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Meridian Construction completes 5 of 9 statewide building renovations

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Over the last couple months, Meridian Construction has continued renovations to nine public buildings across the state. Thus far, five have been finished, including the Shieling Forest Learning Center, the Canterbury Rest Area on I-93, as well as Johnson Hall, Londergan Hall, and the Dolloff Building in Concord.

The focus of the project was improving the energy efficiency of these structures. This was done by a combination of window restorations and replacements, as well as new insulation. The remaining locations to be completed include the NH State House, Laconia Group Home, Howard Recreation Center, and Urban Forestry Center.

One of the most interesting aspects of the project occurred in the Dolloff Building, where instead of replacing many of the wood frames, Meridian replaced only the glass and window sash with double-glaze insulated, Low E glass. That way the building could retain its old architectural charm while receiving the necessary energy upgrades.

Other work has consisted of new windows, restorations to damaged planks, new insulation, replacement hardware, new latches, caulking to windows, dry wall removal, new insulation in attic spaces and minor interior trim work. A few obstacles have arisen, as with the Howard Recreation Center, where Meridian worked directly with the owner to get new sill and head details modified because the windows didn't accurately fit.

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