accented the historic detailing, as well



An exterior view of the recently completed Hampshire First Bank banking center in Londonderry, N.H.

as the originally approved color scheme and trim. As for the overall interior fit-up, the bank includes a branch manager's office, two additional offices, two conference areas, sit-down teller area, kitchenette, waiting area, teller workroom and restrooms.

In working to accent the original barn beams, the foyer and lobby areas offer full height exposure to display the beam structures. The different areas were then delineated with curved soffits,



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accenting lighting, and carpet and tile that match the soffit lines above. Various earth-tone paints of cobblestone, heavenly blue and Kensington green were incorporated to maintain the rustic theme. Interior beams were sealed to protect the historic barn structure, and all new millwork, doors and frames, and furnishings were carefully color matched to enhance the historic barn-weathered look and feel.

Although this is Hampshire First Bank's fourth banking center, it is a milestone project in that they've initiated working with a program manager, in this case NES Design & Project Consultant Group of Mansfield, Mass., and teamed with Maple-Leaf Construction on the unique build-out.

When looking to make your banking a "success made simple," call on Hampshire First Bank. And when your success takes you into an area of construction or expansion, let Maple-Leaf make that equally as simple.

## Happy Anniversary!

Earlier this year, Maple-Leaf gathered its staff to celebrate our 45th anniversary. Founded in 1964, Maple-Leaf would like to thank all our employees, clients and associates throughout our history for making this event possible.

As is the nature of our business, a number of employees were not able to attend due to time-sensitive concrete pours, steel erection supervision and project deadlines. Although not present, we personally thanked each and every one for their tireless support of our ongoing efforts and success.



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