Cornerstone Preservation
Cornerstone Preservation dedicates itself to high quality architectural research and planning. Working collaboratively with building owners, architects, engineers and contractors, our mission is to bring a new vitality and usefulness to valued historic structures.

Services
The services we provide often represent a component of a larger effort to restore a structure and its setting. We welcome opportunities for collaboration with the multi-discipline teams typically required of such projects.

Services Provided
Architectural and historical research
Architectural surveys
Grant writing
Section 106 compliance
National Historic Landmark nominations
Building surveys and inventories
Site evaluation
Preservation plans
Historic Structure Reports
Master planning

Projects
Cornerstone Preservation consults on both small and large projects throughout Wisconsin and beyond. Principal Anne Biebel, whose academic background and professional experience exceed the Secretary of the Interior’s professional qualification standards, has completed projects working with the owners and caretakers of these significant landmark sites:

Fox River Navigational Locks
Appleton, Wisconsin

Unitarian Meeting House
Shorewood Hills, Wisconsin

Taliesin
Spring Green, Wisconsin

Wisconsin State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

Idaho State Capitol
Boise, Idaho
Fox River Navigational Locks  
Appleton, Wisconsin

As the first phase of a project intended to re-open all of the historic locks along the Lower Fox River, the four Appleton locks were restored in 2006 under the direction of the Fox River Navigational System Authority. This body functions as a state agency with its membership appointed by the Governor. Cornerstone Preservation worked as a sub-consultant to Oshkosh-based contractor C.R. Meyer and Sons Co. and provided services tailored to facilitate regulatory review processes with the office of the SHPO. This helped to ensure the preservation-sensitive restoration of the historically and culturally significant navigational features, which date from Wisconsin’s earliest history.

**Services Provided**
- Architectural and historical research
- Site evaluation
- Preservation plan

Unitarian Meeting House  
Shorewood Hills, Wisconsin

The Unitarian Meeting House was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright late in his career for a congregation with whom he had life-long ties. Since the building’s completion in 1951, the Madison Unitarians have been excellent stewards of their church despite being faced with challenges that sometimes vex the owners of Wright buildings, including leaking roofs. In the interest of the ongoing preservation of the Meeting House, the First Unitarian Society had the building nominated as a National Historic Landmark, a designation that was extended to it by the National Park Service in August 2004. The Society then completed a Historic Structure Report late in 2005, and currently is raising money to make recommended repairs.

**Services Provided**
- Architectural and historical research
- Grant writing
- National Historic Landmark nomination
- Building survey and inventory
- Site evaluation
- Preservation plan
- Historic Structure Report

Taliesin  
Spring Green, Wisconsin

Taliesin represents the physical embodiment of all things notable about Wisconsin’s most noted architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. Taliesin’s roots extend back into the mid-19th century, when the land that later became the architect’s home, studio and educational facility was farmed by his maternal forebears. A complex of buildings set within a rolling agricultural landscape along the Wisconsin River provided the setting for what now is understood as Wright’s second career. Currently the care and maintenance of Taliesin is the responsibility of Taliesin Preservation, Inc., an organization committed to the deliberate and thoughtful implementation of this charge through its preservation program.

**Services Provided**
- Architectural and historical research
- Grant writing
- Building survey and inventory (Tan-y-deri)
- Preservation plan (Tan-y-deri)
- Historic Structure Report (Tan-y-deri)
- Master planning
Wisconsin State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

The Wisconsin State Capitol was restored to fairly exacting preservation standards. This fact was acknowledged by the National Park Service in designating the Capitol a National Historic Landmark just as the restoration and rehabilitation was drawing to a close in 2001. Careful pre-design planning that included exhaustive historical research distinguished this project both in the attention to detail extended the architectural restoration and in the documentation assembled as a record of the work in the six-volume Wisconsin State Capitol Historic Structure Report.

Services Provided
Architectural and historical research
National Historic Landmark nomination
Building survey and inventory
Preservation plan
Historic Structure Report

Idaho State Capitol
Boise, Idaho

Based in part on the nationally acknowledged success of the restoration and rehabilitation of the Wisconsin State Capitol, the State of Idaho incorporated members of the Wisconsin team in planning for the restoration of its own state house. Historical research combined with knowledge of the National Park Service protocol for evaluating historic building fabric and architectural integrity contributed to the development of a Preservation Plan, which was incorporated into the Idaho State Capitol Master Plan. After a delay in getting project work underway, the restoration effort was renewed in 2006 and currently is moving forward with the 2000 Master Plan as a guide.

Services Provided
Architectural and historical research
Preservation plan
Master planning

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