

Friends of Mechanics Hall

Goals

June 15, 2012

Mission:

Our mission is to save Mechanics Hall from further deterioration, restore its appearance and enable a transition to active use of the building.

Phase I:

Stop further deterioration and improve curb appeal (Prevent further rodent damage to windows, block rodent entry ways and remove trees that provide squirrel access. Prevent further damage caused by water run-off.)

Establish the Friends of Mechanics Hall as a non-profit organization

Develop stabilization plan (Seek engineer evaluation. Pursue grants to pay for structural engineering study and building stabilization.)

Raise seed funding from local sources

Identify and pursue funding sources (Refer to list of grant programs, contact agencies for copies of successful applications, contact successful applicants, seek guidance from New Salem restoration leader, write grant proposals)

Gather information and explore options for future use (Consult towns that have successfully restored/repurposed historic buildings. Meet with residents to determine unmet needs in community. Meet with town organizations to determine interest in building.)

Time frame: 18-24 months

Phase II:

Define future uses

Pursue historically sensitive restoration