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PLANS FOR RENOVATION OF BINGHAMTON CASTLE UNVEILED



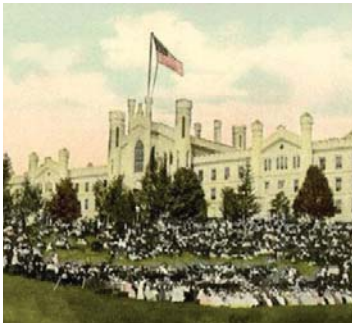
CASTLE EXTERIOR

ALBANY, NY – Preliminary plans were unveiled for the renovation of the historic *Castle on the Hill* in Binghamton, NY. in a September 24, 2012 informational session. The event hosted local press, notables, and those connected to the project.

Among the attendees were Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, D-Endwell, who worked to obtain the \$12.5 million included in this year's state budget and Dr. David Smith, president of SUNY Upstate Medical University, the organization that will utilize the Castle once restoration is complete.

Jack Waite, FAIA, Principal at **John G. Waite Associates, Architects PLLC (JGWA)**, the firm designing the renovations, was on hand to present an overview of what is planned for the nearly 150 year-old abandoned structure.

Of the landmark project Waite said, "A great public building of the nineteenth century will become a great medical facility for the twenty-first century. The restoration of the former Binghamton Asylum, a National Historic Landmark, will provide badly needed medical education and a clinical facility to serve the Southern Tier. The project will also provide many construction jobs during the restoration process. Once completed, one of the State's most important historic buildings will be returned to public service."



HISTORIC CASTLE

When asked about the preservation firm JGWA, and their experience with projects of this magnitude, Smith has been quoted as saying, "The firm is one of the finest, not only in New York State, but across the country. "

When asked about the significance of the project, Assemblywoman Lupardo said, "The Castle is an important part of the history of the Binghamton area and I have been pleased to advocate for its restoration since my first days in the Assembly. It has been assuring to have the Governor realize how important it is to get this project underway. The SUNY Upstate connection is an important one to our community. It was a very good day when SUNY Upstate stepped forward and showed an interest in this landmark."



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