



Historic Sites Asset Preservation

\$22.885 Million

Why is asset preservation important?

MNHS is responsible for 150+ structures statewide which are some of Minnesota’s most significant historic places. These sites require reinvestment which is funded through our asset preservation request. Without this funding the deferred maintenance backlog will continue to grow.

- 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
- Projects on historic structures require 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 the end of their life-cycle and are in need of repair or replacement

2026 ASSET PRESERVATION REQUESTS

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 Sites Trail Work.	\$390,000
10. Fort Snelling Exterior Preservation	\$3,000,000
11. Lac Qui Parle Preservation.	\$225,000
12. Design-Future Asset Preservation Project.	\$400,000
13. Statewide Monuments and Markers	\$150,000



PRESERVATION AND ACCESS TO HISTORY (PATH)

MNHS Facilities Improvements for Collections Care

\$23.160 Million

MNHS is responsible for housing, caring for, and sharing collections that chronicle our state's unique history and culture.

- Over 1 million items are cared for in the collections at MNHS that span 10,000 years of human history:
 - 250,000 3D objects
 - 6,700 works of art
 - 300,000 photographs
 - 50,000 cubic feet of manuscripts (family archives, business records, political campaign collections, letters)
 - 50,000 cubic feet of State Archives
 - 500,000 books
 - 2,000 moving images
 - 3 million feet of news film
 - 2.25 million archaeological artifacts
- Statutory responsibility to preserve historically significant records of state and local government (State Archives)



PROJECT GOALS:

- Secure collections in proper environmental conditions for long-term preservation and access
 - Renovate existing facility at 1500 Mississippi St. in St. Paul
 - Build out planned unfinished expansion space in History Center
 - Increase efficiency in existing storage areas

OUR 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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