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
Private Funds Invested (Site acquisition, planning, fundraising): $9M
Funds Available: $100M
Wisconsin History Center – Preliminary Massing Study

Wisconsin History Center – Preliminary Concept, Engaging the Public Realm
History Center 2023-2025 Budget Requests

Capital Budget Request

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Total Revised Project Cost Estimate January ‘23 (Attached) $160M

Available Funds $100M

2023-2025 Capital Budget Request: Additional Enumeration

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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

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Support Letters for the Wisconsin Historical Society's New History Center
To the Members of the Wisconsin Legislature and Senate,

I am writing today to ask for your continued 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.

Securing and finalizing the history center a home on Capitol Square in downtown Madison at the top of State Street was a major coup for the Society and students in all 72 counties of Wisconsin that make the rite of passage to Madison each year. The expanded site at one of Wisconsin’s most iconic intersections will allow for a 100,000-square-foot center that will more than double the exhibition space of the current museum, welcome more than 200,000 guests annually and double the number of PK-12 students served to 60,000. With the work of Continuum Architects + Planners of Milwaukee and the global firm SmithGroup and the experience designs by New York-based Ralph Appelbaum Associates, this center will be the 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 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
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.

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Sincerely,

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

As a devoted life-long educator, you are uniquely positioned as the Governor of Wisconsin to champion this important project. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Marlon WhiteEagle
MaxiSkaHanazi
Ho-Chunk Nation President
January 26, 2023

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2 East Main Street  
Madison, WI 53703

February 1, 2023

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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
Dear colleague,

I am writing today to ask for your support for the Wisconsin Historical Society and its largest project in the Society's history, the Wisconsin History Center. I have been an administrator for elementary, middle, and high school students for over 20 years.

Helping students learn the history of our state and peoples 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!

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Sincerely,

Devon Davis

Head of Schools

One City Schools, Inc.
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
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 “Wisconsinbly”, 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
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.

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!

The Society has made enormous strides in building a new Wisconsin History Center. They have worked with educators, tribal nations, and local history organizations like the Waupaca Historical Society to engage with local communities, students and educators, and Native communities through listening sessions and community councils.

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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.

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.

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Sincerely,

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

  • 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
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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 $2,700,000
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
Old World Wisconsin (OWW) – Immersive Welcome Experience

PAVILION TICKETING / RESTROOMS

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**Old World Wisconsin (OWW) – Immersive Welcome Experience Phasing**

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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.
• 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:

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PENDARVIS SITE MAP

1. Visitor Center and Restrooms
2. Orientation Center
3. Polperro
4. Pendarvis
5. Trelawny
6. Pub (lower level)
7. Middle Row House and Restroom
8. Martin Cabin
9. Education Center
10. Staff Offices (staff only)
11. Maintenance Shop (staff only)
12. Hillcot (staff only)

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PENDARVIS HOUSE

POLPERRO
SITE LANDSCAPE

[Images of the site's landscape, including historical costumes and a stone wall structure.]