

**Location** New Hampshire  
**Description** Bensonwood Historic Barn  
**Product** PolyWhey® Floor & Exterior  
**Project** Filmmaker Ken Burns Screening Studio & Guest House



Ken Burns & Bensonwood's Tedd Benson

**CASE STUDY: Renowned documentary filmmaker Ken Burns** wanted to construct a classic 19<sup>th</sup> century New England barn to house a screening studio and guest quarters on his New Hampshire property. He retained Bensonwood Homes to replicate a building hundreds of years old that meets contemporary needs. Originally, Burns had planned to move and renovate an existing barn but the structure wouldn't have met modern building codes.

"I'm in the business of history, of trying to make the past come alive," said the creator of "The Civil War" and other heralded documentary films. "I've been able to translate that passion into a tangible, physical building that feels old and realize a life-long dream."

Vermont Natural Coatings PolyWhey® exterior was used to coat the exterior vertical siding milled from local hemlock. PolyWhey also was used on the timbers of the 30 x 48-foot, two story barn.

"The circle truly comes together with this project," said Vermont Natural Coatings Founder and President Andrew B. Meyer. "Naturally derived PolyWhey is the finish of choice for a barn that celebrates our agricultural heritage. And like the barn to which it has been applied, it will stand the test of time."

*"I've wanted to build a barn since I was six-years-old. . . .we've been able to design and build a barn out of new wood that's been made to look and feel old, a functional space that evokes not only the ancient barns of New England but its spiritual spaces as well."*

– Ken Burns

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