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Hibernia Library

2008	\$28,160	Preservation Plan
2009	\$10,840	Contract Documents
2010	\$292,120	Exterior Restoration
2025	\$13,760	Construction Documents
2026	\$226,400	Exterior Restoration

Grant Recipient: Rockaway Township

Location: Rockaway Twp.

The Hibernia Methodist Episcopal Church was determined to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places for embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. The church was constructed on donated land in the Vernacular Victorian Carpenter Gothic style between 1868 and 1869. It was sold to the Lions Club in 1969 for use as a library, and later transferred to the Township of Rockaway. Currently it is used as the municipal library and the Health Dept. Annex.

The 2008 grant provided for a Preservation Plan to guide future preservation work, as well as the preparation of the Register Nomination.

The 2010 construction grant provided for Phase I exterior restoration based on the recommendations of the Preservation Plan, including concrete and masonry repairs, exterior siding repair, roofing and roof drainage upgrades including restoration of cornice line, restoration of doors and windows and surface preparation and painting.

The 2025 grant completed Construction Documents for exterior and interior restoration including the tin ceiling.

The 2026 grant will assist with exterior restoration including repair of stone foundation and retaining walls, repair of concrete stairs, and painting.