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THREATENED NURSES HOME, LAKE COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM

The owners of a former dormitory for nurses at the Lake County Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Crown Point, Indiana, need to raise more than \$1 million to complete its adaptive reuse as a multipurpose arts center. The brick Colonial Revival-style Nurses Home, built in 1930, is the last unaltered building of the Sanatorium complex, which opened its first structure in 1925 to treat tuberculosis patients using fresh-air exposure. In 2017, the city of Crown Point agreed to pass ownership of the vacant Nurses Home and nearly 2 acres of land to nonprofit dance company Indiana Ballet Theatre (IBT), which hopes to move into the building, establish a museum room interpreting the site, and lease some of the remaining space to other arts organizations. IBT raised \$500,000 to repoint masonry, replace the roof, and perform other exterior repairs in early 2018. However, it will cost about \$3.7 million to complete interior repairs. A local bank has offered a \$1.7 million loan, but if IBT cannot secure the rest of the funding soon, further deterioration may jeopardize the entire project.



RESTORED SWAINS LOCKHOUSE

After more than a decade of vacancy, Swains Lockhouse in Potomac, Maryland, opened to the public in July as the seventh property in the C&O Canal Trust's Canal Quarters overnight lodging program. The Swain family and its descendants occupied the 1832 structure for 99 years, working in various roles on the canal before leaving in 2006. The building was selected for rehabilitation in 2016 because of its history and precarious condition; numerous floods over the years had caused critical water damage. Working with the National Park Service, which owns the lockhouse, and other partners, the C&O Canal Trust secured more than \$500,000 in public and private funding. It removed layers of non-historic fabric to reveal original schist-and-metagraywacke masonry, replaced the leaking roof, and made the building ADA compliant. New floating vinyl flooring and pressure-treated wood wall framing and joists will mitigate future damage from flooding, and masonry repairs will be done in a later phase of the project. The lockhouse's interior is furnished to interpret 1916, the year the National Park Service was founded.