# CASE STUDIES IN FINANCING URM RETROFITS

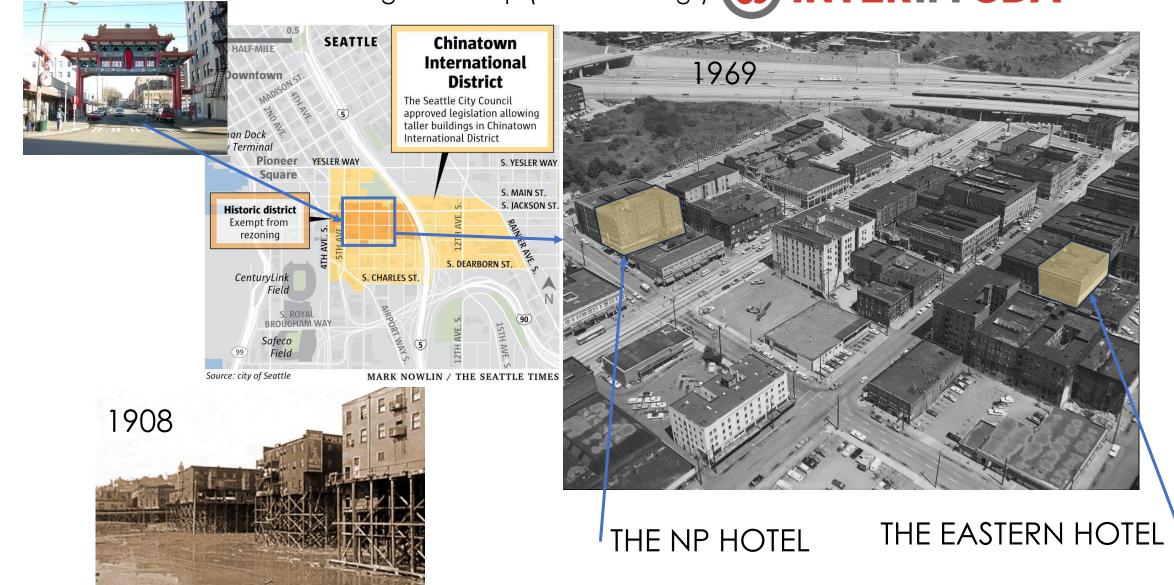
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# TWO BUILDINGS: TWIN PROJECTS Building ownership (both buildings): SINTERIM CDA



#### THE NP HOTEL

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MAYNARDS PLAT B-42 306 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue S, Seattle WA Seattle Chinatown National Historic District (CID)

Floor area: 33,870 sf Build date: 1914 Original Designer: John Graham Sr. Seismic retrofits: 1998 & 2023

#### 1998:

Seismic upgrade (COS Administrative Ruling Informational Bulletin No 2, October 1976) including steel seismic frames at ground level, plywood shear walls at upper floors, wood beam to column ties, roof and floor diaphragms, wall ties, and parapet bracing.

## THE NP HOTEL





Interior finishes Windows HVAC Elevator upgrade

#### 2023:

A. Add 1/2" plywood sheathing at floors 2-4. Increase nailing

B. Add connectors at floor-to-wall connections. Verify 1993
floor-to-wall and add ties where missing or exceed 6' O.C.
C. Add diaphragm straps near elevator
D. Add nailing to existing plywood shear walls
E. Add HSS tube columns at the ends of existing plywood shear walls

F. Retrofit existing steel moment frames with new bracingG. Provide 2 braced frames below discontinuous north and south URM walls

H. Provide new foundations below the new braced frames, and other bays as noted on plan

I. Provide let-in concrete strongback beams at the exterior

URM walls within the stairwells

J. Provide HSS tube steel columns below exiting heavy timber beams, for secondary support

### THE EASTERN HOTEL

Maynard

506 Maynard Avenue, Seattle WA Seattle Chinatown National Historic District (CID)

Floor area: 36,979 sf Build date: 1910 Original designer: David Dow Seismic retrofits: 1998 & 2023

#### 1998:

Seismic upgrade (FEMA 267 / August 1950) including concrete seismic frames and concrete shear walls at ground level, plywood shear walls at upper floors, wood beam to column ties, roof and floor diaphragms, wall ties, and parapet bracing.

#### THE EASTERN HOTEL



#### 2023:

A. Add continuous straps or angles at the wood floor / URM walls.

B. Provide 6''-8'' concrete wrap at all concrete moment frame columns installed in 1998.

C. Add concrete grade beams tying the base of the wrapped columns to the existing foundations

## FINANCING SOURCES FOR BOTH BUILDINGS

Federal Tax Credits: \$17,000,000 Low-income housing tax credits: \$12,900,000 Historic Tax Credits: \$4,500,000

City of Seattle Housing levy loans: \$3,500,000 (loans are deferred)

State of Washington HPP program: \$2,000,000 (loans are deferred, building must stay occupied)

45L credit for Built Green properties: \$270,000

Solar Power program: \$150,000

Transfer of Landmark Development Potential for both buildings sold in 2021: \$750,000 Eastern sold 17,847 sf NP sold 9,839 sf

Total tax credits and incentives used: \$23,670,000

## **FEDERAL INVESTMENT TAX CREDITS**



## 20% Federal Tax Credit on Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditures

Example: For \$1,000,000 in rehab expenditures a \$200,000 credit can be taken.

## FEDERAL INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT

#### WHO DOES WHAT?

#### **STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**

- Technical assistance (consultation)
- Initial contact with property owners
- Reviews Tax Credit Applications

#### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

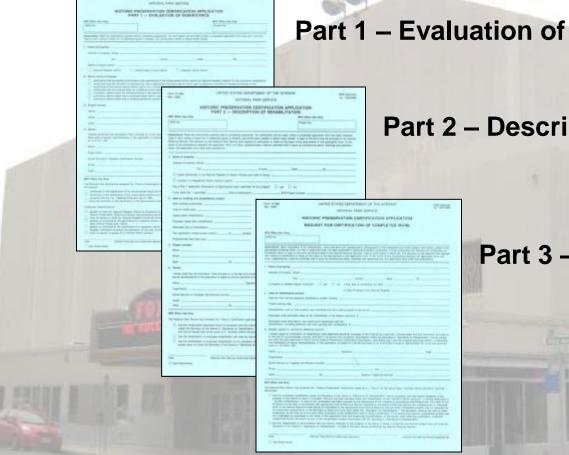
- Technical assistance (publications)
- Administers Tax Credit program
- CERTIFIES National Register listings and Rehabilitations for Tax Credit program





## **BECOMING A CERTIFIED PROJECT**

**Complete a 3-part application** 



Part 1 – Evaluation of Significance

**Part 2 – Description of Rehabilitation** 

Part 3 – Request for Certification of Completed Work

## FEDERAL INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT

FOUR BASIC REQUIREMENTS

The property must be individually listed on the NATIONAL REGISTER of Historic Places or be certified as a contributing property in a National Register listed Historic District

## FEDERAL INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT FOUR BASIC REQUIREMENTS

The property must be INCOME PRODUCING, including commercial, office, retail, and rental residential.

#### FEDERAL INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT FOUR BASIC REQUIREMENTS

The project must be **SUBSTANTIAL** – meaning the amount spent on the rehab must be at least \$5,000 and meet or exceed the IRS definition of the adjusted basis of the building.

Normally this means the value of the building

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## FEDERAL INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT FOUR BASIC REQUIREMENTS

The proposed rehabilitation must meet the Secretary of the Interior's **STANDARDS** for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

## SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S STANDARDS

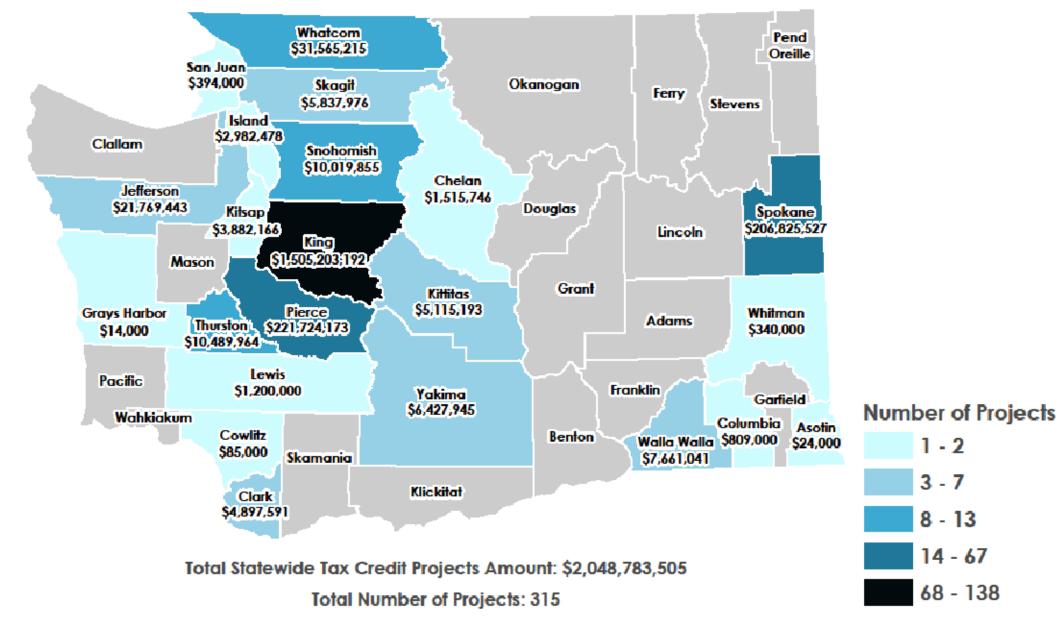
#### The four Rs of Tax Credit Evaluation

- **1. Repair** as much as possible
- 2. **Replace** with in-kind materials
- 3. Retain historic character where it exists
- 4. Reversible and compatible changes

- A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.
- The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
- 3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
  - Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.
  - Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.
- Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.
- 7. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.
- Significant archeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.
- 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
- 10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

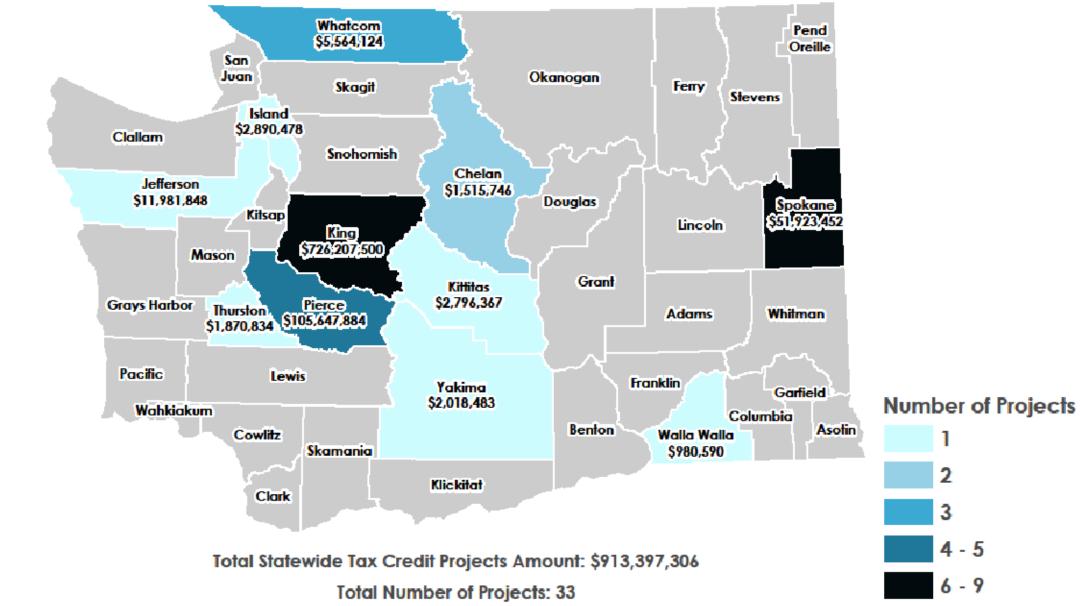


### Tax Credit Projects Per County 1970 - 2023





# Tax Credit Projects Per County 2019 - 2023



## The Costs of a Seattle URM Retrofit

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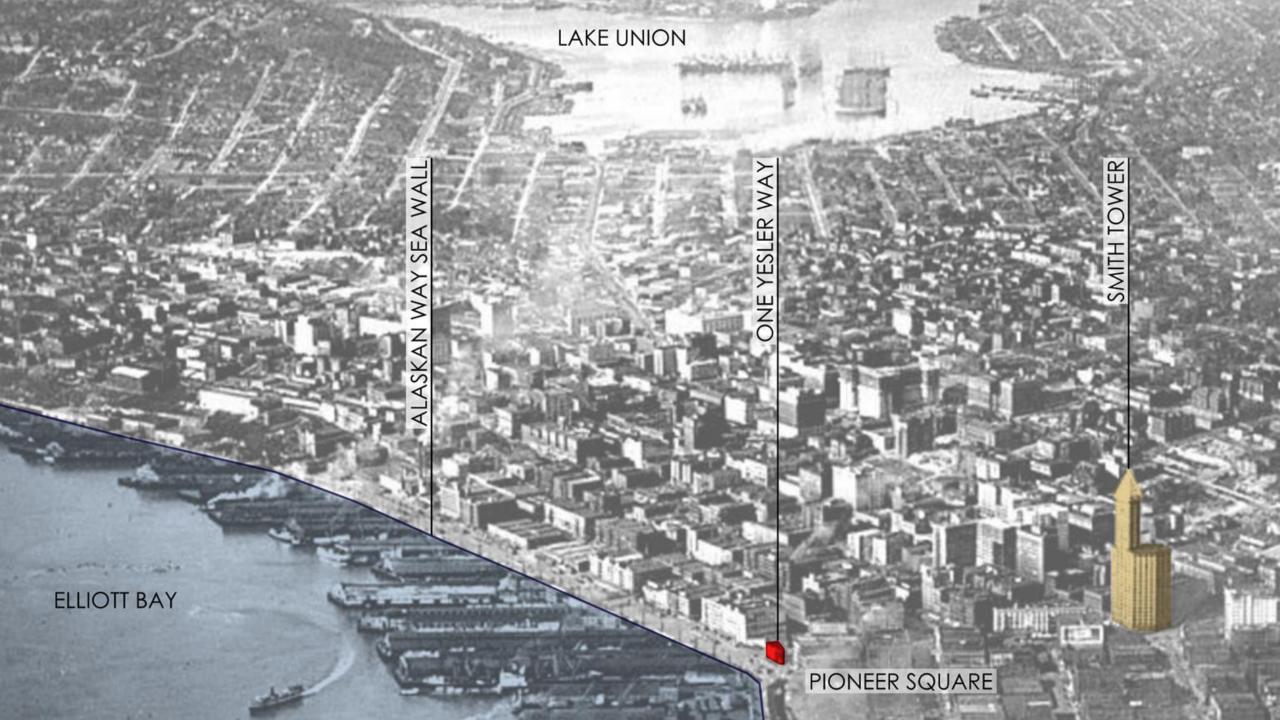
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## One Yesler Way (Present Day)

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PIONEER SQUARE WATERFRONT

PRE 1860 TIDAL FLATS

**1880** PIERS & PILE-SUPPORTED RAILWAYS

1889 GREAT SEATTLE FIRE

1910 ALASKAN WAY SEAWALL

1910 ROAD & RAILWAY OVER BACKFILL

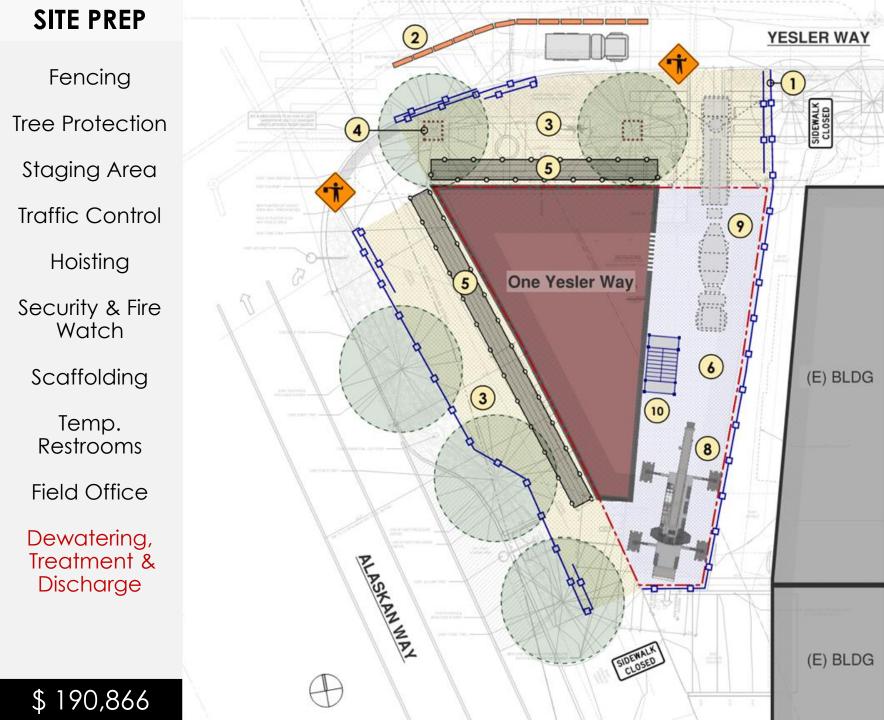
1911 ONE YESLER WAY CONSTRUCTED

1953 ALASKAN WAY VIADUCT (SR 99)

2019 STATE ROUTE 99 TUNNEL

**PRESENT** WATERFRONT PARK CONSTRUCTION





#### Site Logistics Keynotes

- Perimeter Fencing. Secure at EOD
- 2 Jersey Barriers. Move to Curb at EOD
- 3 Extents of Sidewalk Closure shaded Yellow
- Protect Street Trees within Perimeter
- 5 Scaffolding &/or Boom Lifts for Ext. Access
- 6 Undeveloped Lot = Staging/Hoisting Area
- Temp Opening for Drill Rig Access.
   Selectively Remove & Preserve Brick.
- 8 Proposed Location for Carry Deck Crane
- Proposed Loading & Pumping Location
- 10 Stair Tower for Upper Level Access

#### **General Notes**

1. Provide Flaggers for Pedestrian & Vehicle Traffic Control.

2. No Loud Work prior to 7am on Weekdays & 9am on Weekends / Holidays.

3. Secure Building at EOD.

4. Install Security Cameras as required by Off-hours Monitoring Company.

#### **BLDG PREP**

#### Temporary Removal of F&E

#### Ventilation

#### Abatement

Selective Demolition

Roofing Demolition

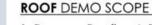
Temp. Shoring

Temp. Material & Equipment Access Openings

> Temporary Protection

- Excavation
- Soil Disposal

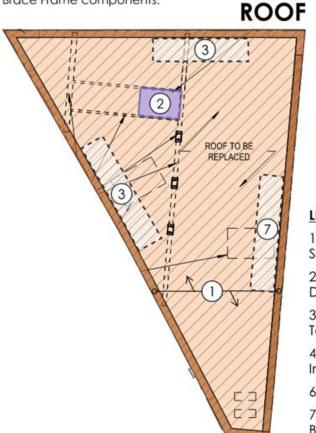
\$ 386,275

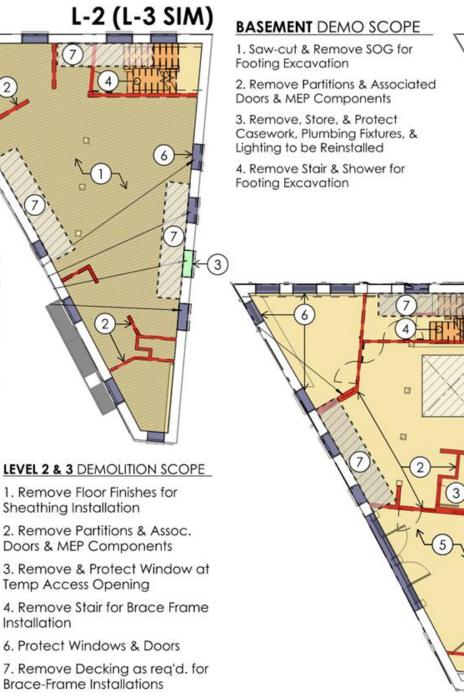


1. Remove Roofing & Parapet Cap for Sheathing Installation

2. Remove & Preserve Skylight for Re-installation after New Roofing Installation

3. Create Roof Openings to Place Brace Frame components.





#### BASEMENT



5. Remove Floor Finishes for Sheathing Installation

6. Protect Windows & Doors

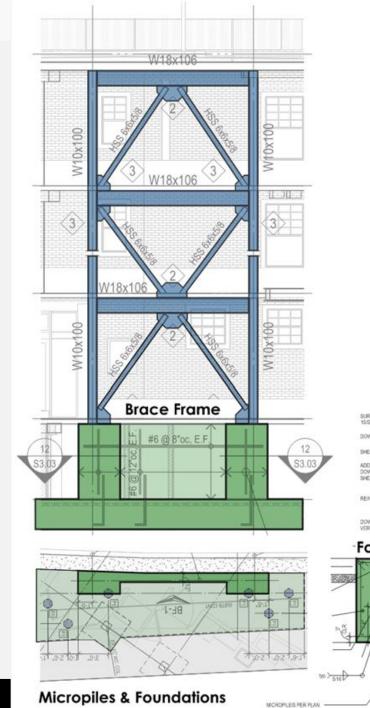
7. Remove Decking as req'd. for Brace-Frame Installations

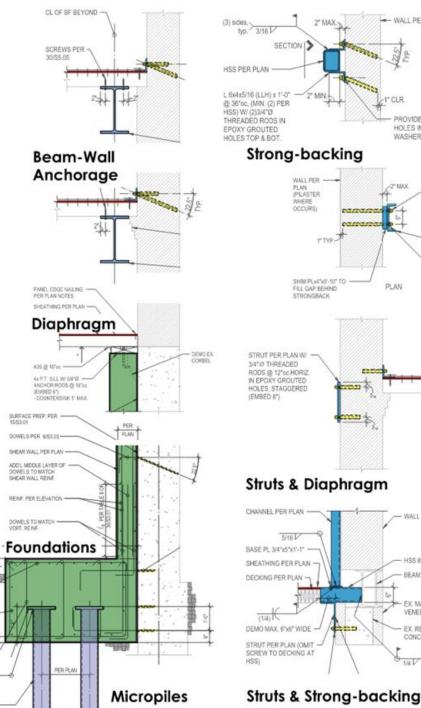
### RETROFIT

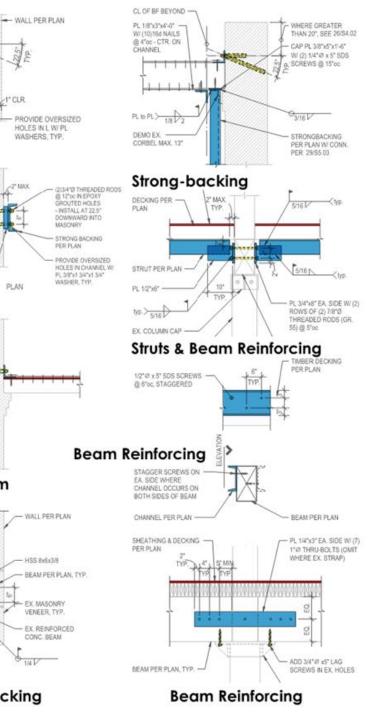
Excavation

- Contaminated Soil Disposal
  - Micropiles
- Foundations
- Brace Frames
- Drag Struts
- Strong-backing
  - Floor & Roof Diaphragms
  - Beam-to-Wall Anchors
- Bm Reinforcing
- Tuck Pointing

\$ 2,765,253







DESIGN	APPROVALS	SITE PREP	BLDG PREP	RETROFIT	RESTORE	Misc.
Soils Analysis	Design Review	Fencing	Temporary F&E Removal	Micropiles	Roofing	Loss of Building Use / Rental
Exist. Structure Analyses	Building Permit	Tree Protection	Ventilation	Foundations	Furred Walls	Income
HazMat Survey	Street Use Fees	Staging Area	Abatement	Brace Frames	Finish Flooring	Financing Costs
		Traffic Control		Drag Struts	Finish Ceilings	% 10.35 WSST on Construction \$
GeoTechnical		Hoisting	Selective Demolition	Strong-backing	Reinstall FF&E	Consilocitori ș
Architectural Structural		Security & Fire Watch	Roofing Demolition	Floor & Roof Diaphragms	Infill Temp. Openings	
Preservationist		Scaffolding	Temp. Shoring	Beam-to-Wall Anchors	Demobilization	
Environmental Consultant		Temp. Restrooms	Temp. Material & Equipment Access Openings	Bm Reinforcing	Building Clean	
		Field Office		Tuck Pointing		
		Dewatering, Treatment & Discharge	Temp. Protection Excavation	Parapet Bracing		
			Soil Disposal			
\$ 292,533	\$ 170,163	\$ 190,886	\$ 386,275	\$ 2,765,253	\$ 558,029	\$ <b>4</b> 51 <i>,</i> 585
URM Retrofit Costs = \$ 4,814,724 (\$780 per SF)						

## Existing Incentive: Transfer Development Rights

**PSM Zone** Height Limit Above Average Grade 100' - 0" Unused Development Area : 21,386 SF Chargeable (Existing) Area: 6,181 SF Estimated Dev. Rights Value (Before Fees) Lot Area = 3,063 SF Total Dev. Area = 3,063 SF x 9 Floors Max = 27,567 SF Total Dev. Area – Chargeable Area = 21,386 SF (6,181 SF) Dev. Rights = 21,386 SF x \$30 Mkt Value = **\$ 641,580** 

#### HISTORIC TAX CREDITS

#### 20% of Total Rehabilitation Costs (\$ 4,814,724)

\$ 962,945

SPECIAL PROPERTY TAX EVALUATION TI

#### **TRANSFER DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS**

Assessed Prop. Tax Value

(\$2,371,000)

less

**Rehabilitation Costs** 

(\$4,814,724)

= \$0 Assessed Prop. Tax Value

For 10 Years

2023 Prop. Tax Bill = **\$ 18,472 X 10 years** 

#### **Total Development Area**

(27,567 SF)

less

(E) Net Square Footage (6,181 SF) = 21,386 SF X \$30 / SF





Incentives Savings = \$ 1,784,997

# Total Costs of URM Retrofit = \$ 4,814,724 (\$ 780 per SF) Less Incentives Value of \$ 1,784,997

= \$ 3,029,727 (\$ 490 per SF)