



## Sweetser School

Saco, Maine

### Historic Rehabilitation

Built in 1871-71, and designed by architect George M. Harding, the Sweetser School is a fine example of a Victorian era public building. Through modifications over time, some of the historic character had been lost, but the overall structure was intact with some beautiful architectural details. The building was converted to nine apartments in a certified rehabilitation in 1984. The 2010-11 rehabilitation installed a high efficiency heating system and revitalize original windows and added replacements in the historic configuration.

Sutherland Conservation & Consulting provided the research and documentation to find appropriate window re-

placements that match the configurations found in historic photographs. The front door, a prominent feature of the building, was replaced with a door assembly with a more historically appropriate configuration based on a c. 1900 photograph. Working closely with Precision Millworks of South Portland, SCC designed the new front door assembly.

The project utilized the Federal and State Tax Credits with SCC writing the applications and facilitating the process with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the National Park Service.

