



**MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**2026 MNHS Capital Budget Request**

**March 2026**

# MNHS Capital Budget Request Review

- **Overview of MNHS Strategic Plan**
- **MNHS 2026 Capital Budget Priorities**



# MNHS Strategic Plan

## 2021 - 2026





## **MISSION**

**We serve all the people of Minnesota by creating powerful engagement with history to cultivate curiosity and foster a more inclusive, empathetic, and informed society.**

# 2021-2026 STRATEGIC IMPERATIVES

Transforming Access

Reenvisioning Space

Expanding Authority and Expertise

Creating a Sustainable Future



## STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE

### Transforming Access

Transform our programs and services to better leverage and incorporate technology, creating innovative technological programs that blend onsite and online experiences to engage existing audiences in more meaningful ways, attract new audiences, and remove barriers to accessing MNHS content and programming.





## STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE

### Reenvisioning Space

Push history to all corners of Minnesota, beyond the confines of our existing properties.



## STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE

### Expanding Authority and Expertise

Partner with communities and organizations to seek, acknowledge, elevate, and share hidden histories, diverse stories, and non-traditional expertise.





## STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE

### Creating a Sustainable Future

Build out and support the infrastructure needed to achieve programmatic objectives in alignment with our financial and human resources.



# MNHS Capital Budget Request 2026

## Historical Society

## Projects Summary

(\$ in thousands)

Project Title	Rank	Fund	Project Requests for State Funds			Gov's Rec	Gov's Planning Estimates	
			2026	2028	2030	2026	2028	2030
Preservation and Access to History (PATH) - Facilities Improvements for Collections Care	1	GO	23,160	0	0	0	0	0
Historic Sites Asset Preservation	2	GO	22,235	13,625	14,510	3,500	3,500	3,500
		GF	650	0	0	0	0	0
County and Local Historic Preservation Grants	3	GO	1,250	1,250	1,250	0	0	0
<b>Total Project Requests</b>			<b>47,295</b>	<b>14,875</b>	<b>15,760</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>
<b>General Obligation Bonds (GO) Total</b>			<b>46,645</b>	<b>14,875</b>	<b>15,760</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>
<b>General Fund Cash (GF) Total</b>			<b>650</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



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## 1. Preservation and Access to History (PATH) Project: Facilities Improvements for Collections Care - *Design and Construction*

### Project goals:

- **Secure collections** in proper environmental conditions for long-term preservation and access
  - Update state-owned facility at 1500 Mississippi St, St. Paul
  - Utilize planned unfinished space in History Center



# MNHS PATH Project

Utilize planned unfinished space in History Center

- Build out existing, unfinished space to accommodate archival storage, including installing collections climate control system
- Space modifications for high density storage to increase space efficiency at MHC



# MNHS PATH Project

Update state-owned facility at 1500 Mississippi St, St. Paul

- Address \$6M of deferred maintenance
- Address critical deficiencies of south and north portions
  - Structural stabilization
  - Accessibility updates
  - Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing systems updates
  - Roof replacement
- Demolition of west portion
- Selective demolition of central section of the building and replace with “new construction”



# MNHS PATH Project



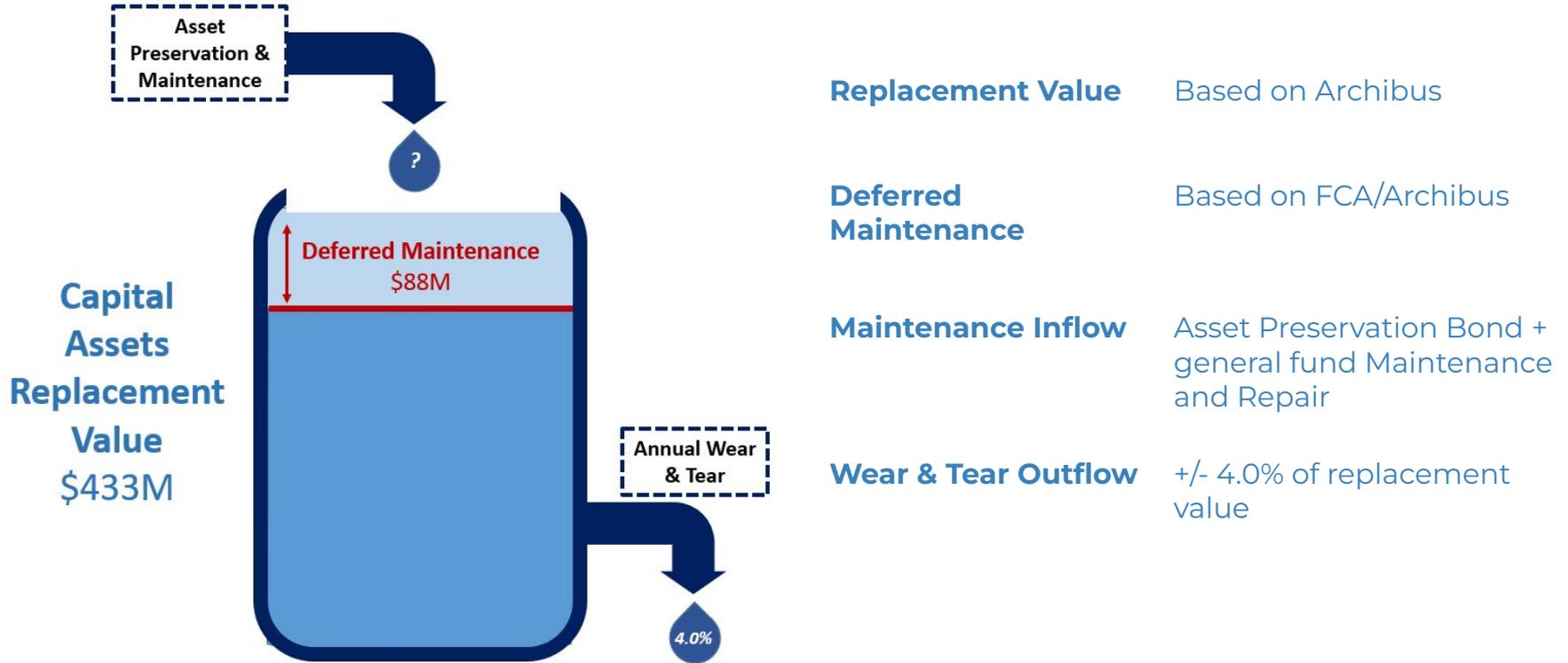
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## 2. Historic Sites Asset Preservation

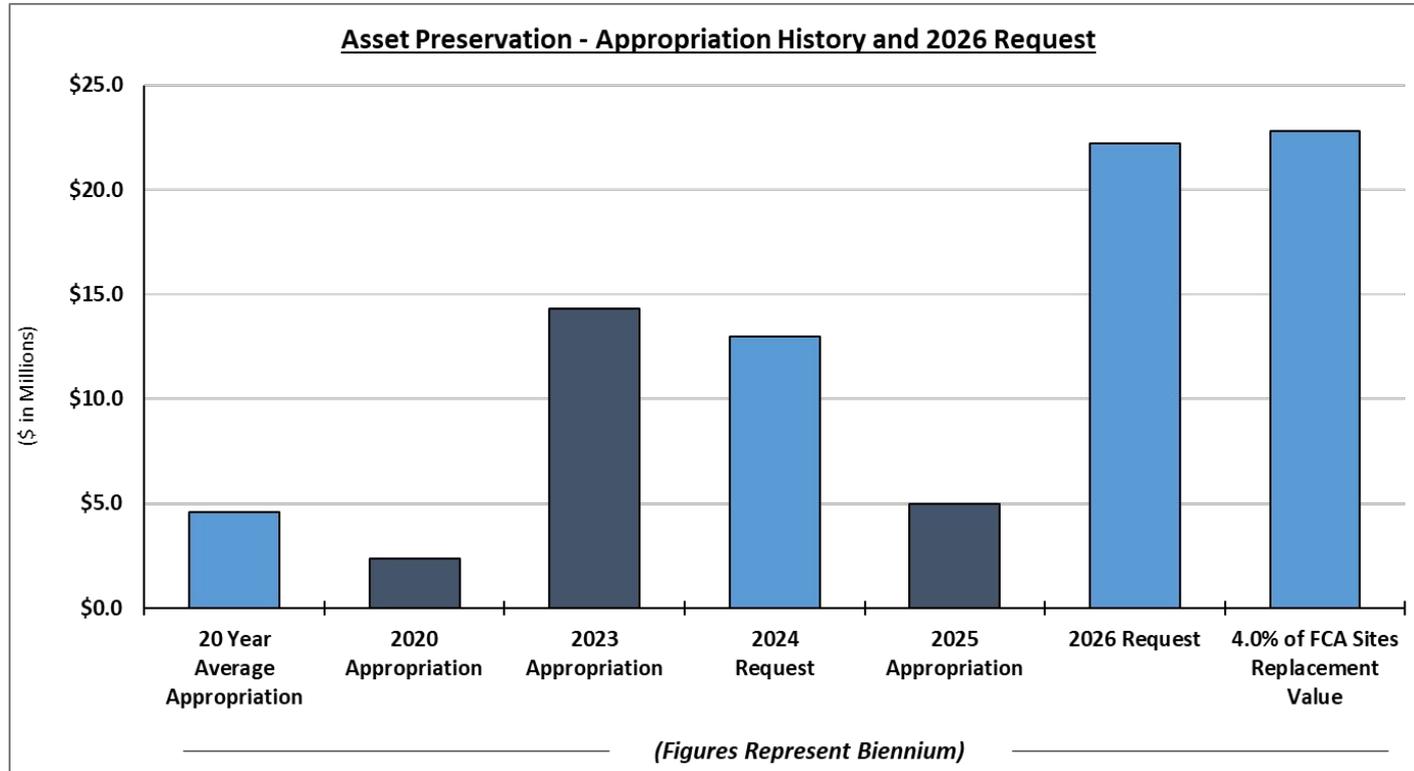
- MNHS is responsible for 150+ structures statewide
- Nearly half of these structures are over 100 years old
- Sites are part of statutorily defined Historic Sites Network in Mn Statutes 138 – a state responsibility
- Asset Preservation Projects for Historic Structures take specialized design and construction techniques as they all must follow the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties
- Modern visitor centers are approaching life-cycle of repair or replacement



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# MNHS Asset Preservation Appropriations



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## Asset Preservation Request Detail - Total Request = \$22,885,000

1. Mill City Conveyors & Tunnel Rehabilitation	\$2,300,000
2. Split Rock Dwelling #3 Preservation	\$325,000
3. Fort Snelling Building #17 Interior Preservation	\$2,955,000
4. Mayo House Exterior Preservation	\$350,000
5. Mille Lacs Museum Reroof	\$650,000
6. Mill City Elevator #1 Rehabilitation	\$7,300,000
7. Mill City East Wall Masonry	\$4,475,000
8. Fort Ridgely Masonry Stabilization	\$365,000
9. Southwestern Site Trail Work	\$390,000
10. Fort Snelling Exterior Preservation	\$3,000,000
11. Lac Qui Parle Preservation	\$225,000
12. Statewide-Design for future Asset Preservation Projects	\$400,000
13. Statewide-Monuments & Markers	\$150,000
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<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$22,885,000</b>

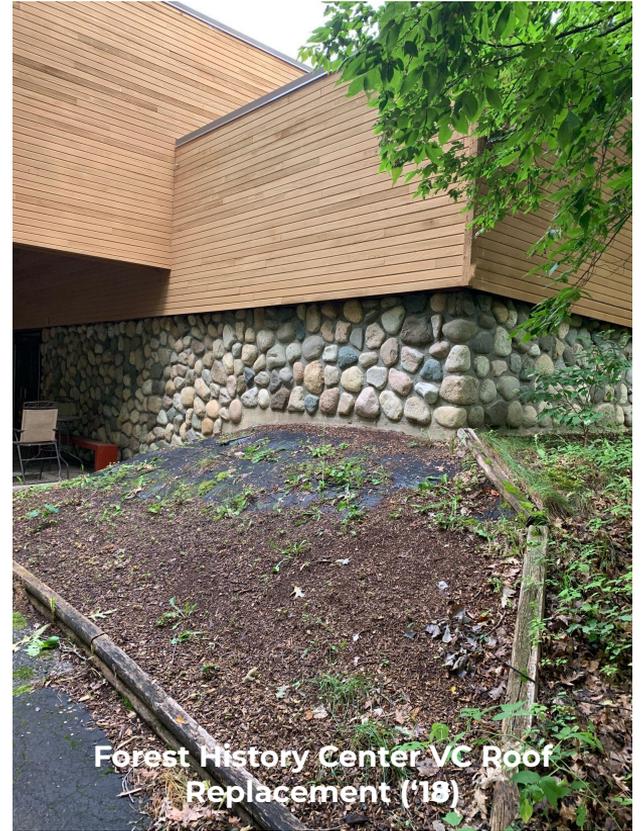




# Recently Completed Projects



James J Hill House Masonry Rehabilitation ('18, '20)



Forest History Center VC Roof Replacement ('18)



# Recently Completed Projects



Split Rock Lighthouse  
Trails & Landscape Rehabilitation



Historic Fort Snelling  
Shops Building Reroof



# In Progress Projects



Harkin Store Exterior Rehabilitation



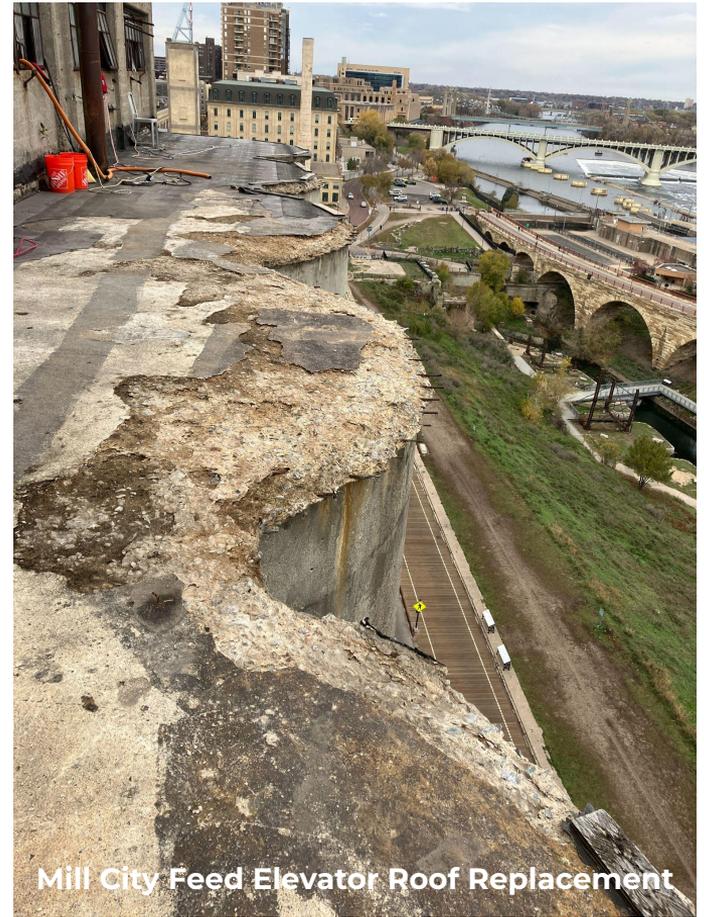
Oliver Kelley Farm  
Farmhouse Preservation



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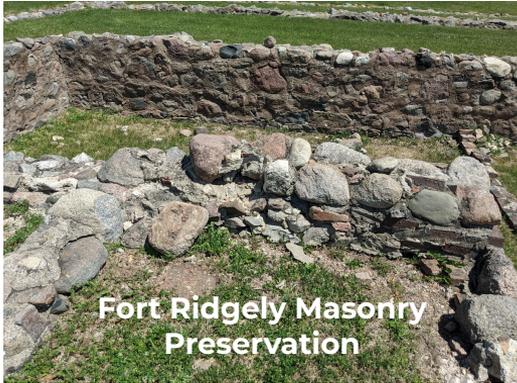
Historic Fort Snelling Round Tower Rehabilitation



Mill City Feed Elevator Roof Replacement



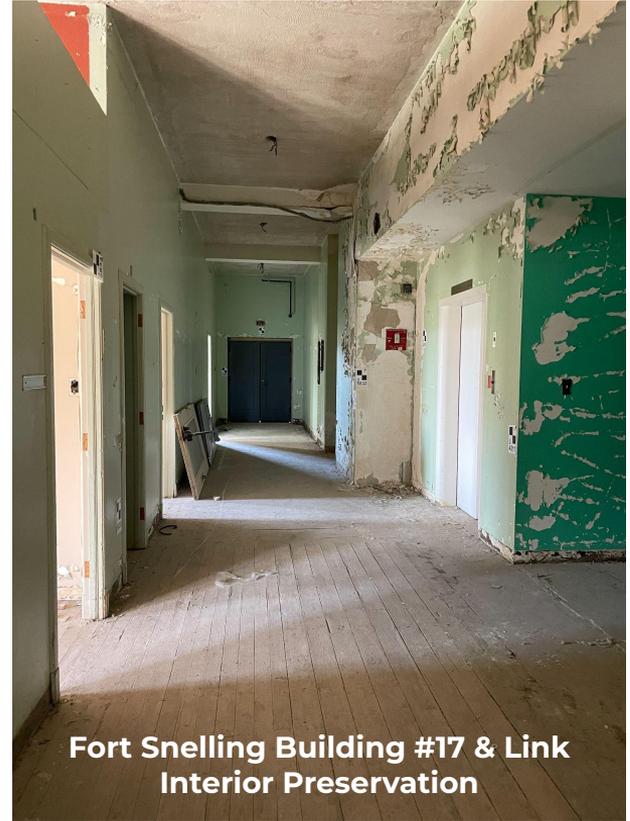
# 2026 Request Projects



**Fort Ridgely Masonry  
Preservation**



**Mayo House Exterior  
Preservation**



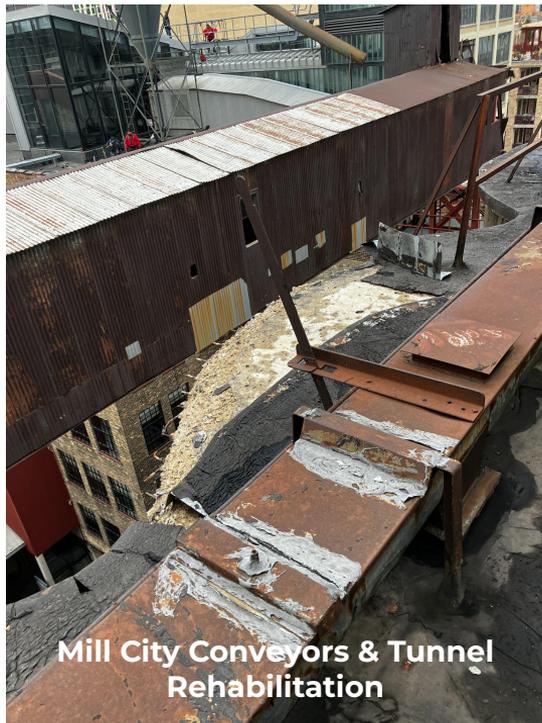
**Fort Snelling Building #17 & Link  
Interior Preservation**



# 2026 Request Projects



Mill City East Wall Masonry



Mill City Conveyors & Tunnel Rehabilitation



Mill City Elevator #1 Rehabilitation



# 2026 Request Projects



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## 3. County and Local Historic Preservation Grants \$1.250 million



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# Thank You!



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