

Restoration and Maintenance Committee Report for 2025

Respectfully submitted by Executive Director

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On behalf of the Restoration and Maintenance Committee, I am pleased to present this report highlighting the key projects and improvements completed throughout 2025.

First and foremost, we extend our sincere gratitude to Serhii, our Facility Manager, and our dedicated crew of volunteers for their tireless efforts and commitment. Their hard work and passion for preserving Filberg Park have been instrumental in achieving our goals this past year.

Below are some of the restoration and maintenance projects completed in 2025:

The Cottage Renovation

One of the most significant accomplishments this year was completing the Cottage renovation. This refreshed space is now fully functional and available to user groups, non-profits, and community members, expanding our capacity to support gatherings, programs, and partnerships within the Park. Key upgrades include improved lighting to create a bright atmosphere, new flooring for enhanced comfort and durability, and new baseboard heating to ensure year-round use. Additional improvements, such as an on-demand hot water system and window coverings, will increase energy efficiency while providing greater comfort and privacy.

These enhancements will support increased community use and ensure the Cottage remains a valuable and accessible space for years to come.

Annual Maintenance Repairs

Ongoing stewardship of our historic structures remained a priority. Annual repairs were completed on the Summer Kitchen, helping to preserve this well-used and much-loved building. The Potting Shed and Rabbit Hutch also received the necessary repairs, ensuring they remain safe and serviceable for continued use. An electrical audit of the Lodge and Park was completed. The Chicken Barn and Dairy Barn both had an overhaul to organize the buildings to improve storage capacity and functionality.

Bob's Office

Bob's Office was created as a dedicated historical room designed to educate visitors about the early days of logging, with a focus on hand logging and the people who shaped the region's forestry history. The space was thoughtfully transformed through the hard work of our volunteers and Facility Manager, including painting the space, installing new lighting, creating a custom door sign, and carefully hanging heritage items to bring the room to life.

Gift Shop Improvements

Several interior improvements were also completed to enhance both operations and interpretation. The upstairs of the Gift Shop was freshly painted, creating a brighter and more welcoming workspace.

The Boathouse

Several infrastructure upgrades were completed to improve functionality and energy efficiency. Additional electrical outlets were installed in the Boathouse, increasing flexibility for rentals and events. A new heat pump was installed in the Boathouse, significantly improving comfort and energy efficiency year-round.

Lighting

Additional outdoor lighting was also added across key areas, enhancing safety and accessibility for evening events and activities.

Signature Holiday Programming

In preparation for our signature holiday programming, additional items were created for Christmas at Filberg, enhancing the visitor experience while supporting one of our key fundraising initiatives. Behind the scenes, annual maintenance servicing was carried out on equipment across the Lodge and outbuildings, a critical step in preventing larger issues and extending the life of our assets.

These restoration and maintenance projects reflect our ongoing commitment to preserving Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park while adapting the site to meet current and future community needs. We are grateful to our supporters, donors, and volunteers whose contributions make this important work possible.