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# 1846



**1875** Fire destroys courthouse on Oct. 2, 1875



**1877** Second courthouse on square completed

**1970** Original wooden windows replaced with aluminum

**1975** Slate roof replaced with asphalt shingles

**2004** OPN completes concepts for renovation

**2010** Madison County Courthouse Preservation Fund established  
Phase 2: Interior dome restoration  
Phase 3: Exterior dome investigation

**2014** Phase 5: Gable & roof repair

**1868**

First limestone courthouse built in square



**1876**

Construction on new courthouse begins

**1955**

Cupola replica placed on tower to conceal chimneys

**1973**

Service Ramp installed

**1976**

Added to National Register of Historic Places



**2008**

Phase 1: Boiler & mechanical upgrades

**2012**

Phase 4: Exterior Dome Restoration



# 2022



Madison County Courthouse Restoration Project

We Protect What We Prize



## Why is it important to Restore the Courthouse?

Since 1876 the Madison County Courthouse has fulfilled its purpose as a beautiful public space dedicated to serving the common good through the court system, county government, and as a public meeting space. As an architectural metaphor, the Courthouse is unparalleled. The local limestone from which it was hewn speaks of the strength and endurance of our community. The four classical porticos, which face north, south, east, and west, remind us of the courage, integrity, perseverance, and justice on which pioneers built their dream of a just society.

Restoring the beauty of our Courthouse will pay respect for its contributions to the common good and to the position it retains as a beacon of justice. It will encourage a sense of pride by raising public awareness of the legacy contained within its limestone walls. In addition, it will stand as a shared community achievement because the restoration will be accomplished through public/private partnerships.

## Elements of Restoration

### Site

Lack of ADA Accessibility  
Brick Pavers are in Poor Condition

### Exterior Limestone Masonry Walls

Deterioration

### Exterior Windows

Wooden Infill Panels and Sealant Joints are Failing  
Inefficient Aluminium Windows

### Soffit, Sheet Metal Details

Damaged by Weather/Rain Exposure



Damaged Soffit, Sheet Metal



Infill Panels at Windows;  
Lack of Weather Barrier



Deterioration at  
Limestone Masonry

New  
Accessible  
Entry Ramps