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Morristown & Morris Twp. Library

2007	\$22,500	Preservation Plan
2011	\$251,950	Exterior Restoration
2022	\$20,285	Construction Documents
2023	\$232,460	Willis Wing Repairs

Grant Recipient: Morristown & Morris Township Library
Foundation

Location: Morristown Town

The Morristown Library, now the Morristown & Morris Twp. Library, is the oldest library in Morris County. The Library existed in two other locations before 1917 when Grinnell Willis donated the money to build the Willis Wing of the present building. The building is of Collegiate Gothic style built of massive blocks of granite in keeping with St. Peter's Church, located directly across Miller Rd. There is a Norman-esque tower above the original front doors. The main doors are decorated with a Gothic arch. Two wings flank the entrance. The 1917 Willis Wing is the original Library; another addition was built in 1930, and two more in 1987 and 2006.

The 2007 grant provided for the preparation of a Preservation Plan for the Willis Wing.

The 2011 grant assisted with patching of the limestone at the 1917 and 1933 sections of the building, and spot painting of steel windows.

The 2022 grant provided for a conditions assessment of the leaded glass windows and masonry, update of the 2008 Historic Structure Report, and construction documents for the restoration of the leaded glass windows, and historic wood doors.

The 2023 grant will provide for exterior and interior restoration including exterior masonry restoration and leaded glass conservation.