



Preservation Committee Report -- November 21, 2024

New York State Education Department Aid for Library Construction Program:

Morgan Opera House Cooling Project – We received approval on October 1 for our grant request to NYSED for the Morgan Opera House Cooling Project. The total project cost is estimated to be \$59,200, and our 10% match will be \$5,920. We have requested Taitem Engineering to finalize the system specifications and drawings, and then request three contractor bids. We may be able to potentially award the installation contract at our February Trustees Meeting. The work could then start in early April, with completion by the end of May.

Main Street Wall Reconstruction project – We have submitted a new application for \$113,900 to NYSED for renovation of the front half-timber building facade that faces Main Street in 2026. The project scope will focus on (1) repair and patching of the stucco plaster, (2) renovation of all wood, with replacement of any wood that is found to be rotted, and (3) caulking, priming, and painting. The anticipated contractor is Pinnacle Construction.

Regional Economic Development Council Grant Application: Windows Renovation

A \$10 million award through the *Downtown Revitalization Initiative* (DRI) to the three Villages of Aurora, Union Springs, and Cayuga was announced February 5. We have submitted our proposal for the *AFL Windows Restoration and Renovation Project* for a projected cost of \$375,000. If funded through the DRI, the AFL will not need to provide matching funds. Dave has served on the Local Planning Committee (LPC) for the DRI program, and he is the sponsor for the AFL Windows Restoration application. At the final meeting on October 28, the LPC voted to include our AFL Windows project in the list of projects that will be forwarded for final approval by NYS Department of State in April 2025.