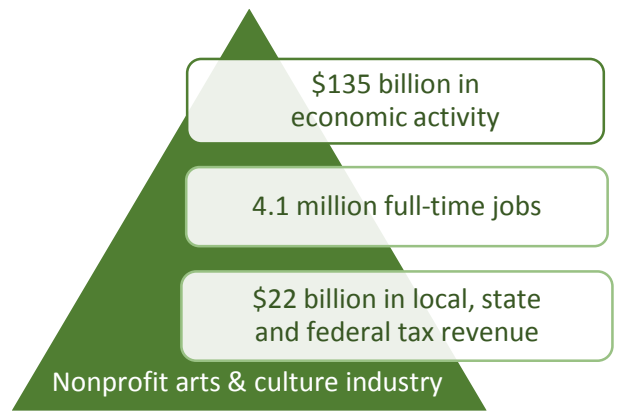


Renovation Proposal:

Phase II Overview

- In 2002, after 42 years on the campus of Western Illinois University, the Western Illinois Museum was established as a non-profit in downtown Macomb. It is guided by a board of directors and managed by a full-time director.
- The location at 201 South Lafayette Street also houses the Macomb Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (MACVB) and the McDonough County Genealogical Research Library.
- Annually the museum has more than 3,000 visitors, including school groups and clubs, who enjoy an exhibit or program.
- As funding is being cut at the state level for our region's museums, it is even more crucial that our local museum continue to provide an outlet for educational and economic opportunities for our community.



- The next phase of the renovation plan is to remove and replace the insulation in the east side of the building. Proposed project dates are April 16 through April 30, 2016.
- To keep the unique wooden bow trusses exposed, a spray insulation would be used to replace the deteriorating and falling fiberglass sheets.
- The Western Illinois Construction Association in partnership with museum volunteers will remove the existing insulation to remedy a potentially hazardous situation at a substantial cost savings.



- The museum plays as an integral part of downtown development by presenting educational programs that generating revenue from out of town visitors, as well as strengthening local businesses through partnerships that make the region attractive as a destination.

- The east half of the building remains much like it was when built in 1941 and is being used to store the collection. The area is not climate controlled, placing artifacts at risk of deteriorating.
- Creating a sound, climate controlled environment will safeguard the region's treasures that are at risk of being lost to future generations.

Statistics from the American Alliance of Museums