



Lincoln Memorial Restoration Projects

Businessman and philanthropist David M. Rubenstein's \$18.5 million gift to the National Park Foundation's Centennial Campaign for America's National Parks will transform the Lincoln Memorial.

Exterior Work

Stabilize Low Roof Walls

Install anchors around the perimeter of the low roof to brace the unreinforced masonry wall and prevent movement.

Repair Masonry

Repair damaged brick masonry mortar joints and marble mortar joints, and repair cracks and strengthen the stones of the carved elements.

Clean Memorial

Gently clean the interior and exterior of the memorial, removing years of dirt, debris and black biological growth.

Restore Murals

Clean the two Jules Guérin murals located on the north and south interior walls as part of the overall restoration process.

Replace Roof

Replace the entire roofing system along the attic level and upper roof along the skylight space with a new membrane system to prevent damage to the stone surfaces from leaking.

Landscaping

General landscaping of the grounds and the laying of turf around the stylobate level (the stepped platform on which the memorial sits) following the construction.

New Underground Spaces

Relocate Museum Store

Move museum store from chamber to lower level, providing expanded retail sales space and storage.

Expand Restroom Facilities

Construct new and expanded men's and women's restrooms (the only restrooms at the west end of the National Mall), including a separate family restroom.

Add Support Space

Construct new storage areas, service areas for mechanical systems, and better circulation patterns for school groups.

Relocate Office Space

Establish security area and research space outside the memorial chamber for U.S. Park Police and National Park Service staff, allowing for proper management of the memorial while restoring the contemplative nature of the memorial chamber.

Enhance Accessibility

Add a second elevator and refurbish the existing elevator to the memorial chamber, providing expanded capacity and increased reliability for visitors unable to use the stairs.

New Exhibits

Expose Foundations to Public View

Future visitors will be able to see the foundations that anchor the memorial to the bedrock and the graffiti of the construction workers who built the memorial in the early 20th century.

Exhibits

Design and install all new exhibits and media to advance visitor understanding of Abraham Lincoln, the memorial's construction, and urban planning in the nation's capital.

Expanded Visitor Space

Create approximately 15,000 square feet renovated, functional space tucked away out of sight beneath the memorial, offering state-of-the-art educational exhibits, classroom space, bookstore, restrooms, etc.