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2023-2025 Capital Budget



Past Actions

July '19:	\$100M enumerated for new history museum
October '21:	Real estate acquired adjacent to current Wisconsin Historical Museum
December '21:	Ralph Appelbaum and Associates selected to lead experience/exhibit design
March '22:	SmithGroup and Continuum selected as architectural design team
September '22:	Architect contract executed
November '22:	Current Wisconsin Historical Museum exhibits closed to public
November '22:	Transition space secured for continued K-12 education on capitol square

Upcoming Project Milestones:

February '23:	10% Pre-Design Report
Spring '23:	Rendering reveal with public sector leadership
June '23:	Private sector design reveal fundraising event
July '23:	50% Schematic design - exhibits
July '23	Conservation and collections preparation
September '23:	Transition retail from current museum to Capitol Square transition space
October '23:	SBC Authority to Construct
Fall '23:	Regional statewide pop-up programming and exhibits
Spring '24:	Demolition

Funding Secured to date:

State Enumeration:	\$70M
Private Funds Secured:	\$39M
<u>Private Funds Invested (Site acquisition, planning, fundraising):</u>	<u>\$9M</u>
Funds Available:	\$100M



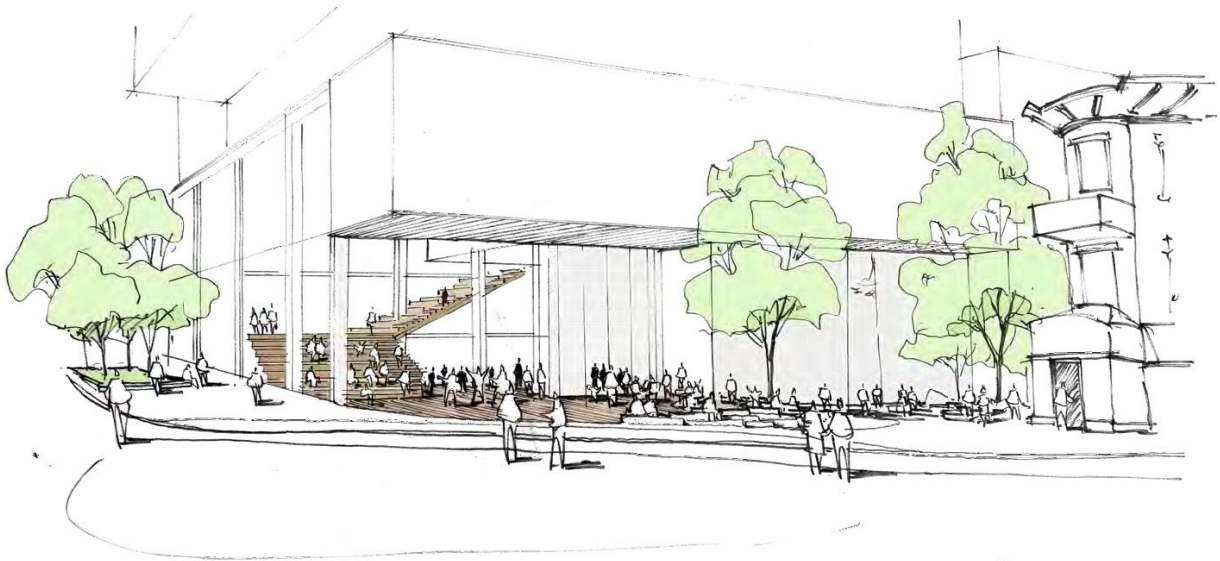
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THE CAMPAIGN FOR A NEW WISCONSIN HISTORY CENTER

Wisconsin History Center – Preliminary Massing Study



Wisconsin History Center – Preliminary Concept, Engaging the Public Realm





History Center 2023-2025 Budget Requests

Capital Budget Request

	Un-escalated construction cost (\$/gsf)	Escalated 19.72% to November 2024 (\$/gsf)
History Center December '22 estimate (Middleton)	\$665	\$796
History Center January '23 estimate (Middleton and Gilbane)	\$765	\$866
Active SmithGroup comparable museum projects:		
Confidential Project - \$985/gsf – working estimate for January 2023 bid	\$985	\$1,179
Gilcrease Museum - \$938/gsf – actual bid September 2022	\$938	\$1,123
North Carolina Museum of History - \$850/gsf - working estimate for July 2024 bid	\$860	\$1,030

Total Revised Project Cost Estimate January '23 (Attached)	\$160M	
Available Funds	\$100M	
2023-2025 Capital Budget Request: Additional Enumeration		
Gift Funds	\$15M	
State Funds	\$45M	
Total Additional Funds Requested	\$60M	
Total Project Re-enumeration: Sources		
Gift Funds	\$45M	
State Funds	\$115M	
Total	\$160M	

Biennial Budget Request - \$2.9M (over two years) PRS 138 – Tribal Gaming Funds

- Object conservation
- Object preparation and transportation
- Exhibit preparation and digital infrastructure



Wisconsin History Museum			
10% Concept Report Budget Recommendation 1/25/23			
Item	Budget	GSF	\$/GSF
Building Costs			
Foundations	\$1,420,360	113,535	\$12.51
Superstructure	\$12,936,931	113,535	\$113.95
Exterior Enclosure	\$7,317,526	113,535	\$64.45
Roofing	\$1,182,623	113,535	\$10.42
Interior Construction	\$16,924,800	113,535	\$149.07
Stairs	\$989,343	113,535	\$8.71
Conveying	\$1,294,640	113,535	\$11.40
Plumbing	\$1,858,407	113,535	\$16.37
HVAC	\$8,690,084	113,535	\$76.54
Fire Protection	\$735,480	113,535	\$6.48
Electrical	\$9,078,716	113,535	\$79.96
Equipment - Kitchen, spray booth, Dust Collection	\$618,015	113,535	\$5.44
Selective Building Demolition	\$1,386,000	70,600	\$19.63
Site Preparation	\$605,500	113,535	\$5.33
Site Improvements	\$1,500,000	113,535	\$13.21
Civil and Mechanical Utilities	\$950,000	113,535	\$8.37
Building Subtotal	\$67,488,425	113,535	\$594.43
General Conditions/Bond/Insurance	\$5,061,632	7.5%	
Contractors Fees	\$2,902,002	4.0%	
Design Contingency	\$11,317,809	15.0%	
Haz. Mat. Abatement	\$65,000	lump	\$1.00
Construction Cost Sub Total	\$86,834,868	113,535	\$765
DFD Calculated Inflation Rate on construction cost only	\$11,462,203	13.2%	
Construction Cost Total w/ Inflation	\$98,297,071	113,535	\$866
Project Soft Costs			
A/E Design Fees	\$9,821,024	11%	
Other Fees - Level 2 Cx	\$400,000		
Other Fees - EIS	\$20,000		
Other Fees - AAC Designer	\$25,000		
Other Fees - Plan Review	\$40,000		
Other Fees - Survey	\$5,500		
Other Fees - Geotech	\$40,000		
LEED Fees	\$150,000		
DFD Management Fees	\$4,293,984	4.3%	
Contingency	\$13,025,230	15.0%	
Equipment - Includes Design, Fabrication and Installation Costs for Exhibits	\$30,882,191		
Equipment / Furnishings	\$2,000,000		
Equipment / Furnishings	\$1,000,000		
Soft Costs Total	\$61,702,929	113,535	543
Total Project Cost	\$160,000,000	113,535	\$1,409
Total Project Cost Variance @ 160M Budget	\$0	0%	

Support Letters for the
Wisconsin Historical Society's
New History Center

January 14, 2023

To the Members of the Wisconsin Legislature and Senate,

I am writing today to ask for your continued support/support for the Wisconsin Historical Society (Society) and its largest project in the Society's history, the Wisconsin History Center. I have been a social studies teacher for high school students for twenty years.

Helping students learn the history of our state and people is the heart of my work. Through this, they begin developing the knowledge and skills necessary for being active, informed, and engaged citizens and community members. Wisconsin needs the History Center as a beacon of history education and community connection for almost 25 years and it is happening, thanks to the support of the state legislature and private donations of up to \$39.2 million!

The Society has made enormous strides in building a new Wisconsin History Center. They have worked with educators like myself, Tribal Nations, local history organizations and community groups to move the needle significantly. Through listening sessions across the state and convening of councils like a teacher advisory group, the Society is developing unforgettable and relevant learning experiences for students. Using the latest digital technology, interactive exhibits, and dynamic programming, students and residents across Wisconsin and beyond will have a world-class experience at the new history center.

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Please continue your support of the History Center project. It will truly will be a hub of learning. It's going to be relevant. It's going to be compelling. It's going to be inspiring. I cannot wait for the doors to be open to open the doors to the public.

Sincerely,

Jason Krings

High School Social Studies Educator

Green Bay Southwest High School

Green Bay Area Public Schools



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January 23, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Wisconsin Historical Society and the largest project in the Society's history, the Wisconsin History Center.

I have been an eighth grade Social Studies teacher for 25 years. I also serve as the Executive Director of Internal Affairs for the Wisconsin Council for Social Studies. Helping students learn the history of Wisconsin and its history and people is at the heart of my work. Through this, they begin developing the curiosity, knowledge, and skills necessary for being active, informed and engaged citizens and community members. As a teacher of National History Day, my students depend on the Wisconsin Historical Society for resources, artifacts, and primary sources that they can include in their projects. Wisconsin needs the History Center as a beacon of history education and community connection and it is happening, thanks to the support of the state legislature and private donations of up to \$39.2 million.

The Society has made important strides in building a new Wisconsin History Center. They have worked with Social Studies educators and leaders, like myself, to promote the contents of the museum, along with the many programs and resources that it has to offer. They have also worked with Tribal Nations, local history organizations and community groups to move the needle significantly. Through listening sessions across the state and convening of councils like a teacher advisory group, the Society is developing unforgettable and relevant learning experiences for all students. Using the latest digital technologies, interactive exhibits and dynamic programming, students and residents across Wisconsin and beyond.

Securing and finalizing the history center on Wisconsin's Capitol Square is a major victory for the Society and students throughout the state. The expanded site at one of Wisconsin's most iconic intersections will allow for a 100,000-square-foot center that will down the current exhibition space, welcome over 200,000 guests per year and increase student participation and visits with up to 60,000. With the work of the architects and planners, this center will be a benchmark for history and civics education in Wisconsin, the Great Lakes Region and the nation.

Please continue your support of the History Center project. It will truly be Wisconsin's hub for learning which is relevant, compelling, and inspiring. I welcome the day I will be able to bring my students through the front doors of the building and let them experience Wisconsin's history!

Sincerely,

Rhonda Watton, NBCT
WCSS Executive Director of Internal Affairs
Templeton Middle School, Hamilton School District
8th grade Social Studies Teacher

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HO-CHUNK NATION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 24, 2023

The Honorable Tony Evers
Governor of Wisconsin
Wisconsin State Capitol
2 East Main Street
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Governor Evers:

I am writing to you today about the magnitude of Wisconsin's history center project. I urge you to continue supporting this important effort by ensuring that the Wisconsin Historical Society can effectively meet the needs of this ambitious project in order to establish the new history center as a world class institution of learning and public history.

As Wisconsin's Governor and former State Superintendent of Public Instruction, you understand the importance of supporting Act 31 by serving as a comprehensive and highly accessible statewide resource that benefits educators, PK-12 students, and the public alike. The history center will increase the overall availability of resources and learning opportunities related to teaching opportunities about the Nations and our Native people in Wisconsin using accurate and authentic vetted materials.

The Society has committed, and demonstrated that commitment, to working collaboratively with the Nations in order to develop a strong Native presence with their voice through content, exhibitions, and storylines that will be integrated throughout the history center. In order to do this effectively, the Society must also be able to establish and maintain new history center building and its infrastructure that does not currently exist.

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Sincerely,

Marlon WhiteEagle
MaxiSkaHanazi
Ho-Chunk Nation President

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HO-CHUNK NATION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 26, 2023

Dear Member of the Joint Committee on Finance:

I am writing to you today about the magnitude of Wisconsin's history center project. I urge you to continue supporting this important effort by ensuring that the Wisconsin Historical Society can effectively meet the needs of this ambitious project in order to establish the new history center as a world class institution of learning and public history for all Wisconsinites.

As a member of the Joint Committee on Finance, you understand the importance of supporting work that increases the overall availability of resources and learning opportunities for our statewide communities.

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MaxiSkaHanazi
Ho-Chunk Nation President



MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN

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Madison, WI 53703

February 1, 2023

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Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin



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Sincerely,

Devon Davis

Head of Schools

One City Schools, Inc.



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January 26, 2023

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Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Finance,

My name is Travis Gross and I serve as the Past President of the Wisconsin Council for Local History.

I am writing today to ask for your continued support of the Wisconsin Historical Society and the largest project in the Society's history, the Wisconsin History Center. Since 1898, the Society has supported and engaged with local history organization to support the aligned mission of collecting, preserving, and sharing Wisconsin history. Today, the Society's affiliation program includes more than 430 local organization and Society programs serving community partners across all 72 Wisconsin counties.

I am the Executive Director of the Sheboygan County Historical Society, an affiliate and community partner of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Wisconsin has needed this beacon of history and connection for almost 25 years. And the history center project is happening, thanks to the support of the state legislature and private donations of up to \$39.2 million!

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Please continue your support of the History Center project. We look forward to being part of this exciting endeavor. The new History Center will be a hub for history that connects local history and community organizations across our state and will offer expanded resources and opportunities for our organization.

Sincerely,

Travis Gross

Calvin Wheeler, Honorary

January 15, 2023

To whom it may concern,

My name is Chuck Taft, and I have taught history at University School of Milwaukee for 26 years. I am also serving my third term as Vice President of the Wisconsin Council for the Social Studies. In addition, I helped write the recent state standards for the social studies, focusing on history. Basically - I am a history guy, and I try to get my students to find an interest in the past to understand the present, hoping to set the stage for a better future. I feel that the Wisconsin History Center will be essential to do this for all students (and citizens) in Wisconsin.

I teach 8th grade American history, and I always use the story of Wisconsin as a framework when telling America's story. When we teach "Wisconsinably", we develop young historians with the knowledge and skills necessary for being active, informed, and engaged citizens and community members.

As you certainly know, the Wisconsin Historical Society has made enormous strides in building a new Wisconsin History Center. They have worked with educators like myself, Tribal Nations, local history organizations and community groups to move the needle significantly. Through listening sessions across the state and convening of councils like a teacher advisory group, the Society is developing unforgettable and relevant learning experiences for students. Using the latest digital technology, interactive exhibits, and dynamic programming, students and residents across Wisconsin and beyond will have a world-class experience at the new history center.

I am writing today to ask for your support for the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Wisconsin History Center project. I can't wait to bring my students there to expand their understanding of our state, our history, and our people. Your support will go a long way into making that possibility a reality.

Sincerely,

Chuck Taft
University School of Milwaukee



WAUPACA

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Keeping History Alive

January 30, 2023

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Finance and State Building Commission,

I am writing today to ask for your continued support of the Wisconsin Historical Society and the largest project in the Society's history, the Wisconsin History Center. Since 1898, the Society has supported and engaged with local history organizations to support the aligned mission of collecting, preserving, and sharing Wisconsin history. Today, the Society's affiliation program includes more than 430 local organizations and Society programs serving community partners across all 72 Wisconsin counties.

I am the director of the Waupaca Historical Society, an affiliate and community partner of the Wisconsin Historical Society. The mission of the Waupaca Historical Society is to preserve the history of the Waupaca and Chain O'Lakes area and to share that history with others. We do this through our library and artifact collections, special exhibits and programs, and tours of our facilities that we offer to individuals, groups, families, and students. Our services are provided free of charge. We have been an affiliate of the Wisconsin Historical Society since 1955 and have worked closely with the Society and its staff on several projects recently. The Society is an asset to all small historical societies in Wisconsin, and we look forward to collaborating with them on the upcoming Wisconsin History Center.

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Thank you for your time and support of Wisconsin history.

Sincerely,

Tracy Behrendt
Director
Waupaca Historical Society



January 22, 2023

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Finance,

My name is Cynthia Arbiture and I serve as the President of the Wisconsin Council for Local History (WCLH). Our organization works closely with the Wisconsin Historical Society to help support the significant network of local affiliate historical and cultural organizations across the State of Wisconsin.

I am writing today to ask for your continued support of the Wisconsin Historical Society and the largest project in the Society's history, the Wisconsin History Center. Since 1898, the Society has supported and engaged with local history organization to support the aligned mission of collecting, preserving, and sharing Wisconsin history. Today, the Society's affiliation program includes more than 430 local organization and Society programs serving WCLH community partners across all 72 Wisconsin counties.

I am also a board member and the President of the Concord Historical Society, Inc., an affiliate and local history community partner of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Wisconsin has needed this beacon of history and connection for almost 25 years. And the history center project is happening, thanks to the support of the state legislature and private donations of up to \$39.2 million!

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Most Sincerely,

Cynthia Arbiture
President
Wisconsin Council for Local History



January 18, 2023

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Finance,

My name is Jim Frasier and I serve as a member of Administrative Committee of the Wisconsin Council for Local History.

I am writing today to ask for your continued support of the Wisconsin Historical Society and the largest project in the Society's history, the Wisconsin History Center. Since 1898, the Society has supported and engaged with local history organization to support the aligned mission of collecting, preserving, and sharing Wisconsin history. Today, the Society's affiliation program includes more than 430 local organization and Society programs serving community partners across all 72 Wisconsin counties.

I am a Museum Director and Vice President of the Princeton Historical Society, an affiliate and community partner of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Wisconsin has needed this beacon of history and connection for almost 25 years. And the history center project is happening, thanks to the support of the state legislature and private donations of up to \$39.2 million!

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Sincerely,

Jim Frasier

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January 28, 2023

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Finance,

My name is Merrilee Lee and I serve as a member of Administrative Committee of the Wisconsin Council for Local History.

I am writing today to ask for your continued support of the Wisconsin Historical Society and the largest project in the Society's history, the Wisconsin History Center. Since 1898, the Society has supported and engaged with local history organization to support the aligned mission of collecting, preserving, and sharing Wisconsin history. Today, the Society's affiliation program includes more than 430 local organization and Society programs serving community partners across all 72 Wisconsin counties.

I am the director of the Hoard Historical Museum in Fort Atkinson, WI, an affiliate and community partner of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Wisconsin has needed this beacon of history and connection for almost 25 years. And the history center project is happening, thanks to the support of the state legislature and private donations of up to \$39.2 million!

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Sincerely,

Merrilee Lee, Director
Hoard Historical Museum



WISCONSIN
COUNCIL FOR
Local History

Wisconsin Council for Local History, Inc.

January 18, 2023

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Finance,

My name is Sheree L. Peterson and I serve as a member of Administrative Committee of the Wisconsin Council for Local History.

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I am a Secretary of the Bayfield County Historical Society, an affiliate and community partner of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Wisconsin has needed this beacon of history and connection for almost 25 years. And the history center project is happening, thanks to the support of the state legislature and private donations of up to \$39.2 million!

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January 22, 2023

Dear Members of the State Building Commission,

My name is Cynthia Arbiture and I serve as the President of the Wisconsin Council for Local History (WCLH). Our organization works closely with the Wisconsin Historical Society to help support the significant network of local affiliate historical and cultural organizations across the State of Wisconsin.

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I am also a board member and the President of the Concord Historical Society, Inc., an affiliate and local history community partner of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Wisconsin has needed this beacon of history and connection for almost 25 years. And the history center project is happening, thanks to the support of the state legislature and private donations of up to \$39.2 million!

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President
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I am a Museum Director and Vice President of the Princeton Historical Society, an affiliate and community partner of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Wisconsin has needed this beacon of history and connection for almost 25 years. And the history center project is happening, thanks to the support of the state legislature and private donations of up to \$39.2 million!

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January 25, 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing today to ask for your continued support for the Wisconsin History Center. The Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) has worked for the last few years to plan an amazing new museum for the state of Wisconsin, and it is easily the largest project in the history of the WHS.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's Social Studies Consultant, Kris McDaniel, and American Indian Studies Consultant, David O'Connor, have cultivated a strong working relationship with WHS. A new center would support Wisconsin educators by helping students learn "hands on" histories and be informed and engaged citizens and community members. WHS has worked with educators, Tribal Nations of Wisconsin, local history organizations, and community groups to make this center come to life; through the state legislative funding and private donations, up to \$39.2 million has been raised.

Each year, students in every county across the state of Wisconsin come to Madison to tour the state capitol and the Wisconsin Historical Museum. The advent of the center would bring WHS into a new era; doubling the exhibition space and the use of the latest digital technology will make the center more accessible and allow students an interactive experience.

WHS held listening sessions and teacher advisory council meetings to hear what communities across the state of Wisconsin want in a new museum and center. Not only did they listen, they delivered; educators wanted more interactive design than the current museum, and that is in the plan for the center. Furthermore, educators wanted relevant learning experiences for their students aligned to state standards and district expectations, and that is in the plan. Community members and other invested stakeholders wanted something more modern, and that, as well, is in the plan.

Please continue your support of the Wisconsin History Center project. It will truly be an incredible hub of learning for students across the state of Wisconsin. Feedback from our Wisconsin educators show that they are excited about the center and believe it to have a powerful impact on the education of their students.

Sincerely,

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Duy Nguyen
Assistant State Superintendent
Division for Academic Excellence

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c: Laura Roeker, Director, Teaching and Learning Team



Past Actions

- July '17: \$1.65M GIFT enumerated for new Brewery & Biergarten construction
- July '21: \$14.321M enumerated for OWW – Immersive Welcome Experience, Phase II
- Restoration of historic Wittenebels Tavern
 - Utility & infrastructure replacement
 - Clausing Barn, Ramsey Barn, & Lueskow House improvements
 - Tram stop building and road improvements
 - Pavilion ticketing & restroom buildings
 - Outdoor plaza and sitting areas

Upcoming Project Milestones:

- Mar '23: 35% Design
- Apr '23: State Building Commission, Phase 2
- Aug '23: 100% Design
- Aug '23: Bidding, Phase 2
- Oct '23: Bid / Construction Contract Award, Phase 2
- Jan '24: State Building Commission, Phase 3
- May '24: Construction, Phase 2
- Aug '24: Bidding, Phase 3
- Oct '24: Bid / Construction Contract Award, Phase 3
- Apr '25: Closeout, Phase 2
- May '25: Construction, Phase 3
- Apr '26: Closeout, Phase 3
- May '26: Grand Opening – Immersive Welcome Experience

Funding Secured to date:

17-19 Enumeration, Phase 1 (Brewery & Biergarten – Gifts Secured)	\$ 1,650,000
Building Trust Funds	\$ 292,000
Residual General Fund Supported Borrowing	\$ 632,000
21-23 Enumeration, Phase 2 (Guest Services/Restrooms/Infrastructure)	\$ 8,321,000
Federal Grant Funds, Phase 2	<u>\$ 2,700,000</u>
Funds Available:	\$13,595,000

Funding Campaign, Phase 2 and Phase 3:

Gifts / Grants, Phase 3 \$ 3,300,000 Gift

23-25 Capital Budget Enumeration, Phase 3

23-25 Enumeration, Phase 3 \$ 9,163,700 GFSB



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Old World Wisconsin (OWW) – Immersive Welcome Experience

PAVILION TICKETING / RESTROOMS



IMMERSIVE WELCOME EXPERIENCE





Old World Wisconsin (OWW) – Immersive Welcome Experience

OWW – Immersive Welcome Experience Phasing

Phase	Scope	Gifts and Grants	GFSB
1	Brewery, Biergarten and Water Improvements	\$ 1,934,600	\$ 632,000
2	Wittnebels Tavern, Clausing Barn, Guest Services, Site Utility Infrastructure	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 8,321,000
3	Biergarten, Ramsey Barn, Lueskow House, Tram Stop, Pavilion, Septic System, Service Drive, Parking Lot Paving, Donor Wall, and Landscape Plan Elements	\$ 3,300,000	\$ 9,163,700
	TOTAL	\$ 7,934,600	\$ 18,116,700



Pendarvis – Site Restoration, Phase 1

Request:

- This project will produce a master plan and design through construction of multiple building restorations, sitewide improvements and consideration of a new Visitor Center.
- WHS request \$5,829,400 GFSB to produce a site-wide master plan, program plan, and architectural and engineering design for the project.
- Although designing the entire project, this request is intended to complete Phase I of two phases in the 2023-2025 biennium. Phase II is proposed for the 2025-2027 biennium.

Background:

- Pendarvis showcases Cornish traditional stone construction techniques brought by immigrants who settled in Mineral Point to mine lead during the 1830s and 1840s.
- Pendarvis is also an early historic preservation effort, initiated by Bob Neal and Edgar Hellum in 1935.
- Pendarvis opened as a Wisconsin historic site on May 15, 1971.
- Pendarvis is composed of a collection of seven stone, stone-and-log, and log historic buildings and several ancillary structures on a 4.5-acre parcel that is dominated by a rocky bluff.
- Six of the Pendarvis Historic Site buildings are original to the site: Pendarvis House, Trelawny, Polperro, and the three connected houses that make up Tamblyn's Row (known as Martin Cabin, Middle Rowhouse, and East Rowhouse). All were constructed between 1840 and 1852, by and/or for Cornish immigrants.

Actions to Date:

Feb '20: Architectural / Planning / Design Selection for Historic Structures Report
Sep '21: Drainage Mitigation Analysis Report Finalized / Findings
Nov '21: Historic Structure Report Finalized / Findings

Existing Conditions:

- Animal Infestations: Several buildings on the site show evidence of infestation by local wildlife, including foxes, groundhogs, raccoons, snakes, and mice. These infestations present both safety and health hazards to visitors and contribute to a general feeling of deterioration around the site.
- Topography: Site topography is extensive and presents quite a challenge to visitors at all levels of accessibility.
- Accessibility: The Pendarvis campus is nearly 100% physically inaccessible according to the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Between master planning and design attempts will be made to provide accommodations, where possible.
- Pedestrian Walkways: How to move through Pendarvis as a pedestrian is not immediately apparent and is quite difficult for those unfamiliar with the site. A mixture of pathways and materials coupled with lack of signage and dramatic topography makes navigation through the site confusing.
- Vehicular Circulation and Parking: Vehicular circulation takes place on the one-way shared drive at the west end of the site. Parking is limited, however, and no clear stalls are denoted. There does not seem to be any "official" parking on-site.



Pendarvis – Site Restoration, Phase 1

- Drystack Walls, Stairs, and Pathways: The condition of the drystack retaining walls on the Pendarvis campus ranges from fair to poor. Settling, at a minimum, was noted on almost every wall on-site.
- Drainage and Utilities: Pendarvis has a history of water drainage issues. In September 2021 Vierbicher Associates completed the *Pendarvis Drainage Mitigation Analysis Report*. The document evaluated the site drainage conditions and provided options and potential costs for remediation. The report explored options to enhance site drainage and aid preservation efforts for the property.

Proposed Improvements:

Phase I construction improvements for the 2023-2025 biennium are proposed to the Shakerag, Rowhouse, and Welcome Center zones to include the following components:

- Conduct stormwater and groundwater management and mitigation in all Pendarvis work zones.
- Implement restoration, preservation, rehabilitation, and new work for Trelawny, Pendarvis House, Polperro, Workshop, and Visitor Center structures.
- Restore site and landscape and improve accessibility.
- Construct a new kitchen to hold a commercial kitchen to support Pendarvis House.
- Construct a new visitor center or rehabilitate and repurpose the existing visitor center.
- Relocate staff offices, welcome activities, and guest services as necessary to meet programming and construction objectives.

Phase I Budget/Schedule:

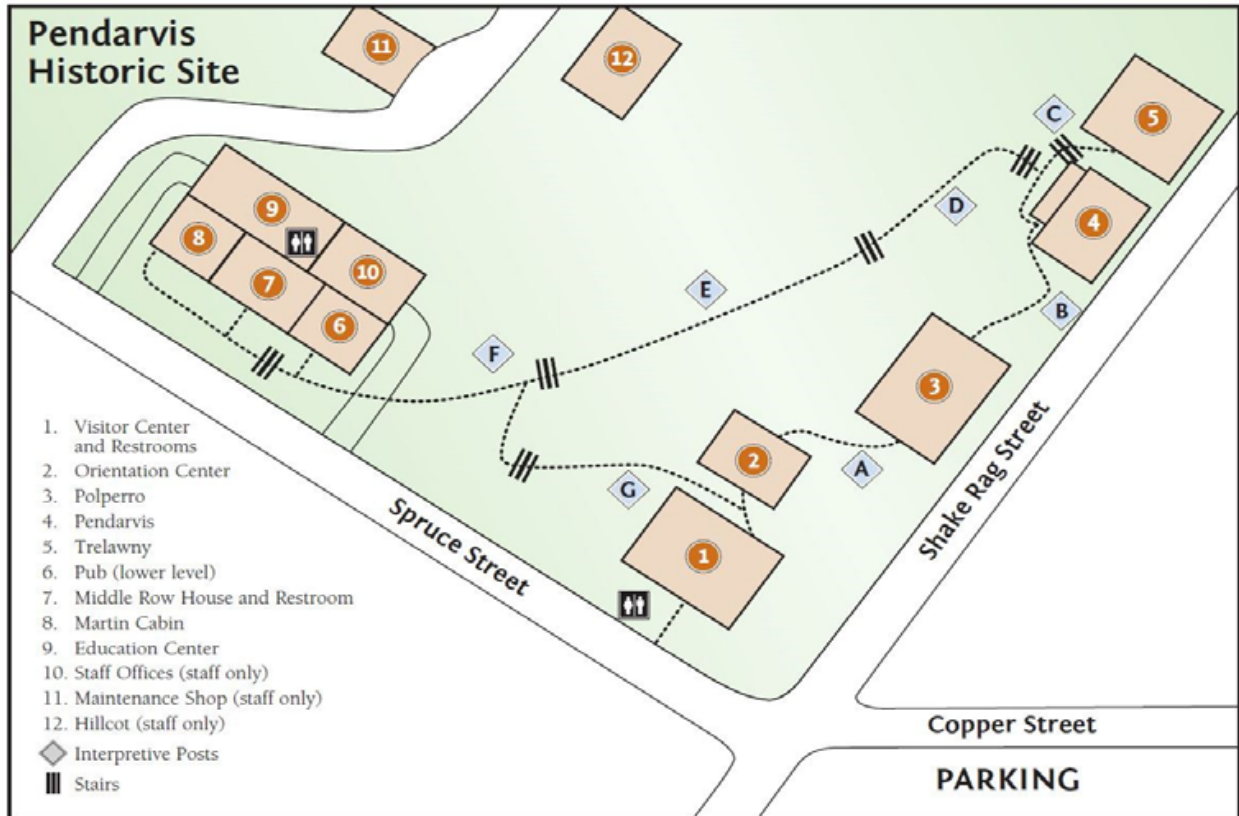
Construction	\$3,411,800
Design	\$477,500
DFD Mgt	\$146,500
Contingency	\$477,500
Equipment	\$0
Inflation	\$1,316,100
TOTAL	\$5,829,400

SBC Approval	Apr 2024
A/E Selection	Aug 2023
Design Report	Jan 2024
Bid Opening	Dec 2024
Start Construction	Apr 2025
Substantial Completion	May 2026
Final Completion	Sep 2026



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PENDARVIS SITE MAP



TRELAWNY





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PENDARVIS HOUSE



POLPERRO





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WORKSHOP / ORIENTATION CENTER



VISITOR CENTER





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SITE LANDSCAPE

