



Old Orland Historic District

## OUTBUILDINGS

Outbuildings in Old Orland include garages, sheds, small barns and in some cases small coach houses. Traditionally used for storage and other secondary functions, they have long been important elements of the alleys and the rear ends of lots in the district. Varying in age from quite old to fairly recent, Old Orland's outbuildings contribute to the area's character as part of the streetscape. Care of existing outbuildings and construction of new ones are important considerations.

Outbuildings traditionally were of frame construction and modest in scale. Sometimes they were designed with architectural features similar to those on the houses they accompanied, but more often they were independent structures with their own designs. Common exterior materials included wood shingles and beveled siding.

The small garage-like barns in Old Orland are rare reminders of the community's rural heritage and are worthy of special efforts to ensure that they and their open settings are preserved. Even though they may not be listed as contributing structures, these structures definitely play an important role in the scale and character of the Historic District.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Make every effort to retain and repair original outbuildings such as garages, sheds, outhouses, and small garage-like barns. These structures add variety and character to Old Orland, and their loss would affect the district's character.
2. When outbuildings need repair or replacement of deteriorated elements, use new materials that match the old as closely as possible. Avoid modern materials that are incompatible with the original designs of these structures.
3. Newly-constructed outbuildings should use design cues from older nearby structures. This means using forms, massing, roof shape, roof pitch and height, materials, window and door types, and detailing similar to those found on nearby historic/ traditional outbuildings or on the principal structure to which they are accessory.