



# GUILD HOUSE RESTORATION

RESTORING A BUILDING.  
RESTORING ITS MISSION.



# THE RESTORATION TEAM

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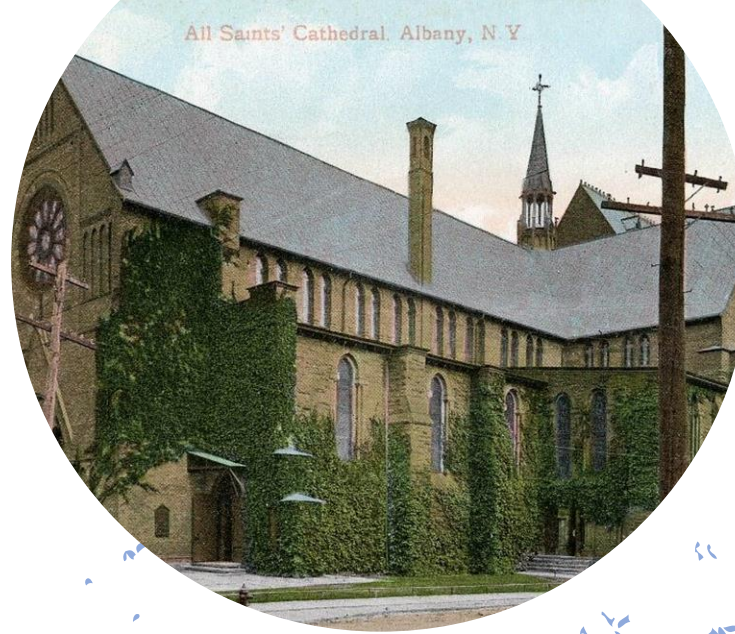
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# THE BACKSTORY

- *The Cathedral of All Saints - dedicated in 1888 - was designed by 29-year-old architect Robert W. Gibson. It was his first major work.*
- *A church campus including a hospital, school, and a convent were added. All are lost.*
- *Guild House was built in 1902 as a memorial gift to the Cathedral. It served variously as an immigrant settlement house and a school until the 1970's, when it was abandoned.*





# THE NUMBERS

- *The Guild House Restoration will be a multi-phased project*
- *<9000 square ft. Building abandoned since 1970's*
- *Application to NYS Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Spring of 2024 for First Phase "emergency stabilization" maximum grant of \$750,000*
- *Two additional succeeding year grants of \$750,000 each*
- *\$2.25 million total SHPO investment*
- *Additional \$2.25 million from other sources*
- *\$4.5 million total budget (\$500 per sq.ft.)*



# THE CHALLENGES

- *Restoring the Guild House cost-effectively is a must as the budget is limited*
- *Two Paths: Gut & Rebuild or Salvage & Restore*
- *Can some components, such as floor joists, be reused?*
- *Can the open roof truss system be exposed?*
- *Are there creative ways to build out the two floors that must be replaced?*
- *Are less costly, more sustainable materials available to use?*
- *Can Artificial Intelligence be used in this project?*
- *What are the ADA requirements and Building Code requirements for the building? Will an elevator or sprinklers be needed?*



# OTHER OBJECTIVES

- *Designing a Geothermal HVAC System qualified for NYSERDA funding*
- *Integrating the outdoor space into the design*



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# DOWN THE ROAD...

- *THE GOAL: Get Guild House “Development Ready” for potential uses*
- *Possible mixed-use as a learning center devoted to immigrant and marginalized community needs*
- *Potential as a “public charter school”*



## OUR CLIENTS:

*These Haitian immigrants are currently being housed in motels around Albany, along with hundreds of others. They are enrolling in an English as a second language program at the Cathedral. The program will be among those housed at a restored Guild House.*



# INSCRIPTION IN THE ENTRANCE TO THE GUILD HOUSE :



## *Guild House of All Saints Cathedral*

*Erected to the Glory of God in loving memory of Clarence  
Hubbard Hascy, by his parents, A.D. 1902.*

*“For honorable age is not that which standeth in  
length of time, nor that is measured in number of  
years, but Wisdom is the grey hairs unto man and an  
unspotted life is old age.”*

*(From the Book of Wisdom)*